

SOLID WASTE

HOW-TO GUIDE

for Residents in Sarasota County



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INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Sarasota County provides curbside collection services to more than 170,000 residences located throughout unincorporated Sarasota County. In addition, the county offers all Sarasota County residents the opportunity to dispose of waste items at the county landfill or one of the county Chemical Collection Centers. Solid Waste programs are funded by disposal fees charged at the landfill and a non-ad valorem assessment collected annually through the property owner's tax bill.

The first section of this guide provides information on residential garbage, recycling and yard waste and how to properly prepare items for curbside collection for homes located within unincorporated Sarasota County. Residents who live in the cities of Sarasota, Venice and North Port and the Town of Longboat Key should contact their local municipality for program information. Residents who use centrally located containers such as dumpsters or compactors should check with their property manager for information on collection schedules and pickup locations.

Need to get rid of old paint, household chemicals or electronics? The Household Hazardous Waste section lists many common items that require special disposal. All residents in Sarasota County may use the household hazardous waste disposal services.

The Central County Solid Waste Disposal Complex, more commonly known as the Central County Landfill, is located at 4000 Knights Trail Road, Nokomis and provides service to Sarasota County residents and businesses.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Unincorporated Sarasota County

311 or 941-861-5000

scgov.net

Waste Pro of Florida, Inc.

Unincorporated North Service

Area Provider*

941-340-0700

wasteprousa.com/office/sarasota-county

FCC Environmental Services of Florida, LLC

Unincorporated South Service

Area Provider*

941-557-5040

fccenvironmental.com/sarasota-county

City of Sarasota

Municipal garbage, recycling and yard waste provider

941-365-7651

sarasotafl.gov

City of Venice

Municipal garbage, recycling and yard waste provider

941-486-2422

venicegov.com

City of North Port

Municipal garbage, recycling and yard waste provider

941-240-8050

cityofnorthport.com

Town of Longboat Key

Municipal garbage, recycling and yard waste provider

941-316-1988

longboatkey.org

**View service area map on scgov.net*



SOLID WASTE FACILITIES AND HOURS OF OPERATION*

Chemical Collection Center (North)

8750 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota

Administration Office Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Re-Uz-It Shop Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Disposal Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Central County Solid Waste Disposal Complex (Central County Landfill)

4000 Knights Trail Road, Nokomis

Administration Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Citizens' Convenience Center Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Disposal Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

NOTE: All customers unloading materials by hand at the Citizens' Convenience Center or in the disposal area at the Central County Landfill MUST arrive at least 30 minutes prior to closing.

Chemical Collection Center (South)

250 S. Jackson Road, Venice

Disposal Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Curbside Collection Hours

Curbside collection of garbage, recycling and yard waste materials generally take place Monday-Friday between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. Collections may occur on Saturdays during a holiday week or in the event weekday collections are delayed due to unforeseen circumstances such as weather.

HOLIDAYS

All facilities are closed on New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. If the observed holiday falls on a weekday, Central County Landfill operations (except for construction and demolition) will remain open until 5 p.m. and the Citizens' Convenience Center will remain open until 4:30 p.m. on the Saturday following the holiday. Administrative offices and north and south Chemical Collection Centers are also closed on government holidays.

No collection service will be provided on New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Collection service will be delayed one day from the holiday for the remainder of the week. Any regular Friday collection delayed by a holiday will occur on Saturday.

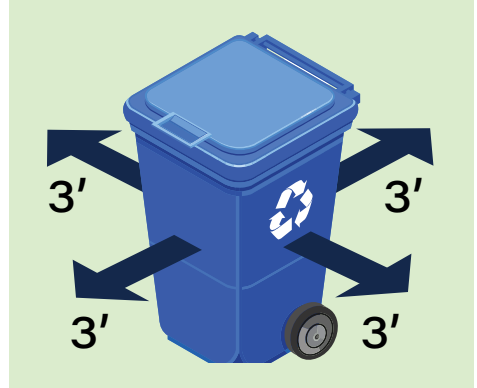
**Operational hours subject to change. Residents are encouraged to check for updates by visiting scgov.net or calling Sarasota County.*

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS

Garbage, recycling and yard waste are all collected on the same day. Materials may be placed at the curb no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before collection and should be curbside by 6 a.m. on your collection day. Empty garbage and recycling carts and yard waste containers should be brought in from the curb by 10 a.m. on the day following collection.

Sarasota County has two service areas within the Solid Waste District. Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. is the service provider for the Solid Waste North Service Area and FCC Environmental Services of Florida, LLC is the service provider for the Solid Waste South Service Area. Maps of the service areas are available on scgov.net.

Position the garbage and recycling carts so that the opening of the lid is facing the street and **keep the carts at least three feet away from other carts and objects** such as mailboxes, utility poles and cars so that the automated arm on the collection trucks can easily access the carts for service.



