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# THE RECYCLING PLANET

Summer/Fall 2007

A QUARTERLY REPORT ON MANAGING SOLID WASTE IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

## IF YOU'RE NOT RECYCLING, YOU'RE THROWING IT AWAY!!!!

Did you know that every person in Hillsborough County generates an average of 10 lbs or more of garbage every day??

Did you know that approximately 25% of the solid waste stream is paper??

Did you know that most of the paper collected in the County's curbside recycling collection program is being recycled into cellulose home insulation manufactured right here in Hillsborough County??

Did you know that **less than 50%** of the 240,000 residences in the County's solid waste collection service area participate in the curbside recycling collection service???



### WE WANT TO KNOW WHY SO MANY OF OUR CUSTOMERS AREN'T RECYCLING!

If you don't have recycling bins for curbside service - **WE CAN HELP.**

If you stopped putting out your bins because of frequent misses and poor service-**WE CAN HELP.**

Our new collection contracts provide fines and penalties for recurring missed pick-ups and failure to deliver recycling bins in a timely manner.

The County needs your help to continue to meet the State's recycling goals! ●

Call or e-mail us at 272-5680 or e-mail [Solidwaste@hillsboroughcounty.org](mailto:Solidwaste@hillsboroughcounty.org)

## County's Recycling Scores in 2006

When you recycle, the benefits really add up! Just look at what the County programs collected for recycling during 2006.

Curbside Collection Recycling Program  
**29,502 tons \***

Yard/Wood Waste Recycling Program  
**201,454 tons**

Scrap Metal Drop-Off Recycling Program  
**5,600 tons**

Car Batteries  
**137 tons**

Used Motor Oil  
**130 tons**

County Offices Recycling Program  
**329 tons**

Community Collection Center Drop-Off  
**63 tons**

Ferrous Recovered at Waste To Energy Facility  
**7,585 tons**

Household Chemicals & Electronics Collections  
**368 tons**

**TOTAL**  
**245,168 tons**

\* Note this represents an estimated 45% participation rate. Just think how much more we could do if everyone (currently 240,419 customers) participated in the curbside recycling collection service!

# How Do I Dispose of Items Not Normally Collected At the Curb?

**T**he Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) provides drop-off facilities for the County's residential solid waste customers to deliver materials that cannot be set-out for normal curbside collection.

Items not normally collected at the curb include:

**Furniture** – couches, chairs, tables, mattresses, box springs and other similar items

**Appliances** – refrigerators, ovens, water heaters, window air conditioners, televisions, and other similar items

**Non-combustible materials** – steel, concrete, brick, glass, asphalt, roofing material and other similar materials

**Motor vehicle parts** and tires (up to 12 annually)

**Machinery** and other equipment or other metals;

**Yard waste** greater than the amounts normally collected at the curb.

Customers may access and use County provided Community Collection Centers (CCC's), Yard Waste Processing Facilities (YWPF), Household Chemicals and Electronics Collection (HHCEC) Facilities and the Southeast County Landfill (SECLF) to deliver the items mentioned above for proper disposal. These facilities are conveniently located throughout the unincorporated area of the County as shown below:

## **Community Collection Centers and the Southeast County Landfill:**

**Alderman Ford CCC** - 9402 State Road 39 in Lithia – 757-3820;

**Hillsborough Heights CCC** - 6209 County Road 579 in Thonotosassa – 744-5533

**Northwest CCC**-8001 Linebaugh Avenue – 264-3816;

**South County CCC** - 1300 U.S. Hwy. 41 North of Big Bend Road – 671-7611

**Wimauma CCC** - 16180 West Lake Drive, 1.5 miles North of State Road 674 – 671-7706.

**The SECLF** - located at 5960 County Road 672. Phone number is 671-7674.

## **Yard Waste Processing Facilities:**

Customers are required to separate their yard waste (grass clippings, tree trimmings, tree limbs, etc.) from other solid waste and deliver up to 12 30-gallon containers, approximately 2-cubic yards, (cut in no longer than 4-foot lengths and no greater than 6-inches in diameter) to the curb for collection. However, customers may deliver bulkier or excessive amounts of yard waste to one of the following three County YWPF's:

### **Northwest County Facility-**

8001 Linebaugh Avenue;

### **Resource Recovery Facility-**

350 Falkenburg Road

**South County Facility**-1300 U.S. Hwy. 41, North of Big Bend Road.

## **Household Chemicals and Electronics**

**Collection Facilities:** Customers may access and use one of the three HHCEC facilities conveniently located throughout the County.

Please see additional information, in this newsletter, about HHCEC events, locations, times of operations and items accepted at these facilities.

**Note:** Residential customers are not required to present their property tax bill when delivering household chemicals and electronics to HHCEC events.

## **Proper Site Access and Use of Solid**

**Waste Facilities:** To access and use County CCC's, YWPF's and the SECLF, residential solid waste customers must present, to the on-site attendant, a copy of their current residential property tax bill along with approved identification showing the same name or address as listed on the property tax bill.

