



Community Meetings

Scheduled to Discuss Solid Waste Collection Contracts

The Hillsborough County Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) provides solid waste collection services, through private franchise solid waste collection companies (Republic Waste Services, Liberty Waste, LLC. and Waste Management of Tampa), for approximately 225,000 residential and 13,000 commercial customers within the unincorporated areas of the County (including the Tampa Palms/Hunters Green area).

The SWMD is currently in the process of negotiating the renewal/extension of solid waste (household garbage, recycling and yard waste) collection service contracts with these franchised solid waste collection companies.

As part of this process, the Board of County Commissioners requested the SWMD to hold community meetings in order to inform the public of the current contract negotiations and to solicit input on any solid waste related concerns. Your input will help the SWMD develop contracts which will enhance the quality of solid waste collection service provided.

The locations and schedule of the community meetings are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday, February 6	6:30-8:30PM	SouthShore Regional Service Center 410 30th St. SE, Ruskin
Tuesday, February 7	6:30-8:30PM	Gaither High School - Auditorium 16200 N. Dale Mabry Hwy.
Thursday, February 9	6:30-8:30PM	Brandon High School - Auditorium 1101 Victoria Street, Brandon
Monday, February 13	6:30-8:30PM	Sickles High School - Auditorium 7950 Gunn Highway
Tuesday, February 14	6:30-8:30PM	Durant High School - Cafeteria 4748 Cougar Path, Plant City
Thursday, February 16	10:00AM-12:00PM	Artium Building - Caper Room 961 N Course Lane, Sun City Center

County Hires New SWMD Director

Barry M. Boldissar has been selected by the County as the new director to lead the Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD).

Mr. Boldissar is an accomplished public sector manager with nearly eighteen years of experience in developing and managing integrated solid waste management systems, including over fifteen years at the director level.

As director, Mr. Boldissar will manage the SWMD's Administration, Landfill Services, Environmental Services, Customer Service, Fiscal Management and Operations activities related to contracted solid waste (household garbage, recycling and yard waste) collection and disposal services, other programs and new projects.

The SWMD provides solid waste collection and disposal services and programs for approximately 225,000 residential and 13,000 commercial customers within the unincorporated areas of Hillsborough County.

Mr. Boldissar has demonstrated throughout his career, and will continue as the new SWMD director, his commitment to improving operational efficiency and enhancing quality customer service.

Previously, Mr. Boldissar served as General Manager of the City of Tallahassee's Solid Waste Services Department. ●

Reusable Resources for Education



The Hillsborough County Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) recently partnered with A Gift For Teaching of Tampa (AGFT) in a **Reusable Resources for Education** program. One of the goals of the program is to encourage waste reduction in the commercial sector by collecting useable and reusable supplies suitable for educational purposes, that businesses would otherwise throw away. The reusable educational materials diverted through this innovative program will be distributed through AGFT's **Free Store** to approximately 2,000 eligible teachers from 70 Title-I schools. These teachers use the free supplies in their classrooms for tens of thousands of at-risk students whose families have difficulty providing them with basic school supplies.

Why is a program like this necessary? Hillsborough County's school district will soon be the **8th largest** in the country and almost half of the district's 195,000 students can not afford to buy lunch. Budgets for teachers to purchase classroom supplies allow only \$0.05 cents a day for each student. As a result, teachers spend an average of \$1,000 of their own funds each year to buy supplies for their students and classrooms.

In an effort by the SWMD to reduce the over 1 million tons of garbage generated by the commercial sector annually, businesses now have a viable alternative to discarding unwanted but usable resources while saving on solid waste disposal fees, helping to conserve natural resources and possibly qualifying for tax benefits. The program is a **Win-Win-Win** for all concerned!

At the end of the program's first quarter, AGFT reported a total of **26.8 tons** of material diverted from the business waste stream and supplies worth more than **\$147,000** were distributed to the community's public schools. In just three years, AGFT has distributed school supplies valued at over **\$2 million** to more than **45,000** local students in need.

AGFT relies on donations from local businesses and individuals to help stock their shelves! Things like office supplies, promotional items, binders, deskware, and even old stationary can be reused for education. The Free Store is manned by one part-time and four full-time employees and dozens of volunteers whose help is vital and invaluable.

A local company, EconOffice Products & Supplies, donates the use of their delivery vehicles and personnel for the program. Businesses can log on to www.eZ-Pickup.org to have donations picked up and delivered to AGFT's 13,000 sq. ft. facility. For more information on donating, volunteering or for other questions, please call (813) 620-2949 or log on to www.agftoftampa.org.



CURBSIDE RECYCLING

The Easy Way
to do Your Share
to Help the Environment

Since expanding the Curbside Recycling Program in 1997, the results have been outstanding. **But we can do better!** The now familiar blue and green containers can be seen all over the County and are helping us to “**Reuse, Reduce and Recycle**” in a way that is both easy and effective.

If you are not currently using your blue and green recycling containers, **why don't you give it a try!** You'll not only reduce the amount of trash you throw away each week but you will be doing a big part to help our environment. Should you experience any problems with

the collection of your recyclables, please contact the Solid Waste Management Department for assistance at 272-5680. ●



The Do's & Don'ts of CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Blue Recycling Container



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

DON'T Put in cereal boxes, pizza boxes, waxed boxes, or paper drink carriers

Green Recycling Container



DO Put in rinsed plastic bottles and jars with the numbers 1 and 2 (inside triangle on bottom or side of bottle or jar), glass bottles and jars, (any color), 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, or household batteries.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: If I place my solid waste (household garbage, recyclables or yard waste) out for collection and it is not picked-up, what should I do?

