

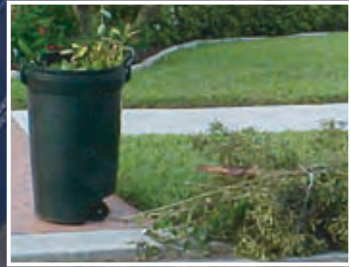
Recycle – it's the law!

Sarasota County

# How-to Guide 2007

for residential solid waste

Keep recyclables  
out of  
the garbage!



Hold on to this  
booklet all year.

# 2007 How-to Guide for residential solid waste

This guide provides important information about Sarasota County's solid waste programs and services. It is intended only for residents living in the unincorporated area of the county — not the cities. Residents who live in a city or town may contact their municipality for program information.

City of North Port - Garbage and Recycling: 423-7220

City of Sarasota - Garbage: 365-7651

City of Sarasota - Recycling and Yard Waste: 953-6559 (Waste Services)

City of Venice - Garbage and Recycling: 486-2422

Town of Longboat Key - 316-1988

Residents who are not provided curbside service should check with their property manager for information on collection schedules and pick-up locations.

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# Collection information

- Sarasota County Ordinance 2006-001 states collection containers and other items should be placed at the curb no earlier than 5 p.m. of the day before your scheduled collection day. All items must be at the curb by 6 a.m. on your collection day. Containers must be removed from the curb by 10 a.m. the day after collection and stored inside the garage, beside or behind the house.
- Garbage must be placed in containers with closed lids, or in closed plastic bags.
- Each garbage container or bag cannot weigh more than 40 pounds. Items that weigh more require a special pick-up. Call Waste Management at 493-4100 for additional information.
- Place garbage containers and recycling bins on the same side of your driveway, opposite yard waste containers.
- Place all containers and items no more than three feet from the curb.

## TIPS

- Stack bags and other items neatly.
- Auto parts are not accepted. Contact a scrap metal dealer or junk yard for disposal.
- Construction materials such as lumber and drywall are limited to four 32-gallon containers.
- Do not mix household hazardous waste, motor oil, recyclables, needles or yard waste in garbage containers or bags.



# 2007 Holiday schedule

No collection service is provided on New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day. Refer to the schedule below for holiday schedule changes.

New Year's Day					
<b>Normal Collection</b>	Monday Jan. 1	Tuesday Jan.2	Wednesday Jan. 3	Thursday Jan. 4	Friday Jan. 5
<b>Holiday Schedule</b>	<b>Tuesday Jan. 2</b>	<b>Wednesday Jan. 3</b>	<b>Thursday Jan. 4</b>	<b>Friday Jan. 5</b>	<b>Saturday Jan. 6</b>

Independence Day					
<b>Normal Collection</b>	Monday July 2	Tuesday July 3	Wednesday July 4	Thursday July 5	Friday July 6
<b>Holiday Schedule</b>	<b>Monday July 2</b>	<b>Tuesday July 3</b>	<b>Thursday July 5</b>	<b>Friday July 6</b>	<b>Saturday July 7</b>

Thanksgiving Day					
<b>Normal Collection</b>	Monday Nov.19	Tuesday Nov. 20	Wednesday Nov. 21	Thursday Nov. 22	Friday Nov. 23
<b>Holiday Schedule</b>	<b>Monday Nov.19</b>	<b>Tuesday Nov. 20</b>	<b>Wednesday Nov. 21</b>	<b>Friday Nov. 23</b>	<b>Saturday Nov. 24</b>

Christmas Day					
<b>Normal Collection</b>	Monday Dec. 24	Tuesday Dec. 25	Wednesday Dec. 26	Thursday Dec. 27	Friday Dec. 28
<b>Holiday Schedule</b>	<b>Monday Dec. 24</b>	<b>Wednesday Dec. 26</b>	<b>Thursday Dec. 27</b>	<b>Friday Dec. 28</b>	<b>Saturday Dec. 29</b>

# Recycling

Recycling is mandatory for everyone who receives service from Waste Management.

