Annual Sanitation Brochure

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This is the City of Boca Raton's
Sanitation Brochure for October 2015
through September 2016.
It contains important
information and collection schedules.
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Curbside Solid Waste Collection Services
October 2015 - September 2016

The City of Boca Raton has an automated garbage collection operation and has distributed containers to over 18,000 homes over the past few years. These containers have replaced all other curbside household garbage containers. **Loose garbage bags or solid waste in non-City issued containers will NOT be collected.** These containers are the property of the City of Boca Raton.

Each container is numbered and assigned to a specific address, as such they are required to remain at the same address they are assigned to. The container MUST stay at the current address if you move.

If you do not have one of the City's garbage containers, please contact the Sanitation Department at **561-416-3367** to order one. If you wish to have an additional container, please note that there will be a service fee of $5.28 per month added to your water bill, in addition to the price of the container. Please call for current pricing.

For service inquiries, call the City's Sanitation Department Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at **561-416-3367**. **If possible,** your questions / concerns will be investigated and corrected that same day **provided they are called in prior to 2:00 p.m**.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Winfred Davenport
Sanitation Superintendent

Sanitation Holiday Schedule 2015 - 2016
(Applies to Collection Areas 1 through 4)

Holiday	City Closed	Regular Collection Day			Rescheduled Collection Day	
Columbus Day Monday October 12, 2015	Monday October 12, 2015	Monday Tuesday	10/12 10/13	→	Tuesday Wednesday	10/13 10/14
Veterans Day Wednesday Nov. 11, 2015	Wednesday Nov. 11, 2015	Monday Tuesday	11/09 11/10	→	NO CHANGE NO CHANGE	
Thanksgiving Day Thursday November 26, 2015	Thursday November 26, 2015	Thursday Friday	11/26 11/27	→	Wednesday NO CHANGE	11/25
Christmas Day Friday December 25, 2015	Friday December 25, 2015	Thursday Friday	12/24 12/25	→	Wednesday Thursday	12/23 12/24
New Year's Day Friday January 1, 2016	Friday January 1, 2016	Thursday Friday	12/31 01/01	→	Wednesday Thursday	12/30 12/31
Martin Luther King Day Monday January 18, 2016	Monday January 18, 2016	Monday Tuesday	01/18 01/19	→	Tuesday Wednesday	01/19 01/20
Presidents Day Monday February 15, 2016	Monday February 15, 2016	Monday Tuesday	02/15 02/16	→	Tuesday Wednesday	02/16 02/17
Memorial Day Monday May 30, 2016	Monday May 30, 2016	Monday Tuesday	05/30 05/31	→	Tuesday Wednesday	05/31 06/01
Independence Day Monday July 4, 2016	Monday July 4, 2016	Monday Tuesday	07/04 07/05	→	Tuesday Wednesday	07/05 07/06
Labor Day Monday September 5, 2016	Monday September 5, 2016	Monday Tuesday	09/05 09/06	→	Tuesday Wednesday	09/06 09/07
Columbus Day Monday October 10, 2016	Monday October 10, 2016	Monday Tuesday	10/10 10/11	→	Tuesday Wednesday	10/11 10/12

Please Help Keep Our Waterways Clean

- Never dispose of any type of waste, especially household hazardous waste, into a storm drain or canal.
- Our canals and waterways provide flood control. Never toss vegetation into our storm drains or canals, as it could restrict its ability to discharge stormwater and can cause flooding. Also, the decaying process causes oxygen depletion in the water and could result in loss of marine life. Dumping vegetative waste into a canal is against the City of Boca Raton's Code of Ordinances and you could receive a code violation and be fined.
- It takes only 1 gallon of oil—the amount of a typical oil change– to foul 1 million gallons of water.
- Use less fertilizer! For your lawn, for your wallet, and our Waterways!
- For more information on how to keep our waterways clean, please visit the City's website at: http://myboca.us/muni/stormwater

SOLID WASTE VIOLATION NOTICE

If you receive a "Solid Waste Violation Notice" and your waste is refused for pickup due to contamination or because it contains an unacceptable material, you are responsible for removal from the swale area within 12 hours. Collection of the clean load will not occur until your next scheduled pickup day unless provided as a pay for pickup service.

