

Garbage, Recycling & Yard Waste

How do I ... prepare my waste for pickup?

Garbage, recycling and yard waste are picked up separately and should be placed at curbside no later than 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection. Recycling is mandatory on Longboat Key.

- Household garbage is collected on Monday and Thursday throughout the Key. Containers are provided by the Town's franchise hauler. There are three sizes of the green containers available: 30, 64 and 96 gallons. Plastic bags may also be placed curbside but cannot weigh more than 40 pounds each. Corrugated cardboard boxes should be flattened and placed curbside alongside your garbage. If you should move, the garbage can should remain at the residence.
- Recyclables are collected on Monday only. Place recyclables in your red and blue bins. Do not place them in garbage cans, paper bags, plastic bags or cardboard boxes. See the Town's recycling flyer for a list of which items to recycle. If you move, the recycling bin should remain at the residence.
- Yard waste is collected on Wednesday only. Put yard waste in reusable cans or securely tied bags. The cans should be no larger than 32 gallons and yard waste should not stick out over the top of the can. When it's more practical to bundle, tie the yard waste securely. Cans, bundles or bags must weigh less than 40 pounds; bundles must be less than 4' long and 16" in diameter. If you have an excessive amount or larger pieces of yard waste, please call Waste Management at (941) 753-7591 to arrange for a special pickup.
- Garbage, recyclables and yard waste must not be commingled.
- If your pickup is missed, please call the Public Works Department at (941) 316-1988 as soon as you are aware of the missed pickup so that arrangements can be made for collection.

SPECIAL ITEMS – WHITE GOODS – For large items such as furniture, carpeting, water heaters, air conditioners, and refrigerators please call Waste Management at (941) 753-7591 to arrange for a special pickup. You are allowed one free special pickup per year.

HAZARDOUS WASTES – Items such as paint, motor oil, pesticides, fertilizers and batteries **are not collected** curbside. These and other hazardous wastes are accepted at the following landfills, phone ahead for hours of operation and directions:

For residents in the Sarasota County portion of Longboat Key – call (941) 861-5000.

For residents in the Manatee County portion of Longboat Key – call (941) 748-5543.

BIO-HAZARDOUS WASTES – Do not place medical needles or lancets in your garbage. For disposal of these and other bio-hazardous waste items call Environmental Health Services at (941) 861-6133 for information on their proper disposal.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING – Place trees at curbside for normal yard waste pickup on Wednesday. Please remove all ornaments, icicles or stands.

For more information please call the Public Works Department at (941) 316-1988.