

MANATEE COUNTY'S RESIDENTIAL GUIDE FOR GARBAGE, YARD WASTE AND RECYCLING



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Special Disposal
General Information
Tips
Please Note



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About this Guide

This guide provides information regarding the collections, programs and services for garbage, yard waste and recycling, as well as utilizing the Landfill in Manatee County. We hope you will find this guide informative as well as helpful with your disposal needs. The information here is intended for residents living in unincorporated Manatee County. If you live within city limits, please contact your city's solid waste program to obtain information on the programs and services that are available to you.

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Bradenton: Solid Waste Department (941) 708-6340

Bradenton Beach: Public Works Department (941) 778-3947

Holmes Beach: Public Works Department (941) 708-5800

Longboat Key: Public Works Department (941) 316-1988

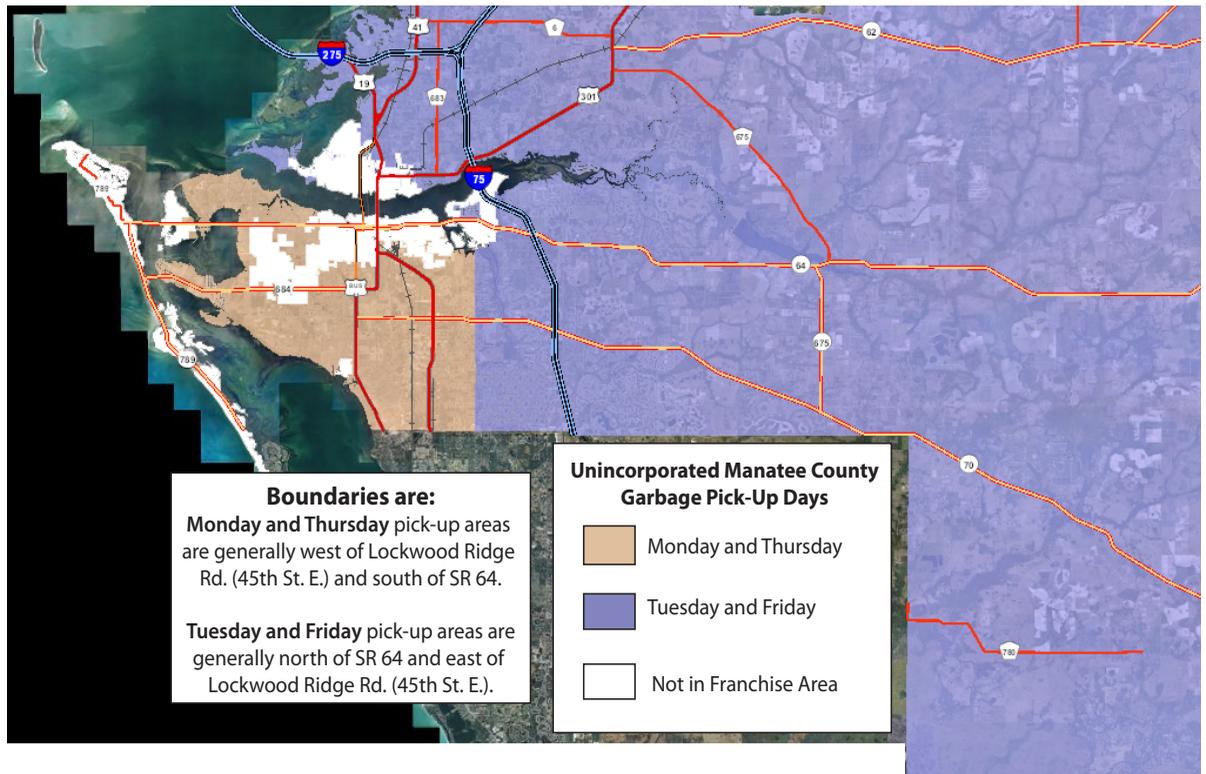
Palmetto: Public Works Department (941) 723-4580

About the Solid Waste Division

The Solid Waste Division of the Utilities Department manages solid waste material at the Landfill in an environmentally safe manner for Manatee County. Let's start with: what is solid waste? Solid waste is the stuff we all throw away every day. There are various types of solid waste, and this guide will help explain what they are and the proper way to dispose of each type. Garbage service is provided to 92,000 accounts in unincorporated Manatee County and the Landfill buries over 280,000 tons of material annually. This division plans for and implements alternate disposal, or diversion, methods for certain materials. Diversion and recycling add years of life to our existing landfill, and move the County towards a 75% recycling rate by the year 2020, a goal set forth by Florida Statute 403.7032.

The Solid Waste Division also conducts numerous residential Community Clean-Up events throughout the year at various locations. During each event, general trash, yard waste, appliances, large items, electronics (e-scrap) and tires (limit 10) will be collected curbside. Please refer to our website to view a schedule or to find additional information on this topic: www.mymanatee.org/garbage.

Garbage Collection



GARBAGE pick-up is two (2) days per week on either:



This map is also viewable on: www.mymanatee.org/garbage.
Contact Utilities Department Customer Service with any questions or requests for all your service needs 8:00am-4:30pm.

Holiday Collection Schedule

NO curbside pick-up for garbage, recycling or yard waste if your scheduled pick-up day falls on a holiday listed below:

- * New Year's Day * Presidents' Day * Memorial Day *
- * Independence Day * Labor Day * Thanksgiving Day *
- * Christmas Day *

Collection services for the rest of the holiday week will take place one day later than normal. Regular service schedules will resume the following Monday.