**Did you know that fines can be assessed to residents who don't recycle or recycle improperly?**

- First offense - written warning issued within seven (7) calendar days to comply
- Second offense - \$200
- Third offense - \$300
- Fourth offense - \$500

## Red bin

Place only these items in the **red bin** or in a recycling container for paper recyclables. Excess materials can be placed in a paper grocery bag or tied in bundles and placed next to the bin.

- Brown paper bags
- Catalogs
- Corrugated cardboard
- Cardboard boxes (must be broken down to a size of two feet by three feet)
- Junk mail (including window envelopes)
- Magazines
- Newspapers and advertisements (remove plastic sleeves)
- Phonebooks
- Writing and office paper



## Blue bin

Place only these items in the **blue bin** or in a recycling container for commingled (other mixed) recyclables.

- Empty aerosol cans
- Aluminum cans, foil and trays
- Glass bottles and jars (all colors)
- Milk and juice boxes made from wax-coated paper
- No. 1 and No. 2 plastic bottles that have a neck
- Steel cans



## These items are **NOT** recyclable.

- Beer and soda cartons
- Butter or margarine tubs
- Cereal boxes
- Ceramic items
- Egg cartons
- Flowerpots
- Gift-wrap and tissue paper
- Clothes hangers
- Hard-cover books
- Prescription bottles
- Mirrors
- Pool and other chemical containers
- Packing materials
- Pizza boxes
- Plastic bags
- Plastic deli trays
- Plastic toys
- Styrofoam
- Styrofoam peanuts
- Window glass
- Yogurt cups

## Need a recycling bin?

Call Waste Management at 493-4100. Dispose of damaged recycling bins by attaching a note on them and placing them next to your garbage.



## TIPS

- Sarasota County offers a one-time courtesy curbside cardboard pickup. Call Waste Management at 493-4100 to schedule.
- Remove all caps from bottles and place the caps in the garbage.
- Glass bottles and jars can be any color. No window glass, mirrors, bulbs, ovenware, ceramic, drinking glasses or eyeglasses.
- Place the blue bin on top of the red bin for collection, especially on rainy days to hold papers down and to minimize the amount of rain soaked paper materials.
- **Do not put recyclables in plastic bags or garbage containers.**

# Storm debris

Prepare now to prevent storm debris by trimming trees and cleaning up your property before the start of hurricane season in June.

If a storm causes damage to your property, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 861-5000 for instructions on how to prepare storm-related debris for removal. If debris is not properly prepared, the property owner/resident is responsible for debris disposal and its expense.

## Separate storm debris into the following categories:

- Garbage – place spoiled food in containers, or double bag it for pick-up
- Household goods – furniture, clothes, books, toys and carpet
- Vegetative – tree limbs and trunks
- Construction materials – drywall, roof shingles, aluminum
- Appliances – refrigerators, water heaters, televisions and computers

Residents who live in a gated community or on a private road must contact Sarasota County at 861-5000 for information on debris collection, since rules are different for collection in these specific areas.



## TIPS

- Avoid stacking debris by utility poles, under power lines, on top of water meters or other water connections, by fire hydrants, by vehicles, next to mailboxes or fences or on storm drains.
- The county cannot enter private property to remove debris. Place all storm debris along the curb.
- Do not place storm debris in the street.

# Other collected items

Residents must call Waste Management at 493-4100 to schedule a free pick-up of an appliance or an electronic device. Please call 48 hours prior to your regular collection day. Remove all food items and refrigerator doors from the appliance before placing it at the curb.



## Appliances

- Air conditioners (window units only)
- Clothes driers
- Dishwashers
- Freezers
- Microwave ovens
- Refrigerators
- Stoves
- Trash compactors
- Washing machines
- Water heaters



## Electronics

- Computer systems
- Fax machines
- Keyboards
- Monitors
- Power supplies
- Printers
- Scanners
- Televisions

# TIPS

- Small handheld appliances such as blenders, coffee pots, mixers and toasters can be placed in the garbage for disposal.
- No electronics from businesses or other organizations are accepted.
- Smaller electronics including VCR and DVD players, home stereo equipment and radios can be placed in the garbage for disposal.

## Motor oil and filters

Residents may place motor oil and oil filters at the curb in a designated area for pickup

- Place oil in containers that are one gallon or less and have screw-top lids and the words "Used Motor Oil" visibly written on the container.
- There is a limit of five gallons of oil and five oil filters per week.