Garbage

Garbage must be placed in the county-provided garbage cart for collection. Materials left outside the county-provided garbage cart or placed in personal containers will not be collected. Please note that large items may be broken down and placed in the garbage cart for collection.

Do not mix yard waste, household hazardous waste, motor oil, recyclables or needles in the garbage cart. Store garbage carts beside your home, in the garage or in the backyard, not in front. Residents should contact their Homeowners Associations (if applicable) for additional guidance and storage requirements specific to their community.

Appliances

Small appliances, such as blenders, coffee makers, paper shredders, radios, stereos, VCR and DVD players, can be placed in the garbage cart for disposal.

Bulk Items

Bulk items include items such as large appliances, construction and demolition materials, furniture, oil filters, tires, used oil and unprepared yard waste.

Each residential property with curbside collection services will be eligible for four free bulk pick-ups (up to 10 cubic yards per pickup) per calendar year with the option to request additional bulk collection services at the curb (supplemental collection fees apply). Residents may also utilize one of the free community cleanup events hosted by



Sarasota County Code Enforcement or dispose of materials at the Central County Landfill (applicable disposal fees apply). **Residents should contact their service provider to schedule a pickup.**

Each community with centrally located collection containers (i.e. dumpsters) will be eligible for four free bulk pickups (up to 20 cubic yards per pickup) per calendar year with the option to request additional bulk collection services (supplemental collection fees apply). Contact your property manager to schedule.

Electronics, Monitors and TVs

Sarasota County residents may bring computer systems, fax machines, keyboards, power supplies, printers and scanners for free drop-off at one of the Chemical Collection Centers.

TVs and monitors may be placed in garbage carts for regular pickup, scheduled for a bulk pickup or disposed of at the Central County Landfill (applicable disposal rates apply).

Qualified businesses may bring eligible electronics, including TVs and monitors, to any of the Chemical Collection Centers for disposal as part of **Project Green Sweep** (applicable disposal rates apply). Additional information about Project Green Sweep is available at scgov.net/hazardouswaste.

- ▶ **Residents of multi-family complexes** who do not receive curbside collection and use commercial dumpsters should contact their property manager to schedule a pickup of TVs and monitors. These items should NOT be placed in commercial dumpsters.
- ▶ **Residents in the cities of Sarasota, Venice, and North Port, and the Town of Longboat Key** should contact their service provider for guidance.

Rear Door Collection

Residents who supply the county with a physician's note may have rear door collection service for garbage and recycling provided at no charge. All other residents may take advantage of rear door garbage pickup for a fee.

NOTE: Yard waste and any large or special pickup items must still be placed curbside. To schedule rear door service, contact Sarasota County Solid Waste for an application.

Tires

Automotive tires may be scheduled for a bulk pickup or disposed of at the Central County Landfill (applicable disposal rates apply).

Guidelines to prepare tires for bulk collection:

- Must be 25 inches or less in diameter.
- May be on or off the rim.
- Limit four tires per bulk pickup.



Recycling

Recycling began in Sarasota County in 1991 when a voter referendum added mandatory recycling for both residences and businesses through the county charter.

Recycling carts may be placed at the curb no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before collection and should be curbside by 6 a.m. on your collection day. Empty containers should be brought in from the curb by 10 a.m. on the day following collection. Position the cart so that the opening of the lid is facing the street and keep the cart at least three feet away from other objects such as mailboxes, utility poles and cars so that the automated arm on the recycling truck can easily access the cart for service.

When loading the recycling cart, remember to place clean and dry recyclable materials loose in the cart. **Items should not be contained in plastic bags.** Keep food waste, hazardous waste, yard waste and non-recyclable materials out of the recycling cart. Do not overload. The lid must close completely.

ACCEPTED MATERIALS



CANS

Aluminum and
Steel Cans
Empty and rinse.



CARTONS

Food and
Beverage Cartons
Empty, rinse and
replace cap.



GLASS

Bottles and Jars
Empty, rinse and
replace cap.



PAPER

Mixed Paper, Paper Board,
Newspaper and Magazines
Flatten cardboard and boxes.



PLASTICS

Kitchen, Laundry, Bath Bottles
and Containers
Empty, rinse and replace cap.

Contamination

One of the biggest challenges communities face is contamination. Not all materials that can be recycled are accepted in Sarasota County's curbside recycling program. Any item placed in a recycling cart that is not accepted in the local recycling program is considered a contaminant. Some of the most common contamination items include food and liquids, non-recyclable plastic, small appliances and yard waste. Other contaminants such as plastic bags and tangles (i.e. hoses, holiday lights, hangers and extension cords) wrap around the recycling processing equipment and can cause massive delays for a recycling processor. To prevent contamination, only place items accepted in Sarasota County's recycling program into the recycling cart. Non-recyclable materials and materials that are not accepted in Sarasota County's recycling program have to be sorted out at the recycling facility and transported to the Central County Landfill for disposal, which increases labor and disposal costs. Remember, when in doubt, leave it out!

