## Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County News June 13, 2024 Contact: Willie Puz, Legislative and Public Affairs Manager, 561-640-8914 (o); 561-379-2405 (c)

## Juneteenth 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 Wednesday, June 19, the Juneteenth 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 recycling collection questions or concerns. SWA Customer Information Services can be reached at 561-697-2700 or 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 clicking the "<u>My Pick-Up Days</u>" button on the SWA's website.

Residents living in one of Palm Beach County's 39 municipalities should contact their municipality directly for holiday collection information. A <u>list of municipal contacts</u> 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 will be normal scheduled collection service for unincorporated residents on the following holidays:

- 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 <u>holiday collection</u> can be found online, as can additional information about SWA <u>facilities and hours</u>.

REMINDER: Hurricane season started June 1. Now is the time to complete your vegetation trimming. Once a storm threatens, it's too late to trim trees. It's best to make a year-round tree trimming plan a part of your hurricane season preparations to minimize property damage and help our community quickly return to normal after a storm passes.

## 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 <u>renewable energy</u> <u>facilities</u>
- Produce enough electricity to power approximately 90,000 homes
- Recycle more than 130,000 tons of <u>wastewater treatment residuals</u> (sludge from flushes) into an environmentally-friendly fertilizer amendment
- Safely recycle or dispose of more than 4.6 million pounds of <u>home hazards</u>
- Collect rainwater from the roofs of <u>Renewable Energy Facility 2</u> and store it in a 2-million gallon cistern, which is used as part of the energy making process

Anyone can <u>sign up on the SWA's website</u> 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.