A: Contact the Hillsborough County Franchise Collection Company that provides solid waste collection service in your area to report the missed collection immediately.

- Liberty Waste and Recycling (813) 248-2820
- Republic Waste Services (813) 265-0292
- Waste Management of Tampa (813) 621-3053

Q: What happens if my solid waste collection day falls on a holiday?

A: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Years Day, the Fourth of July (Independence Day) and Labor Day are Hillsborough County Solid Waste Management System designated holidays. There will be no residential solid waste (household garbage, yard waste or recycling) collection services on these days. There is no make-up day for solid waste collection services. You may set out twice the amount of solid waste on your next regularly scheduled collection day.

Q: Can I set out more than three containers of solid waste for curbside collection?

A: Residential solid waste customers can only set out up to three 35-gallon containers of household garbage per collection day. However, if you have more than three 35-gallon containers of solid waste for disposal, you can contact the County's Franchise Collection Company that provides solid waste collection service in your area, to make arrangements for a special collection for an additional fee. You may also wait until your next collection day.

Q: How many County Franchise Collection trucks should I expect to stop at my house on my designated solid waste collection days?

A: You receive four (4) solid waste (household garbage, recycling and yard waste) collections on 2-day per week schedules: Monday-Thursday, Tuesday-Friday or Wednesday-Saturday. The number of trucks you can expect to see may vary (from 1 to 3) based on the operational needs of the collection company serving your area.

Q: My household garbage is only collected twice a week and sometimes has an odor. What can I do to better manage the odor?

A: Hillsborough County ordinance requires that household garbage must be placed in plastic bags and tied before being placed into the garbage container. Containers are required to be kept out of sight on non-collection days. If the household garbage is bagged properly and the container lid is closed tightly, odor should not be a problem.

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Join the Anti-Litter Business Partner Program

Would you like to help spread the Anti-Litter message in Hillsborough County? Make a commitment to keep your establishment and its surrounding area clean and free of litter. For more information, please call (813) 272-5680.●

COMPOST HAPPENS WORKSHOPS

Learn how to turn yard waste into garden treasure (compost) and receive a complimentary compost bin and thermometer.

Free workshops are conducted by the Hillsborough County Cooperative Extension Service at their office at 5339 County Road 579, Seffner, Florida 33584.

Pre-registration is required and may be made by calling (813) 744-5519 ext. 142 or 146.

Future Workshops are scheduled from 8:30AM to 9:30AM on the following dates:

February 11, 2006
March 18, 2006
April 29, 2006
May 20, 2006
June 10, 2006



'Greening' Property Managers

The burgeoning growth of many communities in Florida is now a fact of life. Maintaining a favorable quality of life in the environment is becoming more important and also more challenging. Waste prevention and reduction, recycling and pollution control are all environmentally preferable practices that can help to preserve some of the features we value in our neighborhoods and natural surroundings.

Hillsborough County's Solid Waste Management Department is utilizing a grant from Florida's Department of Environmental Protection to promote the advantages of implementing some of these practices to property managers in the businesses and commercial sites that they manage. Property managers are often the decision-makers or advocates for programs that will enhance the profitability, efficient operation and responsible image of their properties in the local community. Even though this initiative is targeting properties and facilities within the unincorporated area of Hillsborough County, we realize that there will be instances where some property managers oversee properties in other municipalities in the County, namely, the cities of Tampa, Temple Terrace and Plant City. The information developed for this program may be shared inter-locally.

Surveys were mailed out early in January to find out which companies are recycling or are interested in finding out about other waste reduction and environmentally friendly property management practices and options available to them. Over the next two years, literature including a 'green' Best Management Practices Manual for Property Managers will be developed and distributed to interested parties. Various workshops will be held on the economic and environmental benefits of adopting certain 'green' operational practices and procedures. Educational material will also be provided for employees and tenants.

All services and literature will be provided free of cost to property managers and the companies they represent. For more information about this program, please contact the Hillsborough County Solid Waste Management Department at 813-272-5680. ●

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 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 9805 Sheldon Rd. (Northwest County)

2nd Saturday of the month on Powell Rd., 1/4 mile North of Big Bend Rd. (South County)

3rd Saturday of the month on CR 579, 1/4 mile north of I-4 (East County)

Insecticides, paint, TV's, 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.hillsboroughcounty.org/solidwaste/resources/publications/home.cfm> or call the Solid Waste Management Department at (813) 272-5680.

For the safety of the public and our employees, the collections may be suspended during periods of threatening weather conditions. ●

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Q: How much yard waste is acceptable for curbside collection?

A: You may set out up to twelve 30-gallon containers of yardwaste (branches, limbs, grass clippings, shrubbery, etc.) cut to 4-foot lengths and no more than 6-inches in diameter, neatly stacked, bundled and/or bagged for collection. The weight of each container bundled, bagged or individual item must not exceed 50lbs. Residential customers may also deliver excess amounts of yard waste to one of the County's three (3) yard waste processing facilities located at: 350 Falkenburg Road, 9805 Sheldon Road, or 1300 U.S. Highway 41 just North of Big Bend Road.

To contact the Solid Waste Management Department call 272-5680 or by e-mail at solidwaste@hillsboroughcounty.org. ●

"CAN DO" Community Focus

If your community is planning an event and would like to have the recycling and anti-litter staff and "CAN DO" attend, please call the Hillsborough County Solid Waste Management Department at 272-5680 for further information. ●



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This newsletter is sent to you by the Hillsborough County Solid Waste Management Department as part of its ongoing Recycling and Waste Reduction Public Education and Awareness Program.



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