



MANATEE COUNTY'S  
**RESIDENTIAL GUIDE**  
FOR GARBAGE, YARD WASTE & RECYCLING



## UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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# BENEFITS OF PROPER GARBAGE DISPOSAL

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## RECYCLING FOR THE COMMUNITY

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The importance of proper garbage disposal and recycling goes far beyond prolonging the life of the Landfill and keeping non-bio-degradable items from sitting for years and years. Just some of the potential benefits include keeping our communities clean and attractive, protecting wildlife and conserving our natural resources.

We live in a place so many people love to vacation. Some even call it Paradise. Properly disposing of garbage keeps our streets and community clean and pleasing to the eye. All it entails is ensuring that preparation follows the guidelines outlined on the County's website, [www.mymanatee.org/garbage](http://www.mymanatee.org/garbage).

Following the guidelines also ensures that wildlife is protected. From disposing of fishing line, cutting of the plastic rings that come around cans, to disposing of unused or expired medications, ensures that animals aren't harmed. More and more stories come out every day regarding the impacts of items on sea life

specifically, but even household pets can be harmed if they get into the garbage.

Making sure that the items that can be recycled stay out of the garbage not only keeps them out of Landfills, but it also reduces the need to harvest raw materials to manufacture new products. Fewer trees have to be cut for paper products, less petroleum has to be used in making plastic items. The same holds true for the components needed to make metals used in numerous applications. For specific information on the items that can be recycled, visit [www.mymanatee.org/recycling](http://www.mymanatee.org/recycling).

Manatee County works hard to educate the community on the benefits of recycling and proper garbage disposal. If you have any questions, or want any additional information, please feel free to contact us!



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## MY DAYS/TIMES OF COLLECTION

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**Hours of collections – 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

\*\*If not circled please visit [www.mymanatee.org/garbage](http://www.mymanatee.org/garbage) for more information.\*\*  
Before calling the Utilities Department regarding a missed collection please refer to page 4

**GARBAGE ..... M/Th or T/F**

**YARD WASTE ..... Wednesday**

**RECYCLING .... M T W Th F**

## HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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No curbside collection for garbage, recycling or yard waste if your scheduled collection falls on a holiday listed below. Collections will be delayed one day from the holiday continuing throughout the rest of the holiday week. **Example:** Thanksgiving falls on Thursday each year. Any regularly scheduled collection for that Thursday will occur on Friday and Friday's collection will occur on Saturday. Normal collection days will resume the next Monday.

- New Year's Day
- Presidents' Day
- Memorial Day
- 4th of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

## FREE ANNUAL COLLECTION POLICY

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Each residential address may utilize **one (1) free annual collection per year** (Oct. 1st to Sept. 30th) for solid waste at no additional cost. You may use this service for curbside collection of more than two (2) large items, too much yard waste to bundle, e-scrap and white goods. Additional collections are available for a service fee. There is a **60 cubic yard limit** (L 40' x W 8' x H 6') for free annual collections. **To see if you qualify** for a free annual collection please call customer service at 941-792-8811.

# GARBAGE COLLECTION

## HOW TO PREPARE GARBAGE:

### BAG IT:

- You can use sturdy garbage bags.

### BUNDLE IT:

- Materials must be bundled and tied in four (4) foot lengths, and placed curbside with your garbage for collection.

### CAN IT:

- Garbage can be placed in 32-gallon cans.



Bags, bundles or 32-gallon garbage cans should **weigh no more than 50 pounds each**.

## IF YOUR GARBAGE WAS NOT COLLECTED, IT MAY BE DUE TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- **Garbage was not out on time:** Garbage must be placed at the curb before 6:00 a.m.
- **Improperly sorted garbage:** The waste haulers will not collect residential garbage containers that have garbage mixed with yard waste or household hazardous waste. Appliances, e-scrap, or more than 2 tires require a Free Annual Collection (details on page 2), which may be requested by calling customer service at 941-792-8811.
- **Obstructions:** Containers must be easily accessible and away from all other objects.
- **Paint Cans:** Latex paint CANNOT be disposed of in the regular garbage because it is a liquid. It is safe to throw away empty/dry cans. However, if liquid paint remains in the can, please use it, donate it, or dry it out before putting it in the garbage.
- **Placement of garbage:** Garbage cans and all other objects must be placed within three (3) feet of the curb.
- **Size of garbage can:** Maximum size for residential garbage cans is 32 gallons.
- **Amount of garbage:** Garbage should not extend above the top of the can.

