

Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County News

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SWA HOLIDAY NEWS: No Waste Collection in Unincorporated Palm Beach County on Thanksgiving Day

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Garbage, recyclables, yard waste and bulk waste will not be collected on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27, for residents and businesses in unincorporated Palm Beach County. All Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County (SWA) offices and facilities will be closed, and no Customer Information Services team members will be on duty.

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

- Garbage collection: Monday, Dec. 1
- Recycling, yard waste and bulk waste collection: Thursday, Dec. 4

With the increase of garbage around the Thanksgiving and Christmas 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, on the Friday, Saturday and Monday following Thanksgiving, and from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1, excess garbage can be placed outside the standardized SWA garbage cart at the curb for pick up.
 - Excess garbage placed outside 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.

SWA administrative offices will also be closed on the Friday (Nov. 28) after Thanksgiving (Nov. 27). However, the transfer stations, Home Chemical & Recycling Centers, and landfill will be open and waste collection will occur as scheduled. There will also be a limited number of Customer Information Services team members available to assist unincorporated Palm Beach County residents with their questions or concerns. The SWA Customer Information Services team can be reached at 561-640-4000 or contactcis@swa.org.

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

Residents who live in one of Palm Beach County’s 39 municipalities (a city, town or village) should contact their municipality directly for holiday collection schedule information, as the SWA is only responsible for collection in the unincorporated areas of the county. 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. 27, 2025
- Christmas Day: Thursday, Dec. 25, 2025

There will be normally scheduled collection services for unincorporated Palm Beach County residents on the following days:

- Christmas Eve: Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2025
- New Year’s Eve: Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025
- New Year’s Day: Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026

Visit the SWA’s website for more information on [holiday collection](#), as well as SWA [facilities and hours](#).

About the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County

The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County (SWA) is a local governmental agency that manages the municipal solid waste generated in Palm Beach County. The SWA owns and operates a fiscally and environmentally responsible integrated solid waste management system to serve the residents, businesses and visitors of the county.

Through this system, the SWA has:

- Achieved the highest recycling rate in the state for the past three years ([2024](#), [2023](#), [2022](#))
- Operated two renewable energy facilities that consistently operate well below EPA standards for the past 36 years
- Recovered 1.3 million tons of metals that would otherwise be mined from virgin ores
- Eliminated the need for a new landfill until 2057

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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.



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