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THE CLEARWATER RECYCLER

ELECTRONIC WASTE (ORDINANCE) / HAZARDOUS WASTE

Hazardous waste should be kept out of the waste stream and properly disposed of and recycled. Hazardous chemicals include paint, automotive fluids, batteries, cleaners, fertilizers, pesticides, pool chemicals, and smoke detectors. Hazardous electronics include TVs, computers, VCRs, CD or DVD players, cell phones and microwave ovens. Electronic waste (E-Waste) is no longer picked up at the curb in Clearwater. To properly dispose of E-Waste, please call the solid waste department to schedule a pick-up or items can be dropped off the last Wednesday of each month from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1701 N. Hercules Ave.

For additional information, call Solid Waste operations at (727) 562-4920.

Chemicals should be taken to Pinellas County's Household Electronic and Chemical Collections Center (HEC3) located at 2855 109 Ave. N., St. Petersburg, or to one of the county's Mobile Collection Events.



Section 32.280. Duty of property owner; precollection practices.

Preparation of solid waste

(h) E-waste. E-waste shall be collected by the City only after property owner has scheduled a pick-up with the Solid Waste Department personnel.

According to the Ordinance, effective immediately, the City of Clearwater Solid Waste Department shall only collect E-waste after the property owner has scheduled a pick-up with Solid Waste staff. E-waste may be placed for collection no more than 24 hours before a scheduled pickup. After scheduling collection, please place your item(s) by your front door or garage. E-waste will no longer be collected at the curb.

The Clearwater Mobile Collection Event will take place at the Home Depot at 2495 Gulf to Bay Blvd. on Saturday, March 8, 2014 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information on the County's HEC3 facility or mobile collection events, please contact Pinellas County Solid Waste Operations at (727)464-7500 or pinellascounty.org/utilities/hec3.htm.

2014 HOLIDAYS

The Solid Waste Department is only closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day each year.

That means we will be closed:

THURSDAY, NOV. 27, 2014 IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING

Thursday's collections will be made on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

THURSDAY, DEC. 25, 2014 IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS

Thursday's collections will be made on Wednesday, Dec. 24.

THURSDAY, JAN. 1, 2015 IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thursday's collections will be made on Wednesday, Dec. 31.

For all other holidays the Solid Waste Department will be open for business as usual!



SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING



Yellow recycling bins are now a thing of the past here in Clearwater. Hopefully you are getting acclimated to the new blue recycling barrels and they are filling up faster than you ever imagined. We are seeing some impressive participation and tonnage numbers!

Here are a few friendly reminders about the blue recycling barrel:

- * All recyclables must be placed loose in the city-provided, approved blue barrels.
- * Please place blue barrel at the edge of the street with the wheel facing your house (away from street) by 7 a.m. on your collection day.
- * Weekly collection occurs between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on your designated collection day.
- * Place the barrels at least 3 feet apart and 3 feet away from any obstructions that may interfere with pick-up (i.e. black garbage barrels, mailboxes, parked cars, etc.).
- * Place your barrel at the curb for pick-up no earlier than 7 p.m. the day before collection.
- * Remove barrel from the curb to a point at the side or rear of the structure (your house) by 7 a.m. the day after collection.
- * More Tips: When out, garbage containers should be placed within two feet of the curb, with the handle facing away from the curb, and at least three feet from any obstructions such as vehicles, mailboxes, recycling barrels, trees, etc.

YES! RECYCLE THESE ITEMS:

- **All Plastics** (no Styrofoam, bags or wrap)
- **Wide Mouth Plastic & Rigid Plastic Containers**
- **Glass Bottles & Jars**
- **Cardboard**
- **Milk & Juice Cartons, and Juice Boxes**
- **Empty Aerosol Cans**
- **Aluminum & Steel Cans**
- **Plastic Bottles**
- **Newspaper**
- **Mixed Paper** (If you can rip it, you can recycle it! This includes: office paper, magazines & catalogs, junk mail, shredded paper, phone books, paperback books, cereal & food boxes, envelopes, shoe boxes, wrapping paper, and folders)



NO! THESE ITEMS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE IN YOUR BLUE BARREL:

- **Plastic Bags, Film, or Wrap**
- **Pizza Boxes** (or other cardboard with food residue)
- **Styrofoam**
- **Electronics:** TVs, Audio & Video Cassettes, & Photographic Film
- **CDs & DVDs**
- **Rubber or Tires**
- **Paint Cans**
- **Ceramics & Household Glassware**
- **Light Bulbs**
- **Batteries**
- **Clothing** or other fabric
- **Household Garbage**
- **Yard Waste**
- **Toys**



YARD WASTE INFO

Spring is around the corner and for many of us that means sprucing up the yard. Here are some guidelines for handling your yard waste and other bulk items:

- Place all leaves or loose yard waste in a bag or a container other than your city-issued black or blue barrel and set out by the curb by 7 a.m. on your yard waste collection day, **separate from other trash, so that it can be recycled.**
- Single articles such as palm fronds, tree branches and limbs should be cut or broken into pieces no more than 4 inches in diameter or 4 feet in length, and stacked at the curb.
- Items for collection should be placed out at the curb no earlier than 24 hours in advance of a scheduled pickup. Larger articles may be collected by special pickup upon request. Please call (727) 562-4920.

A reminder to residents who use professional lawn services, tree surgeons, and other such contractors: the City of Clearwater Ordinance states that it is the responsibility of these contractors to remove from the premises all residue and rubbish resulting from their work.



DID YOU KNOW?



Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Containers

To help maintain the neat and clean appearance of Clearwater neighborhoods, your solid waste container (black barrel or other residential garbage container) and blue recycling barrel should be removed from the curb to the side or rear of the building no later than 7 a.m. on the day following collection. Here's a guide for your reference:

Set your containers OUT at the curb:

No earlier than 7 p.m. on the night before collection and No later than 7 a.m. on the morning of collection.

Bring your containers IN:

No later than 7 a.m. on the day after collection.



Pilot Program

In an effort to help control future costs, the City of Clearwater Solid Waste Department is exploring moving to one-day-a-week trash pickup. Residents recently received larger single stream recycling bins to make it easier and more convenient for residents to recycle. Since this change, the amount of recyclables has increased by 150 percent, and trash has decreased by 7 percent.

What isn't recyclable or recycled, is taken to Pinellas County's Waste-to-Energy Center and Landfill. Since the city pays to dispose of the waste by weight, we will reduce our costs if we reduce the tonnage taken to the county site.

Clearwater residents are currently disposing of 37 pounds a week per household. The national average is 80 pounds a week per household.

The once-a-week garbage collection pilot program will take place in three specific neighborhoods starting Spring 2014. You will be notified if you are in one of the affected neighborhoods.

How to request barrel repairs

Is the lid on your container broken or is your black barrel missing a wheel? Clearwater Solid Waste makes it easy to have your trash and recycling barrels repaired. You can submit a request through the Citizen Request Center at myclearwater.com or by calling solid waste operations at (727) 562-4920.