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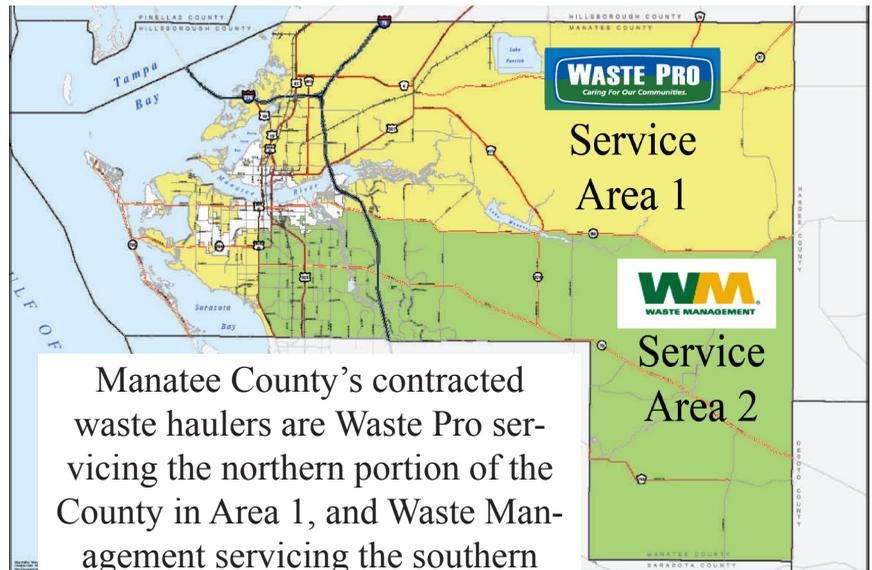
Garbage Collection

On your scheduled pick-up day, collection for garbage, yard waste and recycling is **between 6:00am and 6:00pm**. We ask that you please:

- Place your garbage in one (1) location, not more than three (3) feet from the road or an alternate location approved by the Utilities Department.
- Contain garbage in water-tight plastic bags at least 1.5 mil thick, or in a 32 gallon can.
- Place extra bagged garbage beside the can.
- Make sure total weight of each bag, bundle or does not exceed 50 lbs., or four (4) feet in length.
- Call 792-8811 for assistance or to report a missed pick-up.

Additional options:

- Rear-door service is provided to residents with a doctor's approval.
- You may also take your garbage out to the Landfill for a fee (see pages 21-23 for more details).



Garbage Collection Tips:

- **Garbage must be curbside by 6:00am**
- **The only acceptable garbage containers are bags or cans no larger than 32 gallons, and do not weigh more than 50 lbs. each**
- **No marine or auto parts are accepted curbside**
- **No household hazardous waste (HHW) is accepted curbside (see pages 16-18 for instructions on proper disposal)**

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Material Separation

Why Separate Your Materials?

Curbside pick-up service includes garbage, recycling and yard waste. To increase waste diversion and preserve Landfill capacity, County staff recommends that you separate your materials to ensure that divertible items may be appropriately processed and recycled rather than buried in the Landfill.

Please note: Not all materials that you are able to bring to the Landfill are accepted at the curb. Please refer to the following for correct preparation and separation your materials.

Paint Cans

Latex paint cans are only accepted as trash when they are completely dry and empty with the lids removed. If cans contain any liquid, or are oil-based paint cans, see household hazardous waste (HHW) on pages 16-18 for proper disposal.



Carpet

Carpet and padding must be rolled and tied in four (4) foot lengths, and placed curbside with your garbage for pick-up. Carpet and padding cannot weigh more than 50 lbs. per roll.

Furniture and Household Items

Two (2) large items may be placed at the curb with your regular garbage and picked up for free. Please do not exceed two (2) large items per collection day. BBQ grills without propane tanks, bikes, prepared swing sets, prepared fencing, sinks, bathtubs, toilets, sleeper sofas, box springs and mattresses, mirrors or glass [taped, and six (6) feet or less in length], push lawn mowers (no gas or oil) and exercise equipment are collected.



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Only two (2) large items per pick-up.

Material Separation

Tires

There is a limit of two (2) tires per trash collection day. Place tires at the curb with your garbage on your regular garbage pick-up day. Any size, with or without rims, will be collected. You may also bring your tires to the Landfill for a fee.



Please note: Because tires are recycled they may be collected in a separate truck. Also, larger tires require special equipment which, in some cases, may result in a one day delay for pick-up.



White Goods

White goods are large appliances such as refrigerators, air conditioners, washing machines, dryers, stoves, freezers, hot water heaters and pool heaters. The State has banned all of the above from being buried at the Landfill. Please call Customer Service at 792-8811 to schedule a pick-up for your white goods. You may also bring your white goods out to the Landfill for a fee.

FREE Annual /Large Pick-up

Residential curbside customers are provided one (1) large general garbage pick-up per year at no extra charge. You may use this service for the collection of more than two (2) large items, too much yard waste to bundle, e-scrap (see page 20), and/or white goods at the curb. Additional large pick-ups are available for an additional service fee. All materials need to be separated to ensure prompt service at no additional cost. Please call Utilities Department Customer Service to make proper arrangements.



****Please avoid stacking trash debris by utility poles, under power lines, on top of water meters or other water connections, by fire hydrants, or next to mailboxes or fences. Trash must be separated into the various types.**

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Recycling Program



What materials will be collected?

