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Government offices close for Christmas holiday

All Sarasota County Government offices, including libraries, the history center and recreation centers, will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24, and Thursday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas holiday.

All county offices will reopen Friday, Dec. 26.

Residents who live in unincorporated areas of the county will not have yard waste, recyclables or garbage collection on Christmas, Thursday, Dec. 25. For residents whose regular collection day is Thursday, yard waste, recyclables and garbage will be collected Friday, Dec. 26. For residents whose regular collection day is Friday, yard waste, recyclables and garbage will be collected Saturday, Dec. 27.

Because collection times vary, residents should place refuse materials at the curb by 6 a.m. the day of pickup.

Sarasota County's chemical collection centers at 8750 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, and 250 S. Jackson Road, Venice, will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24, and Thursday, Dec. 25. The Citizen's Convenience Center at 4010 Knights Trail Road, Nokomis, will be closed Thursday, Dec. 25, but will be open Friday, Dec. 26.

The landfill at 4000 Knights Trail Road, Sarasota, will be closed Thursday, Dec. 25, but open Friday, Dec. 26. The landfill administration offices will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 25.

Bus service will not be offered by Sarasota County Area Transit on Christmas, Dec. 25. Two bus routes will operate on reduced schedules on Wednesday, Dec. 24. For Route 18 (Longboat), there will be no trips from Lemon Avenue at 7:25 and 8:55 p.m., or from Coquina Beach at 6:40, 8:10 or 9:40 p.m.

For Route 99 (Palmetto), there will be no trips from Lemon Avenue at 4:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 5:45 p.m. or 7:15 p.m.; or from Palmetto at 3:35 or 4:05 p.m. The 2:35 departure from Palmetto will end at Manatee County's Central Station on 9th Street W., across from the DeSoto Square mall. Passengers traveling to Sarasota should wait for the next bus at 3:05 p.m.

For more information on the Christmas holiday closures, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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