Failure to comply with City regulations can result in Code Enforcement action.

Garbage

GARBAGE IS COLLECTED TWICE A WEEK

Separate your garbage from vegetation and bulk items. Wrap or bag your household garbage and place it in your City-issued container for removal. Roll the container to the edge of the driveway or swale area, placing at least 5 feet away from other containers or obstacles.

YOUR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE WILL NOT BE COLLECTED IF IT IS NOT IN THE CITY-ISSUED CONTAINER.

All materials shall be placed in the swale for collection no earlier than 7 p.m. on the day prior to the scheduled collection day and no later than 7 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. All containers must be removed within 12 hours following collection.

THE CITY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEAN UP DUE TO IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF LIQUIDS, SUCH AS PAINT.

If you do not have a City-issued container or need an additional container, please contact our Sanitation Department for ordering and current pricing @ **561-416-3367**.

Recycling

RECYCLING IS COLLECTED ONCE A WEEK

The City of Boca Raton has a two-bin recycling program. The yellow bin is used to recycle paper and cardboard products. The blue bin is for your glass, plastic and aluminum products. For a complete list of recyclable items, please visit the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County's website at **www.swa.org** or call the City's Sanitation Department at **561-416-3367.**

FOR RESIDENTS LIVING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF BOCA RATON:
The City of Boca Raton's Sanitation Department delivers recycling bins directly to your home. Please call us at 561-416-3367 to order your yellow and blue recycling bins.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CORRUGATED CARDBOARD MUST BE CUT DOWN TO 2' X 2' PIECES AND PLACED IN OR NEXT TO YOUR YELLOW BIN. IF YOU HAVE BOXES THAT ARE LARGER THAN 2' X 2' AND NOT BROKEN DOWN, THEY WILL BE COLLECTED BY OUR BULK SERVICE.

For removal of damaged or unusable recycling bins, place in your garbage container if possible, or place it out for bulk collection with a note on it stating that you would like it to be removed.

Vegetative Waste

VEGETATION IS COLLECTED ONCE A WEEK

Vegetative waste should be placed in the swale area or edge of pavement and must not be mixed with non-vegetative waste or bulk items. To avoid damage, do not place vegetative waste adjacent to a mailbox, utility pole, sprinkler head, near/under trees, cable/utility lines, or further than 6 feet from the paved edge of the street. In addition, vegetative waste should be placed a minimum of 5 feet away from other garbage containers.

Do not place vegetative waste on your driveway as damage could result from collection**. The City is not responsible for damage or repairs to your driveway.**

Vegetative waste such as tree trimmings and palm fronds **cannot exceed 4 inches in diameter and 5 feet in length**. Anything larger must be cut to guidelines or disposed of by the owner/tenant to the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County's disposal site. Call **1-866-792-4636** for drop-off locations and fees, or visit **www.swa.org.**

AS STATED BY CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES: THE CITY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ANY VEGETATIVE WASTE CREATED BY A PRIVATE COMPANY

Bulk Items

BULK ITEMS ARE COLLECTED ONCE A WEEK

Bulk items include furniture, bicycles, refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc. Refrigerator doors, as well as washer/dryer doors should be removed or secured for safety. Residents are encouraged to recycle their old electronics including televisions, computers, monitors, and stereos. Check your local computer store for recycling opportunities, or you can drop them off at any one of the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County's transfer stations.

Bulk items should be placed a minimum of 5 feet away from other garbage containers or obstacles.

The City will not collect bulk items that are not separated from vegetation and will not collect unacceptable materials at any time.

THE CITY WILL NOT COLLECT CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS

PLEASE REFER TO PAGE 6 FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR BULK COLLECTION

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COLLECTION AREA 5

The City of Boca Raton has contracted with Waste Management to provide service to Area 5. Please contact Waste Management for your subdivision's specific collection schedule at (561) 547-4000.