There are two (2) blue bins for curbside recycling. One container is for paper products such as newspaper, junk mail, shredded bills, office paper, magazines, fiberboard and loose fitting cardboard boxes. The other bin is for commingle materials such as steel cans, aluminum cans, plastic with symbols 1 thru 7 in the triangle (see page 9), all colors of glass bottles and jars (with lids removed) and waxed cartons such as orange juice and milk cartons.

All recyclable items must be **inside** the bins to be collected. Otherwise, they will be considered garbage.



**No Plastic Bags
in the Recycling
Bins Please!**

Remove items from the plastic bag before placing them in the recycle bin. You may return plastic bags to any local grocery store to be recycled.

Please note: It is illegal to remove items from someone else's recycle bin once it's placed at the curb.

Need a Recycle Bin?

You can request a bin online using your Utilities Account Management access at www.mymanatee.org/utilities. You may also request a bin by calling 792-8811. Your waste hauler will deliver it right to your home!

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Residential Curbside Recycling Do's and Don'ts

Can Be Recycled

- Newspapers
- Shopping Ads and Inserts
- Junk Mail and Office Paper
- Magazines and Brochures
- White and Colored Printed Paper
- Fiberboard (cereal or tissue boxes)
- Plastic Window Envelopes
- Phone Books
- Cardboard
- Greeting Cards
- Brown Paper Bags
- Shredded Paper
- Sticky Mailing labels
- Post-Its and Glossy Post Cards



PAPER BIN

Can Not Be Recycled

- Pizza Boxes (greasy)
- Paper Towels
- Gift Wrap
- Food Wrap
- Paper Plates or Napkins
- Tissues or Tissue Paper



COMMINGLE BIN

GLASS

- Bottles and Jars (all colors of glass)



- Drinking Glasses
- Mirrors
- Eye Glasses
- Light Bulbs
- Ceramics and Dishes
- Vases and Pottery
- Broken Glass
- Windshields
- Coffee Pots
- Crystal
- Windows

METAL

- Aluminum Cans
- Steel Cans (soup or vegetable)
- Steel Jar Lids
- Empty Aerosol Cans
- Aluminum Pie Pans (properly rinsed and clean)



- Paint Cans
- Tools
- Automobile Parts
- Toxic Material
- Appliances
- Kitchen Utensils
- Aluminum Siding
- Aluminum Foil
- Deli Trays
- Tin Roofs
- Unclean Pie Pans
- Machines

PLASTIC

- Soda, Milk and Juice Bottles
- Milk and Juice Cartons
- Shampoo Bottles
- Bleach and Detergent Bottles
- Liquor Bottles
- Pill Bottles
- Yogurt Containers
- Any Plastic Item with a Triangle Symbol and Numbered 1-7 may be Recycled (Excluding Styrofoam and Plastic Bags)