## SEPARATING MATERIALS AT THE CURB

Separation by type (household/furniture, yard waste, e-scrap/white goods, and tires) is important as separate trucks collect different materials and not all materials are disposed of in the Landfill. Proper separation will ensure prompt service.



**A FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR ANY GARBAGE DISPOSED OF AT THE LANDFILL**

# FURNITURE AND LARGE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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- Two (2) large items may be placed at the curb with your regular garbage each collection day.

## TIRES

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- There is a limit of two (2) tires (with or without rims) per garbage collection day.
- Semi and equipment tires will not be collected curbside.
- Tires may also be taken to the Landfill for a fee or your one (1) free annual collection may be used.
- Please note: Tires are recycled and are collected in a separate truck.



## WHITE GOODS / APPLIANCES

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- White goods are large appliances such as refrigerators, air conditioners, washing machines, dryers, stoves, water heaters and freezers.
- There is a minimal charge for curbside disposal per appliance or item.
- You may also elect to dispose of your item at the Landfill for a fee or utilize your one (1) free annual collection.
- To schedule collection of white goods, please call customer service at 941-792-8811.



# YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Yard waste is vegetative matter resulting from the maintenance of your own property **excluding** land clearing. This includes materials such as tree branches, leaves, grass clippings and palm fronds.



## SCHEDULE

All properly prepared yard waste is collected on Wednesday. (Except for holiday make-up schedules)

## LARGE QUANTITIES:

For very large quantities of yard waste too difficult to bundle, a special collection can be arranged for a **fee** or you may use your one (1) free annual collection.

## LANDFILL:

You may also take your yard waste to the Landfill for a fee.



## HOW TO PREPARE YARD WASTE:

Bundles, bags or 32-gallon garbage cans should weigh no more than 50 pounds each.

### BAG IT:

- You can use sturdy garbage bags.



### BUNDLE IT:

- If you do not wish to use garbage cans or garbage bags, you can put yard waste in bundles no longer than four (4) feet in length.
- Bundles cannot contain branches larger than six (6) inches in diameter. Any branch larger than six (6) inches in diameter should be cut in half lengthwise, tied, and bundled.
- Tie bundles with heavy-duty string.



### CAN IT:

- Please put yard waste in 32-gallon garbage cans. Yard waste should not extend above the top of the can.

# RECYCLING PROGRAM

Manatee County uses single stream recycling. All clean recyclable paper and containers are put together in the recycle cart eliminating the need for sorting. It's easy and convenient. Once collected, all materials are separated for re-use at a materials recycling facility.

## POSSIBLE REASONS YOUR RECYCLING WAS NOT COLLECTED:

### Improper contents in recycle cart:

- Items in the cart are not recyclable
- Garbage or yard waste in your recycling cart
- Plastic bags in cart
- Cardboard not clean or not broken down

### Items packed too tightly:

- Cardboard and large recyclable items packed/jammed into container

### Placement of recycle cart:

- The cart needs to be 3 feet from the curb and all other surrounding objects
- The cart should be positioned with the arrows on the lid facing the street
- Cart should not be under any low-lying tree branches or power lines, and not blocked by vehicles



### Recycling was not out on time:

- Recycling must be placed at the curb before 6:00 a.m.

## RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Recycling drop-off locations are for residential use only. If your condo complex, RV park or other multi-family residence does not offer recycling service, or if your recyclables are too large for your recycle cart, you may drop recyclable items off at the following locations. **These locations are for recycling materials only.**

- **GT Bray Park**, 5502 33rd Avenue Drive West in Bradenton
- **Braden River Park**, 5201 51st Street East in Bradenton
- **Blackstone Park**, 2112 14th Avenue West in Palmetto
- **Lakewood Ranch Park**, 5350 Lakewood Ranch Boulevard in Bradenton
- **Buffalo Creek Park**, 7550 69th Street East in Palmetto
- **Bayfront Park**, 310 North Bay Boulevard in Anna Maria
- **Manatee Public Beach**, 4000 Gulf Drive in Holmes Beach
- **Coquina Beach**, 2650 Gulf Drive South in Bradenton Beach
- **Bennett Park**, 400 Cyprus Creek Boulevard in Bradenton
- **Palma Sola Park**, 7915 40th Avenue West in Bradenton
- **Landfill**, 3333 Lena Road in Bradenton



# RECYCLING DO'S & DON'TS

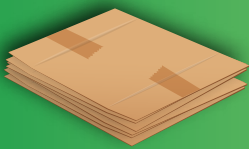
## YES PLEASE

Only the following five (5) materials belong in your Manatee County recycle cart.



