



# BEST PRACTICES FOR YARD WASTE AND CART COLLECTION

## DO



Contain loose items like leaves, grass clippings and small branches.



Make yard waste piles no larger than 4' x 4' x 6' (multiple piles are fine).



Face containers outward with a 3 ft. clearance from obstacles.



Leave branches no larger than 4 inches in diameter.

## DON'T



Leave loose items out of a container. They may not be collected.



Make piles larger than 4' x 4' x 6'. They may not be collected.



Place containers near obstacles.



Leave branches larger than 4 inches in diameter.

(850) 606-1899

[www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Curbside](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Curbside)

# LEON COUNTY'S WASTE DISPOSAL GUIDE



Garbage • Recycling • Yard Waste • Electronics • Bulk Collections



Leon County Solid Waste  
(850) 606-1800



# Leon County's Solid Waste and Recycling Programs & Services

This guide is for Leon County residents. If you utilize City of Tallahassee Utilities, please contact the City of Tallahassee for information regarding their solid waste services.

## Contacts

### Leon County Solid Waste

7550 Apalachee Pkwy  
Tallahassee, FL  
(850) 606-1800  
Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[www.LeonCountyFL.gov/SolidWaste](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/SolidWaste)

### Leon County Recycling and Sustainability

1907 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL  
(850) 606-5000  
Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling)  
[www.GrowingGreen.org](http://www.GrowingGreen.org)

### Leon County Household Hazardous Waste

7550 Apalachee Pkwy  
Tallahassee, FL  
(850) 606-1803  
Hours: Mon-Sat, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[www.LeonCountyFL.gov/HHW](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/HHW)

### City of Tallahassee Utilities and Solid Waste

435 N. Macomb Street  
Tallahassee, FL  
(850) 891-4968  
Hours: Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
[www.TalGov.com](http://www.TalGov.com)

### Marpan Recycling

6020 Woodville Highway  
Tallahassee, FL  
(850) 216-1006  
[www.Marpan.com](http://www.Marpan.com)

### WastePro Solid Waste Collection Contractor

264 Commerce Lane  
Midway, FL  
(850) 606-1899  
[www.WasteProUSA.com](http://www.WasteProUSA.com)



## Curbside Collection

Leon County residents can sign up for curbside garbage and recycling service via WastePro, the County's Solid Waste collection contractor.

### On Your Collection Day

Please place containers at the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. on your collection day. Collection times are between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on your day of service. Your day of service is based on your location within the County. Please contact WastePro (850) 606-1899 to determine your pick-up schedule.

### How Often is Pick-Up?

Garbage, recycling, and yard debris are picked up weekly. All pick-ups will occur on the same service day.

### Proper Placement

Garbage and recycling carts should be placed at least three feet apart and away from objects such as mailboxes and light posts.

### How Do I Sign Up?

If you would like to sign up for curbside collection, or have questions or concerns regarding your curbside service, please contact WastePro at (850) 606-1899.

## Bulk Collection

Call Waste Pro to arrange a bulk pick-up. Waste Pro will schedule your pick-up and give instructions on what day to place items at the curb. Your request will be serviced within seven days.

### What Qualifies as a Bulk Item?

Bulk items include appliances, furniture, and other things that cannot fit inside your garbage cart.





# Recycling

## Curbside Recycling

Leon County has single-stream recycling, which means all recyclable items can go into the same container – no need to sort. Please place all recyclable plastic, paper, cardboard, glass and metal in the same bin.

## Get Another Cart

If you routinely run out of space in your recycling cart, you may want to consider a second cart. One can be delivered for fee of \$30 or you can pick it up yourself for no fee. Contact Waste Pro at (850) 606-1899 to place your request.

## What to do with Medical Sharps

Medical sharps, such as syringes, needles and lancets, are not recyclable in Leon County bins. You may pick up a free sharps container from the Florida Department of Health in Leon County. Return the container when it is full and receive another one at no charge. Contact Florida Department of Health in Leon County at (850) 606-8150.

## What to do with Plastic Bags and Styrofoam:

Plastic bags and Styrofoam are not recyclable in Leon County bins. However, most large grocery stores will accept these items for recycling.

**What Can I Recycle?**  
No need to separate your items, they can all go into the same container!

**Yes please!**

- Aluminum & Steel Cans
- Newspapers & Magazines
- Office Paper
- Glass Bottles & Jars
- Plastic Bottles, Cups & Jugs
- Cardboard
- Envelopes & Junk Mail  
\*including the ones with clear windows!