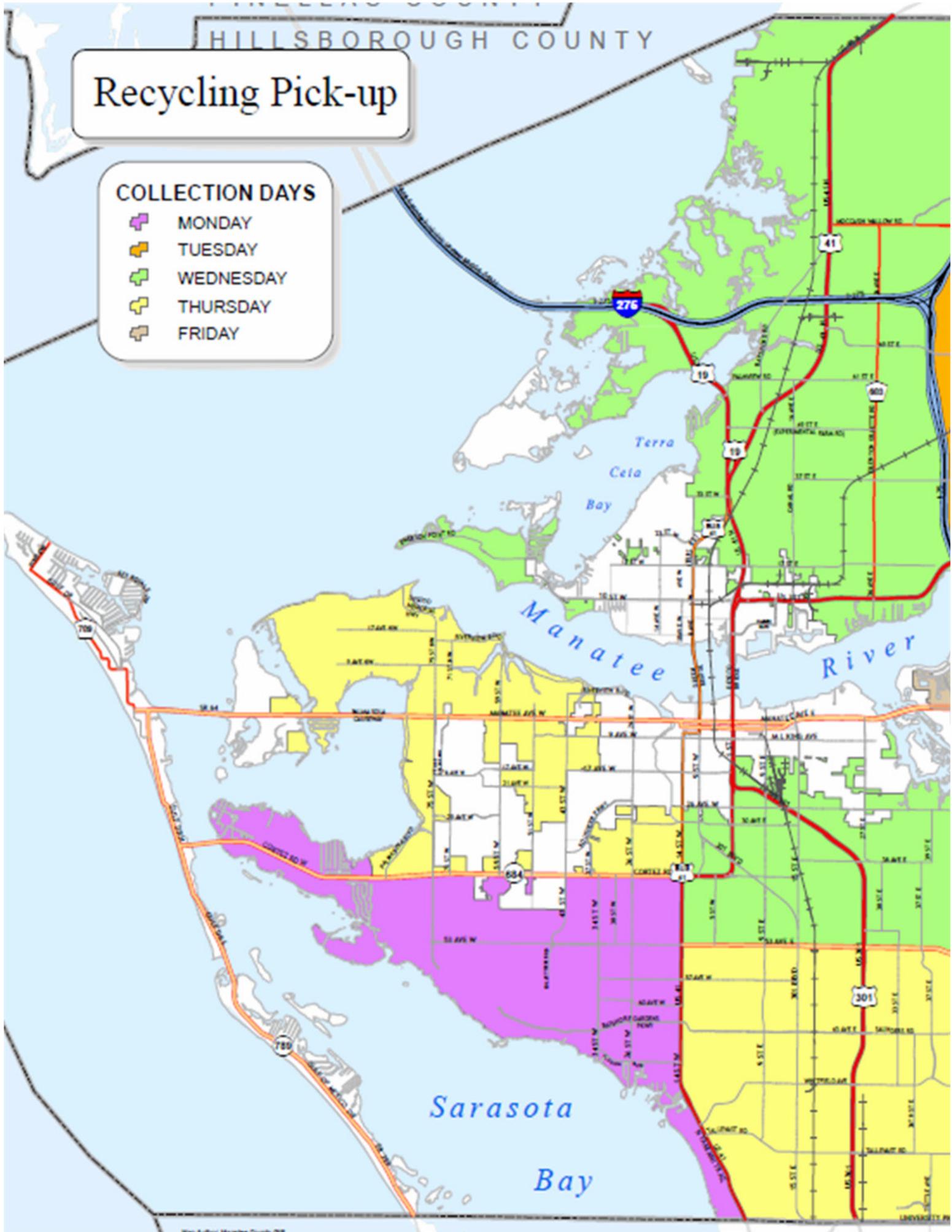


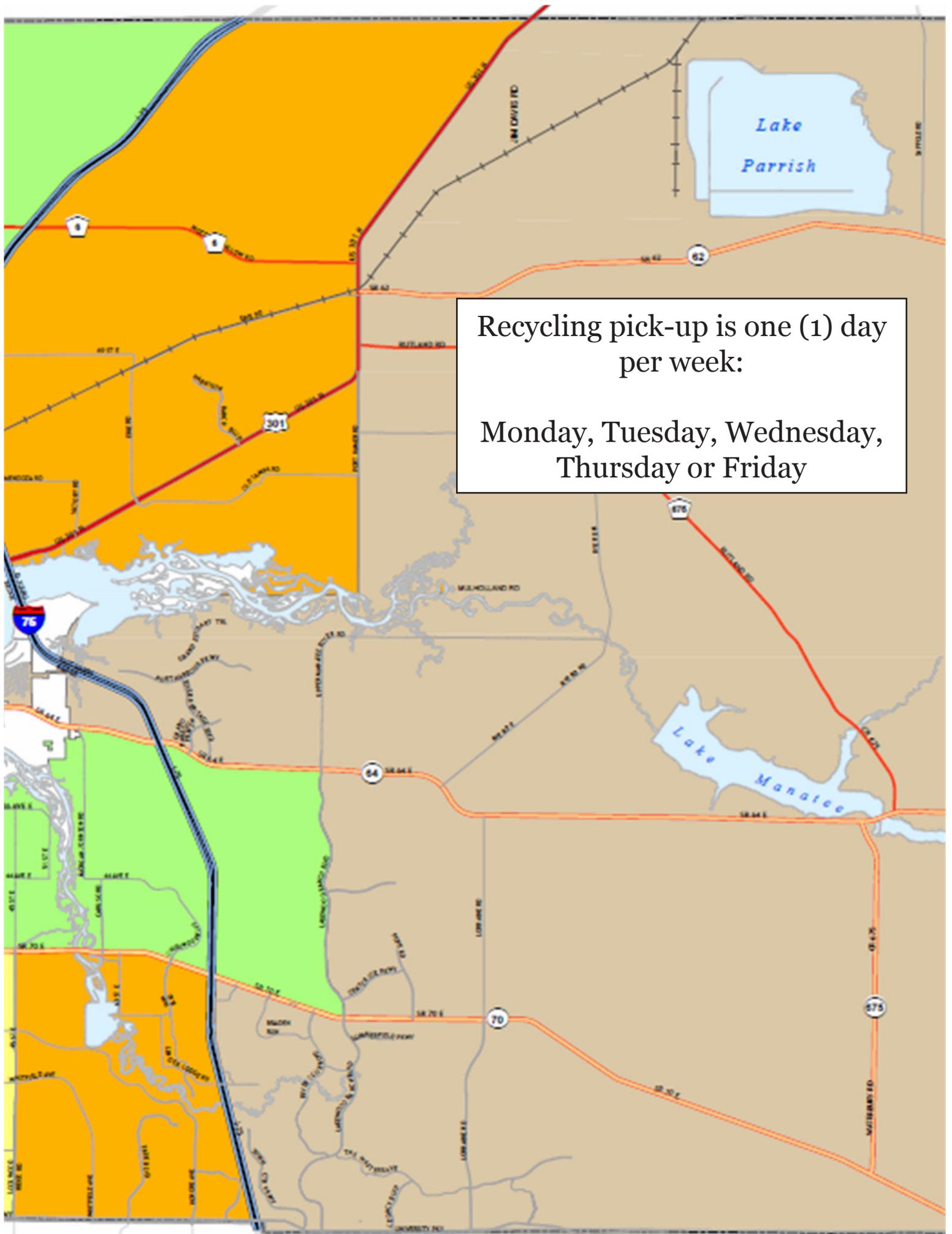
- Clothes Hangers
- PVC
- Rigid Plastic
- Toys
- Diapers
- Plastic Bags
- Cellophane
- Styrofoam (even though it's #6)



Recycling Pick-up

- COLLECTION DAYS**
- MONDAY
 - TUESDAY
 - WEDNESDAY
 - THURSDAY
 - FRIDAY





Recycling pick-up is one (1) day per week:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday

Recycling Drop-Off

Manatee County accepts broken down cardboard that will fit in your recycle bin loosely with the curbside recycling collection. Larger quantities of broken down corrugated cardboard may be dropped off at these additional locations:

Cardboard Recycling Sites:

- GT Bray Park, 5502 33rd Ave. Dr. West in Bradenton
- Braden River Park, 5201 51st St. East in Bradenton
- Blackstone Park, 2112 14th Ave. West in Palmetto
- Lakewood Ranch Park, 5500 Lakewood Ranch Blvd. in Bradenton
- Buffalo Creek Park, 7550 69th St. East in Palmetto

All five parks have a container to collect cardboard for recycling. Maps can be found on our website at: www.mymanatee.org/recycling.



