

## **Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County News**

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### **Celebrate America Recycles Day With the SWA on Sunday, Nov. 5!**

**What:** Open House event

**Where:** SWA Education Center, 6751 N. Jog Road, West Palm Beach

**When:** Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Event Information:** [swa.org/ard](http://swa.org/ard)

**Cost:** FREE!

**Promo Graphic:** Attached

**Promo Video** (English): [https://youtu.be/NVIsWft7Zgk?si=2RJz\\_Na7JkZ-AEoN](https://youtu.be/NVIsWft7Zgk?si=2RJz_Na7JkZ-AEoN)

**Promo Video** (Spanish): <https://youtu.be/srqSfP7Hk0Y?si=D9Uh-RuxgTqDA2uv>

The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County (SWA) is celebrating America Recycles Day with an open house so attendees can see how two million tons of garbage and recyclables are efficiently and economically managed each year.

Come see how your blue and yellow recycle bin materials are processed, and watch your garbage get recycled into energy, too. Also onsite to add to the fun will be a variety of food trucks, environmentally-focused vendors, arts and crafts, kids games, and a heavy equipment expo.

This family-friendly recycling adventure happens Sunday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the SWA's Education Center, 6751 N. Jog Road in West Palm Beach.

Event attendees will have the opportunity to take tours of the:

- LEED Platinum Education Center and see fossils dredged up from the site;
- Renewable Energy Facility 2 to see the nine-ton claw feed trash into the boilers; and
- Recovered Materials Processing Facility to see first-hand that recycling is alive and well in Palm Beach County.

Attendees will also be able to donate a new unwrapped toys to support the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, and pick up new or replacement blue and yellow recycle bins.

New to the celebration this year are:

- [Bag exchange program](#)

Turn in two empty and clean single-use plastic shopping bags to receive two reusable bags in exchange. Use your new bags in your kitchen to conveniently sort and separate your recyclables.

- [Lithium battery drop off](#)

When lithium batteries are improperly disposed of, they can start a fire. Do your part and be fire smart by safely disposing of your lithium batteries at the event.

- Free tree giveaway

Palm Beach County residents can receive two trees per household with one fruit tree maximum, while supplies last. The tree giveaway is sponsored by Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful in partnership with Community Greening.

### **Toys For Tots Collection**

The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County is a drop-off spot for the [U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program](#). Event attendees can donate new, unwrapped toys to deliver a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters. Toy donations can be either for a boy or girl, from infant to 15 years of age. The hardest age groups to fill are both boys and girls, ages zero to two, and 11 and older. Clothes, stuffed animals, realistic looking weapons or gifts with food will not be accepted.

### **Recycling Bins**

The SWA will be handing out blue and yellow recycle bins for FREE to Palm Beach County residents who need them for household recycling.

Directions to the event:

- From the Turnpike: Take Exit 107, Beeline Highway (SR 710). Make a LEFT (South) onto N. Jog Road. Cross the Beeline Highway. Follow signs to the event, which will be on your right.
- From I-95 North: Take Exit 76, Blue Heron Boulevard (SR 708) and head WEST. Cross Military Trail. Pass the VA Hospital. MERGE right onto the Beeline Highway. Make a LEFT (South) onto N. Jog Road. Follow signs to the event, which will be on your right.
- From I-95 South: Take Exit 74, 45th St. (CR 702) and head WEST. Cross Military Trail, Haverhill Road and the Turnpike overpass. Follow signs to the event, which will be on your left.

America Recycles Day, a program of Keep America Beautiful, is a nationally-recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. Every year on or around Nov. 15 ([America Recycles Day](#)) event organizers educate neighbors, friends and colleagues through thousands of events nationwide.

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