

Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County News

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Holiday Recycling and Waste Tips for Palm Beach County Residents

♪ Walking You Through a Waste Wonderland ♪

The holidays are nearly here, and with them gifts, good times and... garbage! Here is everything you need to know about your recycling opportunities and weird winter wastes.

Holiday Collection

There is no garbage, yard waste and recycling collection services in unincorporated Palm Beach County and all SWA facilities are closed on Christmas Day (Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021). There is no make-up collection day.

However, under the new collection service contract using standardized garbage carts, garbage will be collected outside of the cart from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1. The garbage must be properly secured in plastic bags weighing less than 50 pounds when filled. Residents still should place all waste normally collected on these days curbside by 6 a.m.

New Year's Day (Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022) will not affect your scheduled garbage, recycling, yard waste and bulk waste collection services in unincorporated Palm Beach County. All material should be at the curb on New Year's Day by 6 a.m. as collection service may be much earlier than normal.

Residents in unincorporated Palm Beach County can always see their updated collection schedule, set reminders, and sign up for collection information by clicking the "[My Pick-Up Days](#)" button at SWA.org.

County residents living in one of Palm Beach County's 39 municipalities should contact their municipality directly for their holiday collection schedule. A [list of municipal contacts](#) can be found online.

Resolve to Recycle

Many of us celebrate the values we hold most dear at this time of year. Thank you for making Recycling Right a part of your holidays.

Many food and drink containers can be recycled in your blue recycling bin, including:

- Plastic Bottles and Containers – Lids on; 2 gallons or less
- Cans, Food and Beverage
- Glass Bottles and Jars – Lids off
- Cartons, Milk and Juice – Lids on
- Drink Boxes - No pouches or straws

The yellow recycling bin is the place for all fiber, including:

- Cardboard - Flattened with packaging removed. Palm Beach County residents can also take oversized cardboard to one of more than 250 [community cardboard drop-off locations](#).
- Newspapers and Inserts – No plastic bags
- Office and School Paper
- Mail
- Magazines
- Dry Food Boxes – No food stains
- Paper Bags
- Cardboard Paper Rolls

- Pizza Boxes – No food stains; tear the stained side off

Thank you for *not* placing these items in your blue or yellow recycling bins:

- Plastic Bags
- Foam Products
- Aluminum Foil or Pans
- Shredded Paper
- Plastic Eating Utensils or Straws
- Paper Plates
- Paper Towels or Napkins
- Coat Hangers
- Light Bulbs
- Needles

For more information about Recycling Right, or to order new recycling bins, call 866-NEW-BINS (866-639-2467) or visit SWA.org/RecycleRight.

Electronics Recycling and Home Chemical Disposal

Are you upgrading your electronics or cleaning out the garage after setting up the decorations? Palm Beach County residents can bring outdated devices and wastes such as holiday lights, used cooking oil, old paint, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, automotive fluids, and more to any of the seven Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County [Home Chemical and Recycling Centers](#). Watch the SWA's [fun parody video](#) on disposing of home chemicals.

The SWA's locations include (from north county to south county):

- **Jupiter**
North County Transfer Station
14185 Military Trail (SWA Road) in Jupiter
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **West Palm Beach**
Home Chemical and Recycling Center
6161 N. Jog Road in West Palm Beach
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Belle Glade**
Glades Regional Transfer Station
1701 State Road 15 in Belle Glade
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Royal Palm Beach**
West Central Transfer Station
9743 Weisman Way in Royal Palm Beach
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **Lantana**
Central County Transfer Station

1810 Lantana Road in Lantana
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- **Delray Beach – West
Southwest County Transfer Station**
13400 South State Road 7 in Delray Beach
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **Delray Beach – East
South County Transfer Station**
1901 SW 4th Ave. in Delray Beach
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

See the full list of all of the hazardous waste items accepted in the SWA's program [online](#).

Tips for other items:

- Unincorporated Palm Beach County residents can place their live Christmas tree curbside on the regular yard waste collection day. Remember to remove all decorations, lights and tinsel.
- Pre-lit and artificial trees should be discarded as trash (check out our [video](#) explaining this).
- Plastic bags and film (like wrap on water bottle cases) can be recycled at most local supermarkets in special bins. Soiled bags and film should go in the trash.
- Foam food trays and egg cartons can be recycled at most local supermarkets in special bins.
- Oversized and large volumes of flattened cardboard boxes may be recycled at any of the [Home Chemical and Recycling Centers](#) or at one of the hundreds of [community drop-off locations](#).
- Holiday ornaments, decorative pieces, clothing and toys that are in good condition can be donated to a local nonprofit, church or shelter to be reused.
- Tree trimmings such as tinsel and garland should be discarded as trash. Palm Beach County residents can bring holiday lights to any of the seven [Home Chemical and Recycling Centers](#).
- Excess trash can be taken to any of the SWA's [transfer stations](#) or the [North County Landfill](#) during regular hours, but there is a nominal charge for disposal.

Much more information is available online at [SWA.org](#). Residents can also contact SWA Customer Service with their questions or comments at 561-697-2700, toll-free at 866-SWA-INFO (866-792-4636) or ContactCIS@swa.org.

Wishing you and your family a Happy Holiday Season from the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County!

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The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County is a Dependent Special District that was created by the Florida Legislature in 1975. Since then, the SWA has developed an award-winning integrated solid waste management system to handle the county's waste and recyclables. We call ourselves AWAY: whether you throw it, recycle it or flush it AWAY, we put your waste to work. Each year, we:

- Process more than 100,000 tons of [recyclables](#) each year
- Combust approximately 1.8 million tons of trash each year to generate electricity at [renewable energy facilities](#)
- Produce enough electricity to power approximately 74,000 homes, about the number of homes in Boca Raton and Palm Beach Gardens

- Recycle more than 150,000 tons of [wastewater treatment residuals](#) (sludge from flushes) into environmentally-friendly fertilizer
- Safely dispose of more than 4.9 million pounds of [home hazards](#) a year
- Collect water off of the roofs of [Renewable Energy Facility 2](#) and store it in a 2 million gallon cistern, which is used as part of the energy making process

Please note: Florida has a very broad public records law. Most communications to or from the Solid Waste Authority are considered to be public records and will be made available to the public and the media upon request. Therefore, your e-mail message may be subject to public disclosure.