CORRUGATED CARDBOARD ONLY at the drop-off sites; no other materials will be accepted. All cardboard must be clean, broken down or flattened to be recycled.



Recycling Center:

Manatee County provides a recycling drop-off center for ALL recyclable materials at the Manatee County Landfill, 3333 Lena Road in Bradenton. All materials that are accepted in the curbside recycling program can be brought to Manatee County's Landfill for recycling free of charge.

Recycling Drop-Off Tips:

- **Before breaking down your cardboard box for recycling, try reusing it or giving it to someone who may be relocating**
- **Save boxes for shipping or transporting items (packing peanuts should be returned to mailing and shipping stores to be reused)**
- **No plastic bags may be placed in the recycling containers! Please empty all items out of plastic bags and place the recyclables loose in the containers.**

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Storm Debris

All debris resulting from a storm must be properly prepared for pick-up. In the event that a storm has caused extensive damage in the County, the policy to properly prepare storm debris may be waived. For updated information, call Utilities Department Customer Service or visit the County's website at www.mymanatee.org.



If a waiver is granted, you will be required to separate storm debris into categories and separate piles for pick-up. The categories are: household garbage, furniture and household items, yard waste, tires, e-scrap, household hazardous waste (HHW) and white goods (appliances). The County will announce debris pick-up information on the radio, TV, local newspaper and the County's website.

Storm Debris Tips:

- **All pick-ups will cease when winds reach an unsafe level.**
- **Secure garbage cans and loose debris. Cans and debris turn into flying objects and may cause injury to persons or property.**
- **Trim trees before hurricane season.**
- **After a storm place all debris within three (3) feet of the curb. The contractor will not enter your property to remove debris.**
- **Avoid stacking debris by utility poles, under power lines, on top of water meters or other water connections, by fire hydrants, or next to mailboxes or fences.**

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Yard Waste



Yard waste is vegetative matter resulting from yard and landscaping maintenance of your own property. This includes materials such as tree branches, leaves, grass clippings and palm fronds. The amount of yard waste collected at the curb is unlimited if properly prepared.

Yard waste must be properly prepared for expeditious pick-up. All yard waste curbside pick-up is on Wednesday only (except for holiday make-up schedule).

Three (3) Ways to Properly Prepare Yard Waste:

Can it. Put yard waste in a 32 gallon container.

Bag it. You can use a sturdy 32 gallon plastic trash bag.

Bundle it. Bundle limbs and branches.

- Bundled yard waste must be no longer than four (4) feet.
- Branches need to be six (6) inches or less in diameter.
- Tie bundles with heavy string.
- Each can, bag or bundle must be 50 lbs. or less.

Too much yard waste to bundle? Call Utilities Department Customer Service for assistance and options.

Yard Waste Tips:

- **Label a trash can for yard waste only.**
- **Remove fruit from branches. Fruit goes in the trash.**
- **No cardboard boxes as containers for yard waste.**
- **You may also bring your yard waste out to the Landfill for a fee. (see pages 21-23 for instructions and directions to the Landfill)**
- **Real Christmas trees will be picked up during the month of January on your yard waste collection day. *All tinsel, ornaments, lights and tree stands must be removed. Do not put trees in large plastic bags.***



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Composting

Composting is a great way to reuse yard waste and reduce household waste while creating a natural fertilizer for your plants and garden. To compost materials, you need a small outdoor unit in which waste materials can break down. Compost units can be bought or made relatively cheaply and easily.



COMPOSTING CLASS

Learn how to turn your kitchen scraps and yard waste into useful soil amendments. Participants will learn Florida-Friendly Landscaping concepts and details about how to set up a home compost bin. Leave with a compost bin to start creating your own compost. Fee for the compost bin.

List of Compostable Items:

- Kitchen Scraps
- Egg Shells
- Old Bread
- Vegetable and Fruit Scraps
- Chicken and/or Horse Manure
- Any Vegetarian Animal Waste
- Rabbit and Bird Cage Debris
- Dryer Lint
- Weeds
- Tree , Flower and Shrub Trimmings
- Coffee Grounds
- Hay, Straw and Tree Trimmings
- Leaves and Yard Trimmings
- Sawdust and/or Wood Chips
- Shredded Newspaper

****Adding meats or greasy items will attract unwanted pests!**



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Household Hazardous Waste

What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

You might be surprised to discover how many common products found in your home or under the kitchen sink could be hazardous to your home or even the environment if used or disposed of improperly. Most homes contain from three (3) to ten (10) gallons of these everyday products.