## **Restricted Access and Use of Solid Waste**

**Facilities:** The access and use of County CCC's, YWPF's and other related facilities, at no additional charge, is for residential solid waste customer use only. However, the load amount and size of the solid waste material delivered to these facilities is limited. The load and size limit is based upon the amount of solid waste typically generated at single family residence(s). For example, residential customers may deliver up to 20-tons of yard waste material to County YWPF's and up to 5-tons of bulkier non-processible items to CCC's. Although rare, should a residential customer reach the tonnage limit(s) above, within a 12-month period, a "Red Flag" will appear on the County's computer system and access, for that customer, will be restricted until their new year starts again. If the "Red Flag" appears upon entry to a CCC or upon exit at a YWPF, the on-site attendant will allow the customer one (1) courtesy delivery. The restriction does not mean that access is denied permanently. However, to regain access to the facilities, customers must verify the source of the solid waste material.

**Note:** Commercial solid waste customers do not have access to CCC's, YWPF's or HHCEC events and are required to pay tonnage and deliver commercial solid waste materials to one of the County's scale house operations.





## Compost Happens, Rain Barrel, and Water-Wise Workshops:

- November 3, 2007
- February 9, 2008
- March 8, 2008

**Compost Happens:**  
8:30-9:30 AM

**Rain Barrels:**  
9:30-10:30 AM

**Water-Wise:**  
10:30-12PM

Pre-registration required.  
Call (813) 744-5519, ext. 146

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5339 County Road 579,  
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**Please  
Put Litter In  
Its Place**



## THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF CURBSIDE RECYCLING

### Blue Recycling Container



#### DO

put in newspapers (remove plastic bags), magazines, old phone books, junk mail (minus any plastic covers or inserts), office paper, brown paper shopping bags, and clean, unwaxed corrugated cardboard (cut to a maximum of 3 ft. squares)

#### DON'T

put in cereal boxes, pizza boxes, shoe boxes, waxed boxes, or paper drink carriers

### Green Recycling Container



#### DO

put in rinsed plastic bottles and jugs with the numbers 1 and 2 (inside triangle on bottom or side of bottle or jug), glass bottles and jars, (any color), and aluminum and steel food and beverage cans

**Please remove all caps and lids  
and place in garbage**

#### DON'T

put in plastic tubs or cups, aluminum pans or foil, hangers, household batteries or styrofoam

## HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS AND ELECTRONICS COLLECTIONS



Hillsborough County residents are encouraged to safely dispose of household chemicals and electronics by taking them to our collection events for proper disposal. These events are scheduled at one of three (3) locations on Saturdays from 8AM to 2PM and are for household residents only, not businesses or other organizations.

- **1st Saturday of the month at The Sheldon Road Facility (9805 Sheldon Rd.)**
- **2nd Saturday of the month at The South County Facility (Powell Rd., 1/4 mile North of Big Bend Rd.)**
- **3rd Saturday of the month at The Hillsborough Heights Facility (CR 579, 1/4 mile North of I-4.)**

Insecticides, paint, TVs, and computers are some of the items taken at these collections. For more information about the household chemicals and electronics collections, please visit our HomeSafeHome website at <http://www.hillboroughcounty.org/solidwaste> or call the Solid Waste Management Department at (813) 272-5680.

In the event of operational problems or for the safety of the public and our employees, the collections may be suspended.

## RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION SERVICE REMINDER

Collection service is provided between 6:00AM and 6:00PM for all garbage, yard waste and recycling collection. Please have your materials out for collection by 6:00AM on your designated collection days to avoid being missed when the truck comes through your neighborhood ●



### SOLID WASTE COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Listed below are the Holidays on which residential solid waste (household garbage, recyclables and yard waste) collection service **WILL NOT BE PROVIDED**.

**THANKSGIVING DAY  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
NEW YEAR'S DAY  
MEMORIAL DAY  
INDEPENDENCE DAY  
LABOR DAY**

### COMPLAINTS/SUGGESTIONS?

Call the Solid Waste Management Department at 272-5680

Or

E-mail the Department at [Solidwaste@hillboroughcounty.org](mailto:Solidwaste@hillboroughcounty.org)

## “CAN DO” Community Focus

If your community is planning an event and would like to have the recycling and anti-litter staff including “CAN DO” attend, please contact the Hillsborough County Solid Waste Management Department by email at [Solidwaste@hillsboroughcounty.org](mailto:Solidwaste@hillsboroughcounty.org), or by calling 272-5680.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Q: Why Can't I Recycle More Items?

**A:**

The general public tends to forget that recycling is governed by the same principle of supply and demand as other businesses. What the County collects curbside is largely determined by the local private recycling dealers who process (sort, separate, bale, and ship) and sell these materials to the mills or manufacturers that actually use them to make new products.

Therefore, even though a product may be “recyclable”, it may not be economically feasible for the processor to deal in that product if the costs to get it to the manufacturer outweigh the market value for the material.

The County can certainly add materials to the recycling collection as the industry continues to grow, but to do so may also increase the collection costs. ●

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