### PAPER

- Only clean junk mail, magazines, newspapers



### CARDBOARD

- Only clean flattened boxes



### METAL

- Only clean aluminum or tin cans



### PLASTIC

- Only clean plastic bottles and jugs



### GLASS

- Only clean glass bottles and jars



## NO THANKS



### PAPER

- No wrapping paper, napkins or paper towels



### CARDBOARD

- No wet or spoiled cardboard



### METAL

- No pots/pans, auto parts, fencing or hangers



### PLASTIC

- No Styrofoam, plastic bags, hangers or garden hoses



### GLASS

- No broken glass, drinking glasses, light bulbs or mirrors

ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE CLEAN AND DRY

# RECYCLING CONTAMINATION

Manatee County encourages residents to concentrate on five (5) basic recycling materials – **plastic, metal, glass, cardboard and paper**. The overall goal is to raise awareness about good recycling habits. The recycling program can only recycle the materials listed above and no other materials should go into the recycling cart.

Below is a list of particularly troublesome materials that should not be placed in the recycling cart:

- **No Styrofoam, plastic bags, plastic hangers, extension cords or garden hoses**
- **No pots/pans, auto parts, fencing, wire or metal hangers**
- **No wrapping paper, napkins or paper towels**
- **No garbage, yard waste, wet or soiled cardboard**
- **No broken glass, drinking glasses, light bulbs or mirrors**

Placing improper items in your recycling cart contaminates the materials making them unrecyclable. Placing items such as plastic bags, extension cords, wire and garden hoses in your cart contributes to contamination. If contamination not identified and arrives at the facility it causes problems jamming and damaging sorting equipment. Not only can equipment be damaged but the amount of recyclables that can be successfully recovered is reduced.

Extension cords, wires, twine and garden hoses of any type should always be discarded in your garbage. Recycle plastic bags at your local participating retail/grocery stores. If you can't return plastic bags to store locations, it's okay to discard them in your garbage.

Please remember to only recycle clean, dry and un-bagged materials in your cart. Remember when in doubt throw it out! For more information please visit [mymanatee.org/recycling](http://mymanatee.org/recycling).

## WHEN IN DOUBT THROW IT OUT!



# ELECTRONIC WASTE (E-SCRAP)

## WHAT IS ELECTRONIC WASTE?

The term e-scrap is applied to consumer electronic equipment that is no longer wanted. Many components in electronic equipment contain hazardous materials such as lead, cadmium, mercury and arsenic. While these hazardous materials do not present a problem while in use, they pose an environmental threat if discarded improperly.



## COMMON PRODUCTS INCLUDE:

- cables
- DVD players/recorders
- mics
- fax machines
- CD players/recorders
- game hardware
- cell phones
- hard drives/CPU's
- circuit boards
- keyboards
- copiers
- monitors
- personal audio systems
- printers
- scanners
- televisions
- VCR's

## WHEN & WHERE TO DISPOSE

Manatee County residents can recycle electronic waste Monday thru Saturday from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. at the Landfill (3333 Lena Road, Bradenton). Please visit [www.mymanatee.org/escrap](http://www.mymanatee.org/escrap) for a schedule of other special collections.

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

## WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Common products found in your home that are labeled as flammable, toxic, corrosive, reactive or explosive are common household hazardous waste (HHW). You can tell if a product is hazardous if words such as POISON, DANGER, WARNING and CAUTION appear on the label.



## COMMON PRODUCTS INCLUDE:

- aerosols (non empty)
- antifreeze
- automotive batteries
- cleaning compounds
- diesel fuel
- fertilizers
- fluorescent bulbs
- fungicides
- gasoline
- herbicide
- weed killer
- insecticides
- motor oil
- paint
- stain and varnish
- propane tanks

## WHEN & WHERE TO DISPOSE

Manatee County has established a household hazardous waste collection program on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Landfill (3333 Lena Road, Bradenton). Please visit [www.mymanatee.org/hhw](http://www.mymanatee.org/hhw) for a schedule of other special collections.