Unwanted household products labeled as FLAMMABLE, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, REACTIVE, COMBUSTIBLE or EXPLOSIVE are common household hazardous wastes (HHW). You can tell if a product is hazardous if words such as POISON, DANGER, WARNING and CAUTION appear on the label. The most common products include:

- Adhesives
- Aerosols
- Ammunition
- Antifreeze
- Auto Solvents
- All Batteries (except alkaline)
- Car Wax w/ Solvent
- Cleaning Compounds
- Diesel Fuel/Fuel Oil
- Fertilizers
- Fire Extinguishers
- Flares
- Fluorescent Bulbs and Tubes (CFL's)
- Fungicides
- Furniture Polish
- Gasoline in Gas Cans
- Gun Cleaning Solvents
- Herbicides
- Household Chemicals
- Insect Spray/Insecticides
- Mercury Lamps
- Used Motor Oil and Filters
- Oil and Latex Paint
- Oily Rags
- Paint Thinner
- Pesticides
- Photo Chemicals
- Poisons
- Pool Chemicals
- Primer
- Propane Tanks
- Refrigerator Freon
- Roofing tars
- Stain
- Solvents



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SAFETY WARNING

The materials listed above may not be placed for regular trash collection, poured down the drain or on the ground. Your waste hauler will not pick them up. Utilize the HHW and E-Scrap Collection located at the Landfill on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9:00am-3:00pm. This collection is FREE for Manatee County residents.

Household Hazardous Waste

How do I Dispose of my Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

HHW can only be disposed of on sites approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. For your convenience and the protection of the environment, Manatee County has established a HHW and E-Scrap Collection Program (see page 20 for information on e-scrap). The program allows residents to safely dispose of HHW for free at a special collection center (pictured below) at Manatee County's Landfill, located at 3333 Lena Road, in Bradenton. The collection is held:

Every 3rd Saturday of the Month from 9:00am to 3:00pm

as well as additional dates and sites throughout the County. To view a schedule of the collections and locations, visit: www.mymanatee.org/hhw.

All HHW collected is chemically treated and properly disposed of in an environmentally safe manner or recycled for energy recovery. Used oil, car batteries and latex paint are examples of materials that can be recycled. By intercepting and safely disposing of these wastes, Manatee County reduces the amount of pollutants entering the environment. In addition to reducing air, water and soil pollution, residents participating in this program can take pride in knowing they are doing their part to clean up the environment.



What is Safe Transportation of HHW?

- Transport items in the trunk or rear of your vehicle in sturdy boxes or containers that can be thrown away. Boxes may be lined with kitty litter or an open garbage bag, which will ensure that your items don't leak into your vehicle.
- Don't mix products.
- Keep products in original containers.
- Label products not in original containers.
- Secure products so they won't leak!
- Transport products away from the passenger compartment of your vehicle.
- Don't store products in the trunk of your car before bringing them to the collection.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AT COLLECTION SITE:

- Commercial Waste** – Call your County HHW Tech for information at 798-6761.
Radioactive Materials – Contact the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).
Biohazardous Waste – Consult Biohazardous Waste Companies (see page 19).
Explosives – Contact the Manatee County Sheriff's Department at 747-3011.

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A SUBSTANCE IS HAZARDOUS IF IT'S:

Toxic: Directly or indirectly poisonous to living things.

Ignitable: Capable of catching fire.

Corrosive: Capable of chemically eroding another substance such as cloth, metal or skin.

Reactive: Capable of participating in a chemical interaction or transformation.

Carcinogenic: Capable of causing cancer.



HHW Tips:

- **Rechargeable batteries are accepted at Lowes, Home Depot, Radio Shack and Batteries Plus for recycling.**
- **Some automotive parts stores will accept used oil or old car batteries for recycling. Alternatively, you may call Florida Department of Environmental Protection at (800) 741-4337 for the used oil disposal center nearest your home.**

Batteries

Alkaline batteries that contain no mercury do not pose a threat to the environment and may be thrown away as trash.



All other batteries such as rechargeable, lead-acid, lithium and Ni-cad batteries are considered HHW and need to be disposed of or recycled properly.

Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) has a website: <http://www.rbrc.org> with additional information. Some items in your home that may have rechargeable batteries are: cell phones, electronic toothbrushes, cordless tools such as drills and screwdrivers, flashlights, cameras, radios, CD players, beepers and battery operated toys.



For the most up-to-date information on the proper disposal of Ni-Cad and rechargeable batteries, you can call 1-800-BATTERY or (800) 228-8379.

Car and lawn mower batteries ONLY may be brought to the Landfill during regular business hours (see pages 23-25).

All types of batteries except alkaline batteries can be recycled at the Landfill through Manatee County's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and E-Scrap Collection program on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9:00am-3:00pm (Please throw alkaline batteries in the trash.)

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Bio-Hazardous Waste



Bio-hazardous materials are sharps and absorbent items (gauze, cotton, bandages, etc.) that are saturated with blood or other regulated body fluids considered to be biomedical waste and managed in accordance with state rules found in Chapter 64E-16, Florida Administrative Code.

What are sharps?

Sharps are defined as items having the potential to puncture or lacerate, such as syringes with attached needles and disposable lancets. The Health Department is the only site that offers a Sharps Collection Program in Manatee County. This program is open to the public and free of charge. Put your sharps into a puncture-resistant plastic bottle (such as a laundry soap or fabric softener bottle) and tape closed. Put your name and phone number on the container. Then visit the Environmental Health Services office on 216 Sixth Ave. East in Bradenton for proper disposal of your sharps and to obtain an approved sharps container. Call (941) 748-0747 for more information.

Alternatively, you may contact your physician or your pharmacy, as some will accept sharps and/or unused medications for proper disposal.



Medications

Project Drug Drop: Citizen Medication Disposal Program

The Sheriff's Office will accept unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medication for proper disposal. Citizens may bring their medications (pills only, no liquid will be accepted) to the following locations:

- Manatee County Sheriff's Office Operations Center- 600 301 Blvd. W., #202, Bradenton. 24/7 hours/days
 - District #2- 407 57th Ave. E., Bradenton. M-F, 8:00am-4:00pm
 - District #3- 5030 U.S. Hwy 301 N., Ellenton, M-F, 8:00am-4:00pm
- Call (941) 747-3011 ext. 2260 or 2278 for more information.