Weekly Pickup Schedule

Area #	Waste Type	Collection
1	Garbage	Monday & Thursday
	Recycling, Vegetation & Bulk	Monday
2	Garbage	Tuesday & Friday
	Recycling, Vegetation & Bulk	Tuesday

Area #	Waste Type	Collection
3	Garbage	Monday & Thursday
	Recycling, Vegetation & Bulk	Thursday
4	Garbage	Tuesday & Friday
	Recycling, Vegetation & Bulk	Friday
5	Varies by Subdivision	Contact Waste Management 561-547-4000

Pay For Pickup Option

We continue to offer "Pay for Pickup Option" which allows residents to make arrangements for bulk items and vegetation to be picked up on unscheduled collection days.

Only acceptable / non-hazardous materials can be picked up using this option

A minimum fee of $102.00 will be charged for items measuring up to 2 cubic yards (e.g., a washer and dryer). Anything over that will require an additional charge of $22.45 per cubic yard. For more information or to schedule a pickup, please call the Sanitation Department at **561-416-3367.**

As stated by the City's Code of Ordinances, the City is not responsible for the removal of any vegetative waste created by a private company or Construction & Demolition (C&D) debris of any kind.

For a list of companies franchised in the City of Boca Raton for C & D debris removal, please visit the City's website at: http://myboca.us/muni/franchise.shtm.

Unacceptable Materials

Below are some of the materials not accepted by the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County at their transfer stations, due in part to damage sustained to Authority vehicles and equipment while loading and unloading these prohibited materials. The list of unacceptable materials that will not be picked up by the City includes, but is not limited to:

Asphalt / Tar
Bathtubs / Sinks / Toilets
Cabinetry
Carpeting / Rugs
Concrete and concrete poles
Construction/Demolition debris
Decking / Fencing
Drywall
Fluorescent light bulbs
Flooring (all types)
Glass / Mirrors
Land clearing debris
Lawn maintenance equipment
Logs / Lumber
Metal / Metal pipes
Paints (all types)
Pallets
Paver blocks/Stepping stones
Pool parts & Equipment
Rocks / Sand / Soil / Sod
Roofing material
Sheds (wood or metal)
Tile (all types)
Tires
Tree stumps
Wood / Railroad ties

Disposal of unacceptable materials is the responsibility of the tenant, property owner or contractor. For disposal rates and hours, residents can contact the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County by calling 1-866-792-4636 or visit their website www.swa.org.

Household Hazardous Waste

Most hazardous household products are intended to be used without any waste, but inevitably some products must be discarded. Always read the label carefully on unfamiliar items before you throw them away. Products labeled **corrosive, flammable, toxic or reactive** are household hazardous wastes and need to be disposed of by the resident at any of the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County's transfer stations.

Never dispose of household hazardous products by placing at curbside for City collection, burning, burying, or pouring down the household drain or storm drain. If placed for curbside pickup, these products can be dangerous or injurious to anyone, including our Sanitation personnel.

If you witness a hazardous spill or release, call 911 immediately. If you see someone pour a substance into an inlet, or if you see or smell an unknown substance in an inlet, call the Fire Department immediately (**911**). **Never try to get samples of the substance yourself. Leave that task to the professionals!**

Note: Common household batteries (alkaline, heavy duty) are not considered hazardous waste and can be disposed of in your regular garbage.

Household hazardous waste includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Acids / Caustics
Adhesives
Antifreeze
Batteries - Car / Marine
Batteries (Rechargeable)
Bleach / Chlorine
Chemicals
Electronics
Fertilizers
Flammables
Fluorescent tubes
Grease
Medicines
Minerals
Motor oil
Needles / Syringes
Paint - Latex / Oil
Petroleum products
Pool chemicals
Propane tanks
Rat poison
Solvents
Weed Killers / Pesticides

Regular Fluorescent light bulbs and CFL's contain mercury, and should not be disposed of curbside. Homeowners are encouraged to bring their used household fluorescent bulbs to any one of Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County's SWA hazardous waste drop-off locations or to home improvement stores.

For proper disposal instructions of Household Hazardous Waste, please call the **Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County** toll free at **1-866-792-4636.** For disposal of hypodermic needles, call the **Palm Beach County Health Department, South Center** at **561-274-3100.**