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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Residential Curbside Services

ARE THERE ANY DAYS WHEN COLLECTION IS NOT PROVIDED?

Yes, no collection occurs on the following holidays:

- Fourth of July
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

There are no makeup days. If your collection falls on one of these holidays, your trash, recycling, bulky items and yard waste will be collected on your next scheduled day.

WHAT DO I DO IF MY CURBSIDE GARBAGE OR RECYCLING CART IS DAMAGED?

Call Customer Service at (239) 252-2380 (Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Option 2 for solid waste, then Option 1). If your cart is missing, stolen or damaged, it will be repaired or replaced free of charge. If the cart must be replaced because of customer negligence, you may be charged the replacement price plus a delivery fee.

CAN I GET AN EXTRA RECYCLING CART?

Yes, the first additional cart is free. Call Customer Service at (239) 252-2380 (Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Option 2 for solid waste, then Option 1) to request one. Subsequent recycle carts as with a second trash cart are charged per the rate resolution.

WHAT ITEMS CAN I PUT IN MY RECYCLING CART?

Recycle clean and empty:

- Plastic bottles, jars, jugs, tubs
- Glass bottles and jars
- Metal cans
- Paper, cardboard and cartons

Do not bag recyclables or place plastic bags in recycling carts. Visit collier.gov/recycle for more details.

HOW DO I DISPOSE OF MY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

You can bring items like pesticides, oils, cleaning products, batteries and electronics to any Collier County Recycling Drop-Off Center for free disposal. Visit collier.gov/dispose to learn more about what materials are accepted.



HOW DO I DISPOSE OF PHARMACEUTICALS AND SHARPS?

Do not place syringes or needles in your trash and recycling carts. Visit [Operation Medicine Cabinet](#) for more information on how to dispose of pharmaceutical waste. Sharps are accepted at any [Collier County Drop-Off Center](#), but they must be placed in a sturdy plastic container with a secure lid.

HOW DO I SET OUT MY APPLIANCES, ELECTRONICS, TIRES AND VEHICLE BATTERIES AT THE CURB?

To set out appliances, electronics, tires and vehicle batteries for curbside pick-up, follow these steps:

First, schedule a pick-up. These items are considered specialty bulky waste and require scheduling. Call (239) 252-2380 at least 48 hours before your recycling collection day to arrange for pick-up.

The items included in this service are appliances such as refrigerators, stoves and dishwashers, electronics such as computers, monitors, printers and televisions, up to four standard vehicle tires per month and up to two vehicle batteries per month. Place these items curbside on the same day as your recycling collection day. Items must be placed at the curb before 6 a.m. on your collection day but not earlier than 6 p.m. the night before.

Failure to schedule a pick-up may result in a fine to the property owner.

HOW DO I DISPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION MATERIAL?

You can dispose of small amounts of construction and demolition material from do-it-yourself projects by placing them in your green garbage cart. Make sure the cart's lid closes completely and that the cart does not exceed 50 pounds. If the material does not fit in your garbage cart, do not leave it at the curb. Instead, you can either hire a contractor to remove it or take it to the Collier County Landfill, Immokalee Transfer Station or a private waste disposal facility.

Residents can take a small amount of construction and demolition material to any Collier County Recycling Drop-Off Center, except the North Collier location. There is a one cubic yard limit per drop-off, and a fee applies. Visit collier.gov/dispose for current rates.

All commercially generated construction and demolition debris must be taken to the Collier County Landfill or the Immokalee Transfer Station.

HOW DO I DISPOSE OF BULKY ITEMS LIKE FURNITURE?

Bulky items, such as furniture, bicycles and other large items that won't fit in your trash cart, can be disposed of in several ways.

If the items are still in good condition, consider donating them instead of throwing them away. You can find donation locations in Collier County's Reuse Directory at collier.gov/reuse.

If you live in a single-family home, you can place bulky items at the curb for collection on your recycling day. Make sure the items are placed at the curb before 6 a.m. on your scheduled recycling collection day but no earlier than 6 p.m. the night before.