# BATTERIES

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- Alkaline batteries (regular use batteries) do not pose a threat to the environment and may be thrown away as garbage.
- All other batteries such as rechargeable, lead-acid, lithium and Ni-cad batteries are considered household hazardous waste and can be brought to the Lena Road Landfill the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



# MEDICINE DISPOSAL

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- The Sheriff's Office will accept unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medication for proper disposal.
- Syringes and liquids are not accepted.
- Citizens may take non-liquid medications (pills, inhalers, etc.) to the following locations:
  - 600 301 Boulevard West, #202, Bradenton. 24/7 hours/days
  - 405 57th Avenue East, Bradenton. Monday - Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm
  - 616 67th Street Circle East, Bradenton. Monday - Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm

Call (941) 747-3011 ext. 2260 for more information.

# SHARPS

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- Sharps are defined as items having the potential to puncture or lacerate, such as syringes with attached needles and disposable lancets.
- The Health Department is the only site that offers a Sharps Collection Program in Manatee County.
- You may obtain an approved Sharps container at the Manatee County Health Department located at 410 6th Ave. East in Bradenton.
- This program is open to the public and free of charge.
- Sharps and bio medical materials **CAN NOT** be placed in the garbage.

# LANDFILL INFORMATION

## ADDRESS

The Manatee County Landfill is located at 3333 Lena Road off State Road 64, just east of I-75.

- No access from State Road 70

## HOURS

Regular operating hours are Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except for the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Presidents' Day
- Memorial Day
- 4th of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day



## GENERAL RULES OF USING THE LANDFILL

- All vehicles entering the Landfill must go across the scales at the Scalehouse.
- Payments can be made by cash, check and all major credit cards.
- Vehicles with low ground clearance are discouraged.
- Be aware of other vehicles, workers on foot, equipment, traffic control devices and overhead obstructions.
- Scavenging is prohibited at any location at the Landfill.
- Obey all posted signs.



## FEES ARE DETERMINED BY:

- **TYPE OF MATERIAL** – such as yard waste, tires, household garbage, etc.
- **WEIGHT OF MATERIAL**
- **ORIGIN** – Waste brought from outside of Manatee County will be charged triple the fee.



## FEES WILL BE DOUBLED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Improperly covered loads.
- Improperly separated loads. Examples: Yard waste cannot be mixed with regular garbage. Tires cannot be mixed with regular garbage.

## ACCEPTED AT THE LANDFILL FOR A FEE:

- Scrap metal
- Tires
- Yard waste
- Appliances
- Household garbage

# HURRICANE SEASON

## Hints and reminders:

- Trim trees and prepare yards in March and April. Do NOT wait until a storm is approaching.
- Garbage collections may be suspended prior to landfall for safety reasons.
- Sign-up for CodeRed at [www.mymanatee.org](http://www.mymanatee.org).
- If a storm is approaching or hits; monitor [www.mymanatee.org/utilities](http://www.mymanatee.org/utilities) and the local news outlets for specific information and instructions.
- If debris results, remember proper separation is important to ensure collection.

(See adjacent graph) ▶





# DEBRIS SEPARATION

- For residents of unincorporated Manatee County.
- Separate debris into the 3 categories shown below.
- Mixed piles will NOT be collected.

## NORMAL HOUSEHOLD TRASH

Normal household trash of any kind will **NOT** be picked up with disaster debris. You should continue to follow your normal garbage collection schedule.



## VEGETATIVE DEBRIS

- Leaves
- Tree branches
- Logs
- Plants



## CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS

- Building materials
- Wood fencing
- Mattresses
- Carpet
- Drywall
- Furniture
- Lumber



## APPLIANCES & WHITE GOODS

- **Must be emptied**
- Air conditioners
- Washers, dryers
- Water heaters
- Refrigerators
- Dishwashers
- Freezers
- Stoves



## NO PICKUP ZONE

Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up.



## DO NOT STACK OR LEAN

Placing debris near or on trees, poles, or other structures makes removal difficult. This includes fire hydrants, meters and backflow assemblies.

## UNSURE WHERE TO PLACE DEBRIS?

If you don't have a sidewalk, ditch, or utility line in front of your house, place debris at the edge of your property before the curb.



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