



Lets Talk Trash

SANITATION NEWSLETTER

CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH

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OUR MISSION

The City of Fort Walton Beach Sanitation Division is committed to providing services of the highest quality, delivered with pride and professionalism while maintaining a sanitary environment with the regular collection of residential and commercial solid waste.

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Commercial Trucks

Commercial garbage is scheduled per the customer's needs and the fee is based on the frequency and container size.

All garbage generated at a business should be placed in the refuse container.



Commercial Front Loader

Lock bars are available to commercial customers for an additional \$10.00 per month.

Commercial yard waste and miscellaneous collections are charged by weight and scheduled on Fridays.

Commercial customers are also invited to participate in our Commercial Recycling Program.

Please call the Solid Waste Division at 833-9655 to discuss potential cost savings for your business and help preserve our environment.



Holiday Schedule 2016...

Our offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. Residential and Commercial Service will be provided. There will be no yard waste collection on Memorial Day.

If your pick up day falls on a holiday, your service will resume on your next collection day.

Extra Yard Waste

City of Fort Walton Beach picks up a maximum limit of 4 cubic yards of yard waste per week, per household.

If you have more than the maximum limit there are two options available for pick up of the remaining yard debris.

One option is to wait for your next scheduled pick up day to have 4 more cubic yards removed.

The other option is to call for a special Friday yard waste pick up. There is a charge for this service.

The Solid Waste Supervisor will estimate the cost on site, confirm the cost with you and that cost will be reflected on your utility statement.



Online Forms

Requests for service are super easy with our quick online form! You can now request information and services from our sanitation office from your home computer or mobile phone.

Just go to <http://fwb.org/sanitation/> and click on "Request for Service," where you can choose from a variety of quick submission assistance options.

Hurricane Preparedness



IS YOUR YARD READY FOR HURRICANE SEASON?

REGARDING THE CUTTING OF VEGETATION, GARBAGE AND STORM DEBRIS THERE ARE STEPS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER A STORM. PLEASE SAVE THIS INFORMATION SO THAT YOU CAN BE PREPARED.

PRE-HURRICANE MAINTENANCE

- Cut back all trees and weak branches that make contact with your home.
- Thin your foliage so wind can flow freely through branches, decreasing the chance that trees/plants will be uprooted.
- Place tree trimmings at curb side on your regular scheduled collection day and follow the 6/40 rule (i.e., each piece cannot exceed 6 feet in length or 40 lbs. in weight) and must be clear of any obstructions.
- Containerize your tree trimmings such as pine needles, leaves, twigs, etc. in plastic bags.
- Clean your yard of any items that could become missiles in a storm such as broken lawn furniture, etc. and call FWB Solid Waste Division for a special pick up on Fridays.

ONCE THE STORM HAS BEEN NAMED

- Do not cut down trees or do any major yard work.
- Do not begin construction projects that produce debris.
- Once a Hurricane Watch or Warning is issued, do not trim vegetation of any kind. Mass cutting places a tremendous burden on the normal collection process and there is not enough equipment or manpower to collect the additional material once the storm makes landfall.
- Do not place materials at the curb or take materials to the landfill or transfer facility during a Watch or Warning period. Services may be suspended and facilities closed early to prepare for the storm.
- For information on the status of our facilities, residents should consult the website at FWB.org or monitor local radio and/or television stations for service updates.

AFTER THE STORM HAS PASSED

- Please keep all household garbage, recycling, vegetation and storm debris separate. This is extremely important!
- Securely containerize all household garbage in plastic bags or City issued 90 gallon automated can and place at the curb on your scheduled collection day.
- Please be patient! Following a storm, the Solid Waste's #1 priority is the collection of household garbage. Uncollected garbage attracts pests and contributes to the spread of disease. Garbage should never be mixed with vegetation or storm debris, which can wait for pick up.

STORM DEBRIS

- Never place any debris near or on a fence, mailbox, power line equipment, water hydrants, poles, transformers, downed wires, water meters, or storm drains. Hidden electrical hazards can injure or kill collection personnel.
- There is no reimbursement provided to any individual resident, homeowner association or commercial business who hires a private contractor to remove and dispose of storm related debris.
- All debris generated from storm events, construction, re-modeling or demolition activity are NOT INCLUDED as part of your normal Solid Waste services.



Okaloosa County Recycling Office **FREE Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off**

Paint, Pesticides, Pool Chemicals, Used oil, Gas, Anti-freeze, Computers, Televisions, Fluorescent Lamps, Car Batteries, Re-chargeable Batteries, Cleaners, Solvents, Aerosols, etc.

Special Offer:

Rain Barrels
\$65 each

Compost Bins
\$55 each



Location: 80 Ready Ave, Fort Walton Beach

Phone: 301-2013

Hours of Operation: Tuesday thru Saturday, 7 am–3 pm