



# YOUR GUIDE TO CLEARWATER'S SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES.

The city of Clearwater's Solid Waste/Recycling Department is closed only on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Collection information for these days will be published, or you may call Solid Waste/Recycling Operations at (727) 562-4920 for schedules.

# RESIDENTIAL & MULTIFAMILY COLLECTION

## Residential Automated Garbage Collection Procedures

- Place bagged and tied garbage in black barrel and close the lid; be sure it closes completely.
- Place the black barrel within two feet of curb with the handle facing away from the curb; please leave three feet of clearance between the black barrel and the blue recycling barrel or any other obstruction (mailbox, vehicle, guide wires, trees, etc.).
- The following items are not permitted in a black barrel: yard waste, hot ashes, sand, plaster, carpeting, lumber, plasterboard, concrete, bricks, roofing shingles or any other construction, remodeling or demolition debris.
- Place yard waste, (uncontaminated leaves and grass clippings) in a 32-gallon maximum can, bag or box at the curb; cut brush and tree limbs into four-foot lengths, bundle them and place at the curb.
- It is illegal to dispose of the following materials: tires, auto batteries, pool chemicals, toxic or flammable items and liquid paint.



- Chemicals and paint must be disposed of properly at Pinellas County's Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Center (HEC3) or at a mobile collection event. Please contact Pinellas County Solid Waste Operations at (727) 464-7500 or [pinellascounty.org/utilities](http://pinellascounty.org/utilities).
- If your black barrel becomes damaged, please contact Solid Waste/Recycling Operations at (727) 562-4920. The city is not responsible for repair or replacement of black barrels when damage is caused by abuse or negligence.
- If your black barrel is stolen or vandalized, call the Clearwater Police Department at (727) 562-4242 as soon as possible to request a police report number for reference, then call Solid Waste/Recycling Operations.

## Bulk Trash /Yard Waste

- In addition to once-weekly garbage collection, the city of Clearwater Solid Waste/Recycling Department provides



for the separate collection of yard waste, scrap metal, bulk debris and miscellaneous household items. All such discarded material should be placed at the curb on your trash day, not in a black or blue barrel.

- Please place items in separate piles as follows:
  - Yard waste
  - Household appliances, steel, aluminum and any other scrap metal products
  - Miscellaneous smaller items should be placed in a 32-gallon maximum can, bagged or boxed
  - The Solid Waste/Recycling Department's "Jaws" truck is equipped with a clam bucket attached to a hydraulically operated boom. It is used to collect bulk debris that is too heavy to be picked up by a solid waste worker or too large for standard rear-end-loaded collection. Debris placed at the curb for collection by this truck should have a three-foot of clearance and be free from obstructions (black barrel, blue barrel, overhead wires, trees, poles, junction or cable boxes, sprinkler heads, water meters or mailboxes). Logs over four inches in diameter and tree stumps should be kept separate from other yard waste and will be picked up by the "Jaws" truck.
- For information on the collection of heavy debris from remodeling, construction or tree removal work that requires a city permit, please call Solid Waste/Recycling Operations (727) 562-4920 for information on roll-off service (also explained in Solid Waste Commercial Collection information).



violators will be subject to a fine of \$10 per day, which will be placed on the customer's utility bill. Repeat offenders will be placed on rear-yard service at the stipulated rate. City Ordinance 6391-99, Sec. 32.281 (3)

Please note: It is the responsibility of all tree surgeons, nurseries, lawn care services and landscaping contractors, or any individual or company doing work on private property, to remove from the premises all residue and rubbish resulting from said work. Failure to comply will result in a fine in the amount of not less than the existing cost for removal plus an administrative fee not to exceed \$200, for the first infraction. A second infraction may result in the loss of the occupational license. City Ordinance 6391-99, Sec. 32.282 (1)

## Residential Automated Garbage Collection Ordinances

Please note: Residential refuse containers and yard waste placed near the curb, street or alley shall be placed there no earlier than 7 p.m. on the evening preceding the collection day and must be removed to a point at the side or rear of the structure by 7 a.m. of the following day. Any container not removed will be tagged by Code Enforcement with a warning. Second



## Multi-family Garbage Collection Procedures

Please check with the property or owners association for guidelines on disposal of garbage. The city collects multi-family garbage in the same manner as solid waste commercial garbage; please see Solid Waste Commercial Collection Services for further information.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR TRASH SERVICE

**Q: What kinds of garbage can I put in the garbage barrel?**

All household garbage items should be placed in your black trash barrel. Trash items are required to be bagged and tied, then deposited into your trash container for collection. This will keep your cart cleaner and minimize odors. Do not load your trash barrel with recyclables, hot ashes, household hazardous chemicals, yard waste, medical waste or paint.