If You Can't Turn in Medication to the Sheriff's Office, Don't Flush It! Instead:

- Keep in the original container. This will help identify the contents if they are accidentally ingested.
- Mark out your name and prescription number for safety.
- For pills: add some water or soda to start dissolving them.
- For liquids: add something inedible like cat litter or dirt.
- Close the lid and secure with duct tape or packing tape.
- Place bottle(s) inside a non-see through container (such as a plastic laundry bottle), tape the container closed and place in the trash.

*****DO NOT: place in the recycle bin, give to anyone else, flush down the toilet, or put in the trash without disguising the drugs, as human or animal scavengers may find and misuse them.**

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E-Scrap

The term “e-scrap” is applied to consumer electronic equipment that is no longer wanted. Many components in electronic equipment contain hazardous materials such as lead, cadmium, mercury and arsenic. While in use, the hazardous materials are not a problem, but when discarded they pose a threat to the environment.



Common E-Scrap Items:

- Battery Chargers
- CD Players/Recorders
- Irons
- Radios
- Cell Phones & Cords
- Central Processing Units (CPUs)
- Copiers
- Circuit Boards
- DVD Players/Recorders
- Hair Dryers
- TVs
- Fax Machines
- Keyboards
- Microwaves
- Terminals
- Monitors
- Personal Audio Systems
- Printers
- Scanners
- Small Computer Peripherals (mouse, cable, game hardware, cords, etc.)
- Rechargeable Items (toothbrushes, hair trimmer, etc.)

Three (3) Ways to Dispose of E-Scrap:

- 1.) Free collection every 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the HHW and E-Scrap Collection center of the Landfill, as well as additional dates and sites throughout the County. To view a schedule of the collections, visit www.mymanatee.org/escrap.
- 2.) E-scrap may also be collected at the curb AFTER special arrangements have been made. You will need to call 792-8811 to make your arrangements. There is a fee involved with this service, or your one (1) Free Annual Pick-Up may be utilized (see page 7 for information on Free Annual Pick-Up). ***Please note: it is illegal to remove items placed at someone else's curb.***
- 3.) NEW! Due to the high participation for the 3rd Saturday collections, residents are invited to bring their e-scrap **ONLY** to the Landfill every Monday-Friday, and on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Drop-off is free, but residents must drive over the scales to declare e-scrap.

****If you have a business in Manatee County wishing to participate, you must call 798-6761 prior to the collection for specific instructions.**

How to Utilize the Landfill

Guidelines

- Manatee County's Landfill recommends that all potential customers planning to dispose of materials, do so by truck.
- Vehicles with low ground clearance are discouraged.
- Please note that customers enter the Landfill at their own risk and Manatee County is not responsible for any damage incurred while using the Landfill.
- Should your load be improperly covered, tipping fees will DOUBLE.
- All loads entering the Landfill must be separated properly; not all items are buried. Any mixed load will result in being DOUBLE charged!!
- Out-of-County waste will be charged TRIPLE.
- Anyone utilizing the Landfill MUST declare items to the scale house operator.
- For current Landfill rates please call 748-5543.



Regular operating hours of the Landfill are: Monday-Saturday
8:00am-5:00pm with the exception of holidays.



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How to Utilize the Landfill

Entry into the Landfill / Scale House

- All vehicles entering the Landfill **MUST** go across the scales.
- All fees are based on:
 - TYPE OF MATERIAL (Ex. yard waste, tires, household garbage, etc.)
 - WEIGHT (Ex. tonnage)
 - ORIGIN (Ex. commercial, residential or out of county)
 - For more information, please call 748-5543 or visit www.mymanatee.org/garbage.



Operating at the Landfill:

Defensive driving is a must. Keep a field of vision high on the horizon to prepare for upcoming traffic and problems. Look ahead to identify potential hazards early. Be aware of other vehicles, workers afoot, traffic control devices, and overhead obstructions. Be cognizant of blind spots and continually scan the area.

Signage:

Obey all signs and posted speed limits. Vehicles must follow the current routing sequence to ensure safety and efficiency of disposal.

Scavenging:

Scavenging is unprofessional, unsafe, and reduces productivity. Scavenging is prohibited at any location at the Landfill for any reason.

Method of Payment

The Scale House Accepts:
**CASH, CHECKS,
VISA, MASTER
CARD & DISCOVER**

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. If my garbage doesn't get picked up at the curb, can I bring it out to the Landfill?



If you have to report a missed pickup for any service: yard waste, recycling and/or garbage, please call Utilities Customer Service at 792-8811, or to find a list of reasons of why your garbage may have been missed refer to our website: www.mymanatee.org/garbage. You do have the option of bringing your garbage out to the Landfill, but you will be charged a fee upon arrival. Also see pages 5 and 21-23 for more details and information.

2. Batteries: do I toss them in the trash or are they recyclable? Where should I take them?

All types of batteries, except ALKALINE BATTERIES, can be recycled at our Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and E-Scrap Collections. Alkaline batteries may be thrown in your trash; they do not pose a threat to our environment. See page 18 or visit www.mymanatee.org/hhw for more details.



3. The pizza box mystery: are pizza boxes recyclable?

Many people wonder if their pizza box is recyclable. They are traditionally made from corrugated cardboard. What makes part of them non-recyclable is the hot, tasty treat that comes inside them, specifically the grease and cheese from pizza that soils the cardboard.