## Tires

Automotive tires up to 25 inches in diameter

either on or off the rims can be placed next to your garbage for pickup. This service is provided free and does not require a scheduled pickup.



# TIPS

- Limit of four tires per week
- Do not place tires in garbage containers.

## Bulk items

Bulk items **are picked up free.**

Mattresses, including box springs and sofa beds are picked up for free, but must be scheduled for pickup. Call Waste Management at 493-4100 for pickup.



The following items are picked up free on your collection day:

- Bathroom fixtures - toilet, sink and small vanity
- Barbecue grills - remove the propane cylinder before placing the barbecue grill at the curb for pickup (see page 11 for how to dispose of the propane cylinder).
- Carpet - must be cut to four feet in length, no heavier than 40 pounds rolled, folded, tied, or taped.
- Ladders
- Push lawnmowers - remove the oil and gas before placing the mower at the curb for pickup. See page 11 for how to dispose of the oil and gas.



## Oversized items

Oversized items are not picked up for free. You may call Waste Management at 493-4100 for pick-up and collection cost information for the following items:

- Basketball poles
- Bathtubs
- Carpet - rolls longer than four feet
- Christmas trees more than six feet tall
- Construction debris exceeding four 32-gallon containers
- Construction materials such as drywall, wood, carpet and concrete
- Garage doors and openers
- Large exercise equipment
- Large glass windows and tabletops
- Large mirrors
- Mailboxes on posts
- Pianos and organs
- Picnic tables
- Playground equipment
- Riding lawn mowers
- Sheds
- Sliding glass doors
- Tree debris exceeding 40 pounds, 16 inches in diameter, four feet in length, or is not canned, bagged, bundled or tied
- Unprepared fencing

**TIPS**

The following services are also available. Please contact Waste Management at 493-4100 for information.

- Rear-door service for garbage and recycling pick-up is only available free to residents who provide a doctor's medical certification of necessity.
- Collection service (for garbage only), other than at the curb, is available for a fee.
- Additional collection days, other than the scheduled day for pick-up, are provided for a fee.

# Yard waste

Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, shrub trimmings, palm fronds, tree limbs and branches. **Unprepared yard waste will not be picked up.**

- Each container, bag or bundle cannot be more than four feet in length or weigh more than 40 pounds.
- Place yard waste in containers or tie in bundles. Plastic bags are discouraged. Kraft paper bags may be purchased at various stores and garden centers.
- Branches, limbs and stumps cannot exceed 16 inches in diameter or weigh more than 40 pounds.
- Remove all fruit from tree branches and dispose of fruit in the garbage.
- Treated wood is not considered yard waste. Place treated wood with your garbage for collection.
- Remove all tinsel and ornaments from holiday trees before placing them at the curb.
- Yard waste placed in cardboard boxes, wheelbarrows or recycling bins will not be picked up.



# Free compost and mulch

Sarasota County residents may pick up free compost and mulch for home use at these locations. Bring your own containers and shovels.

Butler Park  
6205 West Price Boulevard  
North Port

Central County Landfill  
4000 Knights Trail Road  
Nokomis

Longwood Park  
6050 Longwood Boulevard  
Sarasota

Nokomis Community Park  
234 Nippino Trail  
Nokomis

Rothenbach Park  
8750 Bee Ridge Road  
Sarasota

Shamrock Park  
3900 West Shamrock Drive  
Venice



# Household hazardous waste

## What's hazardous in your home?

Many household products can harm people, wildlife and the environment if disposed of incorrectly. Never pour household chemicals down a sink, dump it down a storm drain or place it in your garbage can.



## TIPS

- Dispose of empty containers in the garbage.
- Dispose of dry paint cans in garbage can.
- Dispose of alkaline batteries in the garbage.
- Commercial waste is not accepted.

