

TRASH PICKUP

Polk County Solid Waste - (863) 284-4319 www.Polk-County.net

TUESDAY PICK UP – FOR BOTH TRASH & RECYCLING

- Residents will receive a 95-gallon trash cart for all household trash and up to 5 yellow recycle bins. Smaller carts, 65-gallon or 35-gallon, to replace the 95-gallon cart can be requested at no charge.
- Single-day, once-per-week collection of all trash, recycle and yard waste.
- Polk County contracts their automated trash collection through Republic Services. However, any questions must be directed to Polk County Solid Waste at the telephone number above.

AUTOMATED TRASH COLLECTION

- A special vehicle is equipped with a lifting mechanism that reaches out to the waste cart, lifts and empties the container returning the cart to its original position.
- **NO OTHER** container may be used for trash.

PICKUP SCHEDULE

- All waste collection takes place between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. (TUESDAYS)
- All trash, recycle and yard waste should be placed curb-side either the night before or by 6 a.m. on your collection day.

TRASH

- Place trash on one side of the driveway and recycling on the other side.
- Place all trash inside your 95-gallon cart. Trash not inside the cart **will not** be picked up.
- Place the cart within five (5) feet of the curb or street and make sure the handles face away from the street.
- Too much trash for you? See “Big” Trash Days for instructions.

”BIG” TRASH DAYS

We understand there will be times when you produce more trash than fits in your cart. You may choose four (4) times per year and you may place up to five (5) trash bags of extra waste next to your new cart. Please call Polk County Solid Waste before your scheduled trash day to let them know you will have extra trash. Trash must be in bags, set beside the trash cart. If you have extra trash bags more often, call Polk County Solid Waste at (863) 284-4319 and ask about purchasing a second cart.

YARD WASTE

- Do not mix trash and yard waste.
- Place loose yard waste (grass clippings, leaves and small twigs) in paper or plastic lawn and leaf bags or use your old trash container.
- Place branches and tree trimmings in a neat stack near the curb.
- For large piles (more than the size of a pickup truck bed), call (863) 284-4319 to arrange for collection.

LARGE OR BULKY ITEMS

The following items will be picked up curbside within 72-hours of notifying Polk County Solid Waste at (863) 284-4319: Air Conditioners, Furniture, Freezers, Refrigerators, Stoves, Washing Machines and/or Televisions (or they can be recycled at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 5 Environmental Loop, Winter Haven, FL 33880. Please call (863) 284-4319 for hours of operation.)

UNACCEPTABLE TRASH ITEMS

Do NOT place the following materials in your trash cart or at the curb. If any of these items are found in your cart, the cart will be tagged with an instructional notice and not serviced. Call (863) 284-4319 for proper disposal information.

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| Trees | Land Clearing Debris | Construction Materials |
| Cars | Boats | Tires |
| Automobile Parts | Engines | Asbestos |
| Radioactive Materials | Explosives | Propane cylinders |

Biomedical Waste, including sharps/syringes used for medical purposes (disposal requirements can be found on www.Polk-County.net)

Hazardous Wastes, such as: Lead-Acid Batteries, Used Oil or Oil Filters or any product labeled: Toxic, Poison, Corrosive, Flammable & Irritant (disposal requirements can be found on www.Polk-County.net)

RECYCLE

- Rinse and place recyclables in yellow recycle bins. Need more yellow recycle bins? Call (863) 284-4319. Place trash on one side of the driveway and recycling on the other side.
- All Non-Food Contaminated Paper and Paperboard (junk mail, newspaper, cereal boxes, etc.)
- Cartons (milk, juice, etc.)
- Plastic Containers #1-7 (water and soda bottles, milk and detergent jugs, butter and yogurt tubs, etc.)
- Steel and Aluminum cans.
- Clear and Colored Glass, but NO ceramic mugs, mirrors or window panes.
- Cardboard flattened and cut to a maximum size of 3 feet by 3 feet (can be placed next to recycling bin)
- Lids and labels can stay on the containers, but containers must be unsoiled.

LANDFILL

The landfill is located at 7425 DeCastro Road, Winter Haven FL 33880, between Lakeland and Winter Haven, 4.5 miles east of U.S. 98 on County Road 540. Please call (863) 284-4319 for hours and payment information.

HOLIDAYS

Trash will not be collected and the landfill is closed on the following holidays:

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| Memorial Day | July 4 | Labor Day |
| Thanksgiving Day | Christmas Eve | Christmas Day |
| New Year's Eve | New Year's Day | |

If the holiday falls on a weekday, all trash, recycle and yard waste collection **will be delayed by one day** for that week only. The regular schedule will resume the following week.

For example: If the holiday falls on Tuesday, then Tuesday collection service will be provided on Wednesday. Holiday reminders regarding the dates trash will not be picked up are sent in the Solivita Email Blast.

QUESTIONS

- Visit the Frequently Asked Questions page online at Polk County Trash Pickup. (www.keeppolkcountybeautiful.org/recycling/trash-pickup/)
- Call Polk County Waste Resource Management at (863) 284-4319
E-mail garbage@polk-county.net