

Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County News

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Christmas and New Year's Holiday Waste Collection Schedule for Unincorporated Palm Beach County

Promo Graphic: attached

Garbage, recyclables, yard waste and bulk waste will NOT be collected on Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25, for residents living in unincorporated Palm Beach County. Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County (SWA) transfer stations, Home Chemical & Recycling Centers, landfill and administrative offices will all be closed. In addition, Customer Service team members will not be on duty.

There will be no makeup collection day for garbage, recycling, yard waste or bulk waste. Waste collection for unincorporated residents impacted by the holiday will resume on their next regularly scheduled service day:

- Garbage collection: Thursday, Dec. 28
- Recycling, yard waste and bulk waste collection: Thursday, Dec. 28

With the increase of garbage around the winter holidays, there are special holiday provisions in the collections contract for residents living in unincorporated Palm Beach County, as follows:

Garbage

- Per the collections contract, from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1, excess garbage can be placed outside of the standardized SWA garbage cart at the curb for pick-up.
 - Excess garbage placed outside of the standardized SWA garbage cart must be properly secured in plastic bags weighing less than 50 pounds when filled.
 - All waste should be placed curbside by 6 a.m.

Recycling

- Oversized or excess cardboard may always be placed beside the yellow recycling bin for collection.
 - All non-cardboard packing material must be removed.

Yard waste

- Remains limited to six cubic yards on the next yard waste collection day.

Bulk waste

- Remains limited to three items at the curb on the next bulk waste collection day.

There will be normal scheduled collection services for unincorporated residents on Christmas Eve (Sunday, Dec. 24), New Year's Eve (Sunday, Dec. 31) and New Year's Day (Monday, Jan. 1, 2024).

While the SWA's administrative offices will be closed on New Year's Day, there will also be a limited number of customer service team members available to assist residents with their waste collection questions or concerns. The SWA Customer Information Services team can be reached at 561-697-2700, 866-792-4636 (toll free) or contactcis@swa.org.

More information on [holiday collection](#) can be found online, as can additional information about SWA [facilities and hours](#). Residents in unincorporated Palm Beach County can always see their updated collection schedule, set reminders and sign up for collection information on the "[My Pick-Up Days](#)" webpage.

Residents who live 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.

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About the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County

The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County (SWA or Authority) 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 100,000 tons of [recyclables](#)
- Combust approximately 1.8 million tons of trash to generate electricity at [renewable energy facilities](#)
- Produce enough electricity to power approximately 90,000 homes
- Recycle more than 130,000 tons of [wastewater treatment residuals](#) (sludge from flushes) into an environmentally-friendly fertilizer amendment
- Safely recycle or dispose of almost 4.9 million pounds of [home hazards](#)
- Collect rainwater from 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

Anyone can [sign up on the SWA's website](#) to receive SWA news, calendar updates, job announcements or other web postings of interest. Should you sign up online to receive SWA's news releases, we can remove you from the distribution list by sending a reply with the subject "REMOVE" as a reply to this email.

Connect with the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County at [swa.org](#) or on social media:

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