NOT ACCEPTED MATERIALS

These items are NOT recyclable and should be placed in the garbage for disposal.



NO Non-Recyclable Plastic



NO Recyclables in Plastic Bags



NO Food and Liquids



NO Paper Napkins, Plates, Cups and Tissues



NO Polystyrene Foam or Packing Materials



NO Yard Waste



NO Electronics and Small Appliances



NO Hoses, Holiday Lights, Hangers and Extension Cords



NO Plastic Bags, Film/Sheeting and Flexible Film Packaging



NO Textiles, Bedding, Rugs and Carpet



NO Auto Parts and Scrap Metal



NO Concrete, Wood and Construction Debris



NO Ceramic Tiles, Dishes, Glassware, Mirrors, Eyeglasses and Window Glass



NO Flowerpots (Ceramic, Clay or Plastic)



NO Pots, Pans or Ovenware



NO Pool and Other Chemical Containers



NO Diapers



NO Plastic Toys



NO Lightbulbs



NO Hard-Cover Books

HELPFUL TIPS

- Empty and rinse cans, bottles and jars, and replace caps.
- Containers should be one gallon or less in size.
- Plastic bags and Styrofoam should be placed in the garbage.
- Flatten all boxes.
- Place pizza boxes in the garbage.
- Empty recyclable materials out of plastic bags. Place plastic bags in garbage.
- Place food contaminated paper/cardboard products in the garbage.
- Place shredded paper in the garbage.

Moving Boxes

Sarasota County offers a free one-time courtesy curbside cardboard pickup for new residential move-ins. To schedule your one-time courtesy pickup, contact your service provider.



Yard Waste

Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, shrub trimmings, palm fronds, small tree limbs and branches. Properly prepared yard waste should be:

- Bagged (paper only), containerized or bundled and tied.
- Four feet or less in length.
- 16 inches or less in diameter.
- 40 pounds or less in weight (each bag, can or bundle).

Place properly prepared yard waste materials separately from garbage and recyclables at the curb for collection.

Unprepared yard waste or yard waste placed in plastic bags, wheelbarrows or recycling carts will not be picked up. Bulk pickups may be requested for unprepared yard waste. See Bulk Items in this guide for additional information.

NOTE: Lumber, fencing and other treated wood is not yard waste.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Common household products like aerosols, cleaners and fluorescent lamps can release toxic propellants, chemicals and mercury into the atmosphere and waterways when they are abandoned in garages, crushed in waste hauling vehicles or placed in a landfill. Sarasota County residents may take accepted items generated from their home that are not from business-related activities to one of the county's Chemical Collection Centers for safe disposal free of charge. Proof of county residency (driver's license, tax bill, utility bill, etc.) is required.

Ammunition, Flares and Fireworks Disposal

Ammunition, flares and fireworks should be disposed of by residents at one of the county's Chemical Collection Centers. This includes black powder used in fireworks and older firearms. *Ammunition must be brought already separated from any firearm; no unloading of weapons on-site will be permitted.*

Sarasota County will not accept munition components (e.g., detonators, primers, gunpowder) or ammunition over .50 caliber.

These materials are not accepted from businesses through Project Green Sweep.

Firearms are not accepted at the Sarasota County Chemical Collection Centers. Contact local law enforcement for specific instructions on how to dispose of firearms and munition components (e.g., detonators, primers, gunpowder) or ammunition over .50 caliber.

Automotive Products

Automotive fluids and antifreeze can be brought to one of the county's Chemical Collection Centers for safe disposal or returned to local retailers that accept them.

Batteries

Alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, 9volt, C, D) may be placed in the garbage. Rechargeable, button, nickel-cadmium and lithium-ion batteries should be brought to one of the county's Chemical Collection Centers or a local retailer for recycling and safe disposal.

Chemicals

Chemical cleaning products, lawn and garden chemicals, fertilizer, pesticides and pool chemicals should be brought to one of the county's Chemical Collection Centers for safe disposal.

Fluorescent Lights

Fluorescent lightbulbs and tubes contain mercury and should be brought to one of the county's Chemical Collection Centers for safe disposal. Please separate fluorescent lamps and ballast from the fixtures prior to arrival.

Fuels and Tanks

Residents may dispose of gasoline, diesel, kerosene or propane tanks (up to 20 pounds) at one of the county's Chemical Collection Centers.

Medications

Pills, tablets or non-liquid medications should be brought to a drop box located at local law enforcement agencies or with local pharmacies. Please contact the agency or pharmacy to confirm if they have disposal kiosks set up to accept medications, ointments and patches.

