EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR COUNTY’S GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICES...

Curbside solid waste, (garbage, recyclables and yard waste) collection is provided for residents of detached single-family homes located in unincorporated Hillsborough County including Tampa Palms and Hunter’s Green. The City of Tampa, Temple Terrace and Plant City are excluded.

Collection services are provided to all residents of detached single-family units with limited exceptions. (See Optional Services and Exemptions section.)

Customers are billed annually each November on their residential property tax bills. There are two charges: Solid Waste Disposal Assessment and Solid Waste Collection Assessment.

Collection hours are from 6 AM until 6:30 PM. Your service is provided on either Monday/Thursday, Tuesday/Friday or Wednesday/Saturday. If you do not know your collection days, please contact your designated collector.

Republic Waste Services 265-0292
Waste Services of Florida 248-2620
Waste Management of Tampa 621-3053

If your scheduled collection day falls on a County designated holiday, you may set out twice the amount of garbage, recyclables and yard waste on your next scheduled collection day. Official county holidays are:

- New Year’s Day
- Memorial Day
- Fourth of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas Day

As part of the County’s residential collection service, residents are required to separate yard waste from garbage for collection.

Containers of household garbage, recyclables and yard waste may be placed at the curb for collection before 6 AM on your collection day but not before 6 PM of the day before. Trash containers are required to be kept out of sight on non-collection days.

This brochure provides information on the collection of household garbage, recyclables and yard waste; how to properly dispose of household chemicals and electronics, non-collectible/bulkier items (furniture, appliances, etc.); and the proper use of community collection centers.

These services are designed to encourage recycling, eliminate illegal roadside dumping and create a more equitable, efficient and cost-effective solid waste management system.

Optional Services and Exemptions for Residential Customers

Your solid waste collection service offers several optional services as well as limited exemptions including:

- Senior Citizen Discount (65 or older)
- Backdoor Service (vs. curbside)
- Disability Exemption
- Special Collection Services

For detailed information on these optional services and exemptions please contact the Solid Waste Management Department at 272-5680.

*25% Discount on only the solid waste disposal amount of $90.63 for single family homes and discount amount of $67.97 for condos.

Your Board of County Commissioners has made decisions to provide residents of unincorporated Hillsborough County with environmentally sensitive, efficient and customer friendly solid waste collection services. Details of your collection services are contained in this brochure.

There are many benefits to the County’s garbage collection program. For starters, it helps eliminate illegal roadside dumping, resulting in a cleaner environment. This program also greatly enhances recycling. Yard waste will be processed and reused as mulch and other beneficial by-products. Additionally, the cost of garbage collection and disposal is shared equitably across the community.

Please read the important information provided in this brochure to learn more about the County’s solid waste collection services. We want to deliver the best, most efficient service possible. But we are depending on your help. Your commitment and support helps the County’s effort to keep the community clean.
ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Any combustible item, e.g., food, cardboard, paper products, plastics, food containers.

RECYCLING COLLECTION

Customers must separate their recyclables. Two recycling bins (one blue bin for paper items and one green bin for glass, cans, and plastic) will be provided to residential customers by Hillsborough County’s Solid Waste Franchise Collectors. For information visit our website at www.hillsboroughcounty.org/solidwaste.

What can I recycle with the collection service?

Recyclable materials include newspapers, magazines, phone books, junk mail, brown paper bags, corrugated cardboard shipping boxes, glass bottles, jars, aluminum and tin (steel) cans, and plastic bottles (Number 1 and 2 only).

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

What is yard waste?

Grass clippings, leaves, and tree and shrub trimmings

How do I dispose of it?

All yard waste must be separated from other garbage so that it can be reused as mulch and other beneficial by-products. It can be placed in rigid, reusable containers or plastic bags not to exceed 50 lbs. for curbside pick-up.

- Yard waste must be placed in a separate, but nearby location, from household waste (paper, plastic, etc.). Also, household waste must not be mixed with yard waste.
- Yard waste, other than grass clippings and leaves must be boxed, bundled or neatly stacked in uniform lengths not to exceed 50 lbs each.
- Individual pieces of yard waste placed at curbside cannot be more than four feet in length and six inches in diameter.
- Yard waste set out for collection cannot be more than two cubic yards each week, which is approximately twelve 30-gallon containers.
- Yard waste can also be taken to the County’s three yard waste processing facilities: Falkenberg Yard Waste Processing Facility at 350 Falkenberg Road in Brandon, Northwest County Facility at 8001 West Linebaugh Avenue or South County Facility at 13000 U.S. Hwy 41, just north of Big Bend Road. Open Monday-Saturday, 7:30 AM-5:00 PM.
- Mulch and soil amendments are available for sale at each of the county’s yard waste processing facilities.
- No dirt, soil, sod or mulch

COMPOSTING AND OTHER YARD WASTE REUSE

The County encourages the alternative reuse of yard waste on your property. Information is available on back yard composting and other reuses of yard waste upon request. Please contact the Hillsborough County Cooperative Extension Service at 744-5579 for more information.