**No thanks!**

- Styrofoam
- Plastic Bags
- Chip Bags
- Medical Sharps
- Juice & Milk Cartons
- Paper Towels & Napkins
- Lightbulbs & Electronics  
\*note: recycle at Leon County Household Hazardous Waste!



Leon County Office of Resource Stewardship  
[www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling)

Visit [www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling) to learn more about recycling services, free public drop-off locations and how to recycle properly.

## Yard Debris

Yard debris piles should be no larger than 6 feet long, 4 feet high and 4 feet wide. You can have as many of these 6' x 4' x 4' piles at the curb as needed.

Please be aware that yard debris not within 6 feet of the curb may not be collected.

Individual pieces of yard debris should not exceed 6 feet in length and 4 inches in diameter. Yard debris that does not meet these specifications may not be picked up. Residents may request to have a large pile picked up for a fee. Please call Waste Pro to arrange.

### How Often is Pick-Up?

Yard debris piles will be picked up weekly on the same day as your general collection.

### Skip the Plastic Bag

Plastic bags are not recyclable in Leon County and are difficult to remove from yard debris. The best option is to put loose items of yard debris in a sturdy container.





## Rural Waste Service Centers

There are four Rural Waste Service Centers in Leon County, available for residents who do not receive curbside garbage and recycling service. Residents who would like to use the Rural Waste Service Centers must set up an account at the Solid Waste Facility, 7550 Apalachee Pkwy or on-site at any Rural Waste Center. Those with an account may use any of the four Rural Waste sites for disposal.

### Locations

- **Solid Waste Management Facility**  
7550 Apalachee Pkwy  
Mon-Sat: 8 am-5 pm  
(850) 606-1800
- **Fort Braden**  
2485 East Joe Thomas Rd  
Fri: 9 am-6 pm  
Sat & Sun: 9 am-5 pm  
(850) 488-9119
- **Woodville**  
549 Henry Jones Rd  
Fri: 9 am-6 pm  
Sat & Sun: 9 am-5 pm  
(850) 488-9099
- **Miccosukee**  
13051 Miccosukee Rd  
Fri: 9 am-6 pm  
Sat & Sun: 9 am-5 pm  
(850) 922-0097

### Payment Options

There are two payment options for this service:

1. A flat fee of \$10 per month. This allows for unlimited use of the rural waste service centers for household waste, bulky items, and yard waste.
2. A usage fee. This is intended for residents that do not generate much waste or do not use the rural waste service centers frequently.

### The usage fees per visit are:

- \$2 per bag (13 gallon) of household waste
- \$2 per pick-up truck load of yard debris
- \$4 per pick-up truck load of bulky items
- Recyclables, hazardous waste and electronic waste are free

### How Do I Submit Payment?

Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted at the Solid Waste Management Facility located at 7550 Apalachee Parkway. This also serves as a rural waste service center. Credit cards will also be accepted on-site and online at [www.LeonCountyFL.gov/RWSC](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/RWSC).

### What If I Prefer Curbside Service?

If you prefer to sign-up for curbside trash and recycling pick-up, you may call WastePro at (850) 606-1899 to arrange for curbside service.

## Household Hazardous Waste

When thrown away, many household products can pose a health risk and pollute the environment. Leon County residents can bring their hazardous items to the Household Hazardous Waste Center for free.

### Items Accepted at the Center

We accept items that are flammable, corrosive, reactive, toxic or contain electronic components. If you're not sure if something is hazardous, we encourage you to bring it anyway. If in doubt, bring it out!

Acceptable items include:

- Electronics (Televisions, Computers, etc.)
- Batteries
- Light Bulbs
- Paint, Oils
- Glue, Solvents
- Cleaner (Aerosols, Mildew Remover, etc.)
- Lawn and Garden Chemicals
- Pool Chemicals
- Motor Oil and Antifreeze
- Gasoline, Kerosene, Diesel Fuel
- Propane Bottles and Tanks
- Tires (limit one per household)

Businesses and other agencies must call (850) 606-1803 to make an appointment, Monday through Friday, to drop off their items at the Leon County Hazardous Waste Center (7550 Apalachee Parkway). Some fees will apply.