**Q: How do I set my barrels out for collection?**

Place your barrels out the night before your scheduled day to avoid missing early morning collections. Place your barrels on opposite sides of your driveway if possible and at least three feet away from mailboxes, parked cars, and other overhead obstacles. They should be placed so the lids face the street with the handles facing your home.

**Q: My family generates a lot of garbage. What if once-a-week trash collection is not enough for my household?**

Residents are encouraged to use their blue recycling container more.

The more you recycle, the less garbage is produced. If you're unsure of the material you can recycle, call Solid Waste at (727) 562-4920 or visit [myclearwater.com/domoreblue](http://myclearwater.com/domoreblue) for a list of recyclable materials.

Residents also should conserve space inside their trash barrel by not placing yard waste inside. Yard waste is collected manually and recycled, so using a container other than city-issued containers or bagging is required.

**Q: How can I get a second black barrel, and how much will that cost?**

Residents may request additional containers. After undergoing an initial assessment, an additional container may be provided at the discretion of the Solid Waste Director. The assessment is offered without charge to residents that generate a large amount of refuse. A second barrel is available for a nominal fee. Call (727) 562-4920 to make your request.



# COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

The city of Clearwater Solid Waste/Recycling Department offers service of 2-, 3-, 4-, 6- and 8-yard Dumpsters and roll-off service for 10- to 40- cubic yard open-top containers and compactors. For information, please contact Solid Waste/Recycling Operations.

- Dumpsters that are visible at ground level from any public right-of-way or adjacent property must be concealed in a gated enclosure with a reinforced concrete pad. Enclosures must be constructed so the Dumpster is accessible to users and refuse collection

trucks, and must conform to Clearwater specifications. Please do not block Dumpster enclosures with vehicles or other obstructions.

- Keep enclosures clean and free of any debris. Only city dumpsters are allowed enclosures.
- Do not overload containers or place objects on top of closed lids.
- The following items are not permitted in a Dumpster: yard waste, hot ashes, sand, plaster, carpeting, lumber, plasterboard, concrete, bricks, roofing shingles or any other construction, remodeling or demolition debris.

- Chemicals and paint must be disposed of properly at Pinellas County's Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Center (HEC3) or at a Mobile Collection event. Please contact Pinellas County Solid Waste Operations at (727) 464-7500 or [pinellascounty.org/utilities](http://pinellascounty.org/utilities).
- If your container becomes damaged, please contact Clearwater Solid Waste Operations and give the ID number printed on the container. The city is not responsible for repair or replacement of containers at no charge when damage is caused by abuse or negligence.
- If your container is vandalized, call the Clearwater Police

Department at (727) 562-4242 as soon as possible; request a police report number for reference, then call Solid Waste/Recycling Operations at (727) 562-4920 and report the incident and reference number.

Clearwater Solid Waste/Recycling Department offers a commercial recycling program for collecting corrugated cardboard and mixed recyclables from businesses. Please see information on Commercial Recycling or call Solid Waste/Recycling for further information.



## Commercial Solid Waste Ordinances

Please note: Except for roll-off container services, the city shall not be responsible for the collection of dirt, rock, sod, plaster, lumber, metal or other construction or building material originating from private property preliminary to, during or subsequent to the construction of new buildings, alterations or additions to existing buildings. Such material shall be removed by the owner of the property or by the contractor. No certificate of occupancy shall be issued until such material has been removed by the owner or contractor. City Ordinance 6391-99, Sec. 32.276 (1)

Please note: It is illegal to dump any solid waste other than by the defined methods in this Code. Illegal dumping may lead to investigation and prosecution. City Ordinance 6391-99, Sec. 32.283 (1). No person shall throw, place or deposit any solid waste in any ditch, stream or body of water or anywhere within the city in such a manner that it may be carried or deposited by wind or rain upon any street, sidewalk, alley, sewer, parkway or other public place, or into any occupied premises within the city. City Ordinance 6391-99, Sec. 32.283 (2)



## Roll-Off Service

The Solid Waste Department provides complete roll-off service for all 10- to 40- cubic- yard open-top containers and compactors. We offer competitive rates and prompt, professional service. For more information, call (727) 562-4920.

# SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

## Curbside Recycling Procedures

- A blue recycling barrel is provided to each household inside the city limits, and recycling is collected weekly.
- Place recyclables in the barrel loose and unbagged.
- Recycle these items:
  - All plastics 1 through 7 (no Styrofoam, plastic bags or wrap)
  - Wide-mouth plastic and rigid plastic containers
  - Glass bottles and jars
  - Cardboard
  - Milk and juice cartons/boxes
  - Empty aerosol cans
  - Aluminum and steel cans
  - Plastic bottles
  - Newspaper
  - Mixed paper - if you can rip it, you can recycle it. This includes office paper, magazines and catalogs, junk mail, shredded paper, phonebooks, paperback books, cereal and food boxes, envelopes, shoe boxes, wrapping paper and folders.



## Commercial Recycling Procedures

- Dumpsters and/or 96-gallon barrels are provided and rates vary depending on container size and frequency of pick up. Call Solid Waste/Recycling Operations at (727)562-4920 for further information and to arrange a free waste audit.



## Multi-family Recycling Procedures

- 96-gallon, blue barrels are placed at condominiums, apartment complexes and mobile home parks for weekly collection of recyclables. Please inquire about recycling services with property or owners association. For more information, please call Solid Waste/Recycling Operations at (727) 562-4920.

## Curbside Recycling Ordinance

Please note: It is unlawful for anyone but authorized city personnel "... to remove recyclables or any marketable materials from solid waste placed out for collection. Such an act is declared 'scavenging' and is punishable by a fine of \$500 per incident." City Ordinance 6391.99, Sec. 32.274 (4)





## Grease Recycling

The city's grease recycling program makes it easy to properly dispose of household cooking fats, oils and greases that can cause serious, costly sewer problems by creating blockages in pipes.

Participation in the grease recycling program is free and easy. Here's how:

- Place leftover cooking greases, frying oils, meat drippings and bacon fats in a container, such as a coffee can or glass jar.
- Bring the grease and oils to the city's recycling drop-off center at 1701 N. Hercules Ave.
- Pour the contents of your container into our large barrel on-site. This center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



## Single Stream Dropoff Center

- The following commodities can be taken to the city's dropoff center, located at the Clearwater Solid Waste/Recycling Complex: 1701 N. Hercules Ave.
  - All plastics 1 through 7 (no Styrofoam, plastic bags or wrap)
  - Wide-mouth plastic and rigid plastic containers
  - Glass bottles and jars
  - Cardboard
  - Milk and juice cartons/boxes
  - Empty aerosol cans
  - Aluminum and steel cans
  - Plastic bottles
  - Newspaper
  - Mixed paper - if you can rip it, you can recycle it. This includes office paper, magazines and catalogs, junk mail, shredded paper, phonebooks, paperback books, cereal and food boxes, envelopes, shoe boxes, wrapping paper and folders.



\* In cooperation with Pinellas County, yard waste is recycled into weed-free mulch. The mulch is available, free of charge, at the city's multi-material dropoff center.



# SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING ADDITIONAL SERVICES



## E-Waste Disposal Events

- Don't know what to do with your old TV? Bring it to the city of Clearwater's monthly Electronics Collection Day. Collections are made the last Wednesday of every month from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Clearwater recycling drop-off center, 1701 N. Hercules Ave. Clearwater residents with proof of residency (a utility bill) may bring unwanted electronics to the recycling drop-off center for free disposal. Hazardous electronics accepted include TVs, monitors, laptops, power supplies, CPUs, cell phones and other devices with rechargeable batteries. For more information, call (727) 562-4933.



## Hazardous Waste & Electronics Recycling

- Pinellas County Solid Waste operates a Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Center (HEC3) and Mobile Collections where hazardous and electronic materials can be recycled. HEC3 is located at 2990 110th Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Information on HEC3 and mobile collections can be found at [pinellascounty.org/utilities](http://pinellascounty.org/utilities) or by calling (727) 464-7500.
- The A to Z Guide for Recycling & Disposal in Pinellas County is a comprehensive, online publication that lists specific



ways to dispose of more than 150 items. Please visit [pinellascounty.org/utilities/getridofit](http://pinellascounty.org/utilities/getridofit) to view the guide.





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