NON-COLLECTION ITEMS

What items CANNOT be put out for collection?

- Furniture: couches, chairs, tables, mattresses and box springs, carpet, treated wood, fencing 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, tile, roofing materials, and other similar materials
- Tires
- No dirt, soil, sod or mulch

How do I dispose of these items?

Residents can take these items to any one of five Community Collection Centers free of charge with their current tax bill showing Solid Waste Assessments. (Please see individual collection centers for limitations on what each can accept.)

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS & ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL

How do I dispose of household chemicals and electronics?

Hillsborough County has three household chemicals and electronics collection locations. Materials accepted at these locations include, but are not limited to:

- paints and solvents
- electronics
- household cleaners
- ammunition
- used motor oil
- rechargeable batteries
- pool chemicals
- fires
- other potentially toxic substances commonly found around the home.

Materials NOT accepted include:

- explosives
- sharps (syringes)
- radioactive material
- bio-medical material
- asbestos contaminated materials

ABSOLUTELY NO COMMERCIAL CHEMICAL OR ELECTRONIC WASTE IS ACCEPTED.

Household chemicals & electronics collections are held monthly. Residents are allowed to deliver a LIMITED amount of material to any of the three collection sites below:

Northwest County - 1st Sat. each month • 8 am - 2 pm
9805 Sheldon Rd. (Northwest Road Maintenance Unit) • Town In Country

South County - 2nd Sat. each month • 8 am - 2 pm
On Powell Rd., North of the S. County Transfer Station at 13000

East County - 3rd Sat each month • 8 am - 2 pm
6209 County Rd. 579 • Near the Thonotosassa

COLLECTIONS WILL BE SUSPENDED DURING PERIODS OF SEVERE OR THREATENING WEATHER CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES AND RESIDENTS.

For more information, call the Hillsborough Solid Waste Management Department at 272-5680 or visit our website at www.hillsboroughcounty.org/solidwaste.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION CENTERS

Community Collection Centers may be used by those residential customers who receive an exemption from curbside pick-up, and by all residents to dispose of non-collectible items. All Community Collection Centers are open Monday through Saturday, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. (See non-collection items on same page)

Alderman Ford Facility
9402 State Road 39 in Lithia • Phone: 757-3820
• Accepts collectible waste (exempt customers only), non-collectible waste, scrap metal, tires, lead acid batteries.

Hillsboroughs Heights Facility
6209 County Road 579 in Thonotosassa • Phone: 744-5533
• Accepts collectible waste (exempt customers only), non-collectible waste, scrap metal, tires, lead acid batteries, household recyclable materials.

Northwest County Facility
8001 W. Linebaugh Ave. • Phone: 284-3816
• Accepts collectible waste (exempt customers only), non-collectible waste, scrap metal, tires, lead acid batteries, household recyclable materials and yard waste.

South County Facility
13000 U.S. Hwy. 41 North of Big Bend Road • Phone: 671-7611
• Accepts collectible waste (exempt customers only), non-collectible waste, scrap metal, tires, lead acid batteries and yard waste

Wimauma Facility
16180 West Lake Drive, 1.5 miles north of State Road 674 • Phone: 671-7706
• Accepts collectible waste (exempt customers only), non-collectible waste, scrap metal, tires, lead acid batteries

Dirt, Soil, Sod nor Mulch accepted at these Facilities.

SPECIAL COLLECTION ITEMS

Residents can also hire their Solid Waste Franchise Collector to provide a Special Collection Service pick-up. Larger volumes of collectible items, non-collectible items, located further than 150’ from the curb, requires special collection services. Special pick-ups will be completed by the collector. For more detailed information on special pick-up services, call the Hillsborough County Solid Waste Management Department at 272-5680.

For more information, call 272-5680 between 8 AM and 5 PM, Mon-Fri. or visit our website at www.hillsboroughcounty.org/solidwaste.

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