**Bring household hazardous waste to a collection center for safe, free disposal.**

- Aerosol cans with product
- Antifreeze
- Art and hobby chemicals
- Automotive batteries
- Automotive fluids
- Diesel fuel
- Drain cleaners
- Fertilizers and poisons
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Gasoline
- Household cleaners
- Kerosene
- Lawn and garden chemicals
- Paints, varnishes and shellac
- Paint thinner and stripper
- Mercury thermometers
- Pesticides
- Pool acids
- Propane tanks (up to 20 pounds only)
- Rechargeable batteries



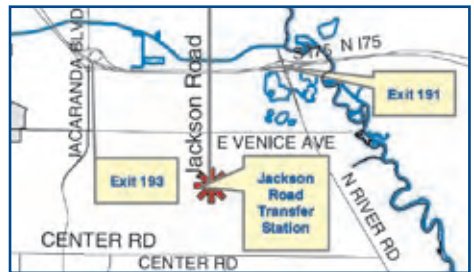
## North County

Chemical Collection Center

8750 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota

Open Wednesday-Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Closed government holidays. (See page 4)



## South County

Jackson Road Transfer Station

250 S. Jackson Road, Venice

Open Wednesday-Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Closed government holidays. (See page 4)

# Needle disposal and container exchange program

Never place needles or lancets in garbage cans or recycling bins.

Sarasota County offers free collection containers and disposal services to residents. For program information call the Department of Health at 861-6133.



## Central County Solid Waste Disposal Complex



The Central County Landfill is expected to meet the solid waste disposal needs of Sarasota County for the next 40 years. Household garbage, yard waste, appliances, construction debris, tires, bulk waste and oversized waste may be taken to the landfill for disposal. Landfill fees will be charged.

### Central County Solid Waste Disposal Complex

4000 Knights Trail Road  
Nokomis, FL 34275

#### Administration

Open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Closed government holidays.

#### Landfill

Open Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Closed New Year's Day, Independence Day,  
Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

### Landfill Fees

- \$57.56/ton; minimum \$7.50
- Yard waste \$41.37/ton; minimum \$5 for up to 240 pounds
- Tires \$115/ton or \$15/each, up to 25 inches with the rim(s)

# TIP

All loads must be covered;  
it's the law!

# Re-Uz-It Shop

Residents can take reusable household products at no charge from the Re-Uz-It Shop.

Photo identification is required and you must be 18 years of age or older. Selections change frequently and include items such as:

- Automotive products
- Computer monitors
- Electronics
- Household cleaners
- Lawn care items
- Paint
- Pool supplies
- Spray paint



## Re-Uz-It Shop Hours

Monday - Friday  
8-11 a.m. and Noon-4 p.m.

## Location

8750 Bee Ridge Road  
Sarasota

# Keep Sarasota County Beautiful

## Litter prevention and beautification programs include:

- Community Cleanup
- Adopt-a-Campus
- Adopt-a-Park
- Adopt-a-Pond
- Adopt-a-Road
- Adopt-a-Shore
- Adopt-a-Trail

## Education

- Speakers Bureau
- Trash Dude Program - for more information about sponsoring the talking Trash Dude, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 861-5000 and ask for Keep Sarasota County Beautiful.

## Special Events

- Bag-It-In-Your-Car-Day
- Cigarette Litter Prevention Program
- Make a Difference Day
- The Great American Cleanup (April)
- The International Coastal Cleanup (September)
- Volunteer Recognition Awards Program

## Serve on a committee.

For sponsorship opportunities, education and event information or to volunteer, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 861-5000 and ask for Keep Sarasota County Beautiful.



# Education

## Want to learn more about Solid Waste programs and services?

How about a tour of our processing and disposal facilities?

### Solid Waste facility tours

Touring our facilities is the best way to learn how Sarasota County manages an integrated disposal approach of solid waste. Tours (for Sarasota County residents only) are free.

Visit these locations:

- The Central County Solid Waste Disposal Complex
- The North County Chemical Collection Center
- The Recyclables Processing Center

### 2007 Wednesday tour schedule

February 7, 14, 21, 28

March 7, 14, 21, 28

April 4, 25

May 2, 9, 16, 23

Tours begin at 8:30 and end at 12:15. Make your reservation by calling 861-5000 and asking for Solid Waste tours.



# TIP

Book your field trip reservations early.

# Outreach Presentations

Staff can provide an interactive presentation to your homeowner group or service organization. For availability, call 861-5000 and ask for Solid Waste.

If you need more information, experience a problem or have a question, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 861-5000 and ask for Solid Waste or visit the county Web site at [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net).