Miscellaneous Items

Sarasota County's Chemical Collection Centers also accept items such as automotive products, fire extinguishers, gas, paint thinner, solvents and toxic chemicals from residents in Sarasota County.

Needle Disposal and Free Sharps Containers

Never place needles or lancets in your garbage or recycling carts. Sarasota County offers free needle collection containers and disposal services to residents. For program information, contact the Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County at 941-861-6133.

Paint Disposal

Sarasota County residents may dispose of unwanted paint from their residence at one of the county's Chemical Collection Centers. Dried, water-based paint can be disposed of in the garbage.

Used Motor Oil, Oil Filters and Tire Disposal

Used motor oil and oil filters from residential vehicles may be scheduled for a bulk pickup, brought to one of the county's Chemical Collection Centers for disposal or disposed of at the Central County Landfill (applicable disposal rates apply).

Guidelines to prepare used motor oil for bulk collection:

- Place in see-through plastic beverage containers (one gallon or less in size) with a screw-top cap. Empty oil containers may be placed in the garbage.
- Mark all containers with the words "used oil."
- Limit five gallons per bulk pickup.

Guidelines to prepare used oil filters for bulk collection:

- Place in a sealed, clear plastic bag.
- Limit two oil filters per bulk pickup.

Neighborhood Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

If your residential development is at least eight driving miles from the nearest collection center, we can bring a one-day neighborhood Household Hazardous Waste collection event to you. Neighborhood volunteers organize and advertise the event and participate by directing traffic and unloading vehicles. Guidance and assistance will be provided by county staff. Please contact Sarasota County Hazardous Waste for more information.

The Re-Uz-It Shop

Items brought to the county's Chemical Collection Centers that are still in usable condition make up the inventory found in The Re-Uz-It Shop. The county opened The Re-Uz-It Shop to provide these products free of charge to county residents. Shoppers must show photo identification and must be at least 18 years of age. Sarasota County reserves the right to limit quantities. Inventory changes daily and typically includes items such as automotive products, cleaners, lawn and garden products, paint and pool chemicals.



LANDFILL

The Central County Solid Waste Disposal Complex (Central County Landfill) is centrally located within Sarasota County and accepts residential, municipal and commercial garbage from the unincorporated areas of Sarasota and from three municipalities (cities of North Port, Sarasota and Venice). Landfill operations are supported by the tipping fees collected for processing and/or disposal of materials received.

HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY LITTER-FREE. All loads must be covered; IT'S THE LAW!

Sarasota County residents may take the following items to the landfill for disposal (applicable disposal rates apply).

- Air conditioners (all types)
- Asbestos* (friable or non-friable)
- Boats**
- Bulk or oversized waste
- Campers and trailers**
- Construction and demolition materials
- Furniture
- Garbage and trash
- Household appliances (refrigerators, dryers, washers, water heaters, stoves, microwaves; doors must be removed)
- Lawnmowers, riding or push (batteries must be removed, and all fluids drained)
- TVs or monitors
- Tires (on or off the rim)
- VCR/DVD players
- Yard waste

**Advance notice required.*

***Special preparation required.*

Visit scgov.net for more information.

For safety reasons, many of the items listed in the Household Hazardous Waste section of this guide cannot be disposed of in the landfill. They should be taken to one of county's Chemical Collection Centers for disposal.

Citizens' Convenience Center

Located just inside the gates of the Central County Landfill, the Citizens' Convenience Center provides a one-stop drop off location for residents to dispose of household hazardous waste, recycling materials and garbage. Disposal rates may apply.

KEEP SARASOTA COUNTY BEAUTIFUL



Established in 1987, Keep Sarasota County Beautiful (KSCB) is a countywide beautification program that initiates community cleanup projects to help keep Sarasota County free of litter. KSCB is a national affiliate of Keep America Beautiful Inc. and a state affiliate of Keep Florida Beautiful, organizations that inspire and educate people to act every day to improve and beautify their community.

KSCB hosts three countywide cleanups each year — The Great American Cleanup (spring); the Liberty Litter Cleanup (July 5); and the International Coastal Cleanup (fall). In addition, KSCB administers the Adopt-A-Road program to promote the KSCB mission statement and to help “educate the public and promote interest and participation in the overall improvement and beautification of the environment throughout Sarasota County.”

In addition to cleanup events, Keep Sarasota County Beautiful offers educational lessons to local schools and community camps. Topics include litter prevention, recycling and other methods of reducing solid waste.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

Staff from Sarasota County’s Solid Waste Department are available to provide presentations to homeowner groups, businesses, service organizations, schools and/or camp groups. Topics include a general overview of solid waste services in Sarasota County, recycling, waste reduction, landfill operations and hazardous waste processing and disposal.



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