For larger quantities of bulky items, or if you prefer to drop them off, you can take them to the Collier County Landfill or the Immokalee Transfer Station for proper disposal. You can also bring bulky items to any Collier County Recycling Drop-Off Center, except for the North Collier location. Keep in mind that there is a one cubic yard limit per drop-off, and a fee may apply. Visit collier.gov/dispose for current rates.



HOW DO I SET OUT MY YARD WASTE?

Yard waste is collected on the same day as recycling. Do not place yard waste into your trash or recycle cart. Yard waste must be properly prepared for collection. Prepare yard waste as follows:

- **BUNDLE IT**- Keep bundles under 50 pounds, secure with twine and limit their length to 4 feet. Branches may not be larger than 4 inches in diameter.
- **BAG IT**- Use **ONLY** paper yard waste bags or paper grocery bags. Plastic bags will **NOT** be accepted.
- **CONTAINER IT**- You may use up to 45-gallon containers personal containers that weigh less than 50 pounds when filled. The yard waste may not extend more than 12 inches over the top of the container.

Yard waste is limited to 10 bags, bundles or cans per week.

CAN I RECYCLE PIZZA BOXES?

Clean, dry pizza boxes free from grease and food residue, may be placed in the recycle bin. If the bottom of the pizza box is soiled, you can tear off the clean lid and recycle it. The soiled part of the pizza box can be thrown in the trash.

HOW DO I DISPOSE OF MY AMERICAN FLAG?

American Flags may be taken to any Collier County Recycling Drop-Off Center for proper disposal. The flags are collected and taken to a local Veterans of Foreign Wars office, where they periodically hold burning ceremonies.

HOW DO I RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS AND PLASTIC FILM PACKAGING?

Check with your local retail or grocery stores for plastic bag and film packaging reuse and recycling options. Or you can visit plasticfilmrecycling.org to find a drop-off location near you.

IF I MOVE OUT OF MY HOME, WHAT DO I DO WITH MY TRASH OR RECYCLING CART?

Leave carts at the property. Trash or recycle cart(s) are assigned to the home, not to the homeowner. If you move, please leave the trash and recycle cart(s).

HOW DO I DISPOSE OF MY CHRISTMAS TREE?

Place live Christmas trees curbside on your regularly scheduled yard waste collection day. Trees must be free of all decorations (including lights, tinsel and ornaments). Do not wrap trees in plastic. Trees over 6 feet in length must be cut in half. Consider donating an artificial tree if it is still in good condition. Or you can place it curbside on your bulky item collection day.

NEED MORE ANSWERS?
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Condominiums or Multi-Family Complexes

HOW DO I RECYCLE IN MY COMPLEX?

Condominium and multi-family complexes should have single-stream recycling roll-out carts or yellow top dumpster(s) for recycling. These containers are usually found in the solid waste disposal area or in an area set aside for recycling. Per Ordinance 2009-56, multi-family communities are required to educate residents at a minimum of twice a year. Contact the HOA or multi-family association for information about recycling in your community. Please email recycling@colliercountyfl.gov to schedule a free presentation or to obtain educational material. If there are no recycling carts or containers at your complex, please call Customer Service at (239) 252-2380.

HOW DO I DISPOSE OF BULKY ITEMS IN MY COMPLEX?

Bulky items are considered items that are too large to fit in your trash container. Bulky Items include furniture, appliances, electronics, tires and vehicle batteries. If the items are gently used and still work, we encourage you to visit our Reuse Directory at collier.gov/reuse that lists reuse and recycling organizations in Collier County. You can also check with your HOA or multi-family association on how to dispose of bulky items. In addition, you may self-haul to a Collier County Recycling Drop-Off Center or the Landfill, please view our website (collier.gov/dispose) for a list of accepted material rates and what items are accepted at which locations. You may also contract a hauling company.

HOW DO I DISPOSE OF CHRISTMAS TREES IN MY COMPLEX?

Check with your HOA or multi-family association on how to dispose of a Christmas tree. They may contact a disposal company to plan for the removal of Christmas trees. Residents may bring live Christmas trees (no artificial trees) to any Collier County Recycling Drop-Off Center for free disposal.

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