

Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County News
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Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Will Not Impact Waste Collection in Unincorporated PBC

Promo Graphic: Attached

Garbage, recyclables, yard waste and bulk waste collection will not be impacted for residents and businesses in unincorporated Palm Beach County on Monday, Jan. 15, due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday. Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County (SWA) disposal facilities will be open and haulers in unincorporated Palm Beach County will run their regular routes. Residents should place all garbage, recyclables and yard waste curbside by 6 a.m.

While SWA administrative offices will be closed, a limited number of customer service team members will be available to assist residents with any garbage or recyclable collection questions or concerns. SWA Customer Information Services can be reached at 561-697-2700, 866-792-4636 (toll free) or contactcis@swa.org.

Residents in unincorporated Palm Beach County can always see their collection schedule, set reminders, and sign up for collection information by visiting the "[My Pick-Up Days](#)" tool on the SWA website.

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

There are only two observed holidays during which residents in unincorporated Palm Beach County will not receive garbage service:

- Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024
- Christmas Day: Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2024

There are no makeup days. With the increase of garbage around these holidays, per the collections contract, residents living in unincorporated Palm Beach County can place excess, bagged garbage outside of their standardized SWA garbage cart at the curb for pick up. These days are the Friday, Saturday and Monday following Thanksgiving, and from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1.

There are normal scheduled collection services for unincorporated residents on the following observed holidays:

- President's Day: Monday, Feb. 19, 2024
- Memorial Day: Monday, May 27, 2024
- Juneteenth: Wednesday, June 19, 2024
- Independence Day: Thursday, July 4, 2024
- Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 2, 2024
- Columbus Day: Monday, Oct. 14, 2024
- Veteran's Day: Monday, Nov. 11, 2024
- Christmas Eve: Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2024
- New Year's Eve: Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024
- New Year's Day: Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025

More information on [holiday collection](#) can be found online, as can additional information about SWA [facilities and hours](#).

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

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