Pizza boxes that are marked with food, or any paper products stained with grease or food, are not recyclable – unless you remove the tainted portions. If the top portion of the box is clean, dry cardboard you can tear that portion off and recycle it!



4. What are the hours of operation for the Landfill, and of the HHW/E-Scrap Collections held at the Landfill?

Landfill: Monday–Saturday 8:00am to 5:00pm. See pages 21-23 for more landfill information.

Household Hazardous Waste/E-Scrap Collection: Only on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9:00am-3:00pm. See pages 16-18 for more HHW information.

E-Scrap Drop-off: E-Scrap is collected at the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9:00am-3:00pm, as well as Monday-Friday and the 1st, 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 8:00am-5:00pm. See page 20 for more e-scrap information.

Look for additional HHW and E-Scrap Collections located throughout the County. Visit www.mymanatee.org/hhw or www.mymanatee.org/escrap for a schedule.

Frequently Asked Questions

5. Can I put Styrofoam in my recycling bin?



Even though Manatee County recycles plastic #1-7 and it is stamped a #6, **WE DO NOT ACCEPT STYROFOAM** in our recycling program.

Some alternatives for Styrofoam recycling are:

- Most Publix locations take clean Styrofoam such as: egg cartons, meat trays and most take-out containers.
- Packing peanuts may be returned to pack and ship stores.
- Styrofoam blocks may be donated to the Teacher's Wishing Well (TWW) program. http://www.edline.net/pages/SDMC/Departments/4551175541680643122/Purchasing/Teacher_s_Wishing_Well

The TWW program accepts many other non-recyclable materials as well! Contact Renee Hayes at (941) 708-8770 Ext. 2129 or zzzoink@yahoo.com for more information on the TWW.

6. I know CFL Bulbs contain mercury, but how do I recycle them?



CFL (Compact Fluorescent Lights) bulbs and tubes do contain mercury and need to be recycled properly. These bulbs are collected in our Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and E-Scrap Collection and recycled safely. Home Depot, Lowe's and Batteries Plus are also currently accepting and recycling CFLs (bulbs only). Please return CFL bulbs to the Return Counter at any store location.

See pages 16-18 for more information on the HHW and E-Scrap Collection.

7. Can metal aerosol cans (with plastic top portion) go into your recycle bin? (Ex. air fresheners, hairspray, shaving cream, etc.) Also the new style microwaveable soup cans that are recyclable plastic (# 5) on the bottom, but with a metal ring on the top for a metal pull-off lid go into your recycle bin?



YES, empty metal aerosol cans may go into your plastic, cans, and glass recycle bin and YES, both the metal pull off lid and the plastic portion can be recycled in the same recycle bin.

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Keep Manatee Beautiful

Keep Manatee Beautiful is a nonprofit organization dedicated to litter prevention, beautification and environmental improvement through leadership in community awareness, education and involvement. Keep Manatee Beautiful brings together volunteers, businesses and local governments to provide grassroots solutions to littering, illegal dumping, solid waste disposal, recycling and beautification.

Programs:

Adopt-A-Highway/Road

Adopt-A-Shore

Adopt-A-Spot: Landscaping

Boaters' and Anglers' Pledge

Cigarette Litter Prevention

Clean Builders

Graffiti Hurts

Leave Your Mark

Monofilament Recovery and Recycling

Storm Drain Marking

Trash Trackers

Events:

America Recycles Day at SandBlast

Arbor Days

Golf Tournament

Great American Cleanup

International Coastal Cleanup

Make Every Day Earth Day

To volunteer, call: 941-795-8272 fax: 941-795-3490

Or email: keep@manateebeautiful.com

Check out the website at: www.manateebeautiful.com

Address: P.O. Box 14426 Bradenton, Florida 34280

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County Ordinances

Per Chapter 2-16 of the Manatee County Ordinances:

- All loads being transferred to the Landfill must be properly covered. If not covered properly, the tipping fee at the Landfill will double.
- Using someone else's dumpster or dumping "anywhere" is illegal. Manatee County's solid waste ordinance imposes up to a \$500 fine and possible jail time for illegal dumping. Florida Statutes allow for prosecution of this practice.
- Placing solid waste out for collection earlier than sunset the day prior to a scheduled collection, or leaving containers adjacent to the street any later than sunset on the day the container is emptied, is prohibited.
- All solid waste and recyclable materials, once placed at the collection location, become the exclusive property of the County. Scavenging is unlawful.

Scale House personnel and Solid Waste Enforcement Officers strictly enforce Manatee County Ordinances.

Education & Outreach

Want to learn more about solid waste and recycling? Staff is available to meet with you and provide a presentation to your group or business. We can also supply you with educational materials on our current and available programs.

To schedule a tour of the Landfill, educational presentation or to collect educational material, call us at (941) 748-5543.

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Customer Satisfaction Survey for Garbage, Yard Waste and Recycling Services

We are listening and want to hear what you have to say. Please take a few minutes and tell us about your level of satisfaction with your garbage collection. We strive to deliver excellent service. Your opinions count and your responses are confidential. Your response is important in allowing us to improve our service to you. Please go to the following link to complete the survey: <http://www.mymanatee.org/recycling>

If you do not have access to a computer and would like to participate, please call Utilities Customer Service at 792-8811 for additional options.

Thank you very much for your time – we appreciate your help and feedback!

Manatee County Utilities – Solid Waste Division

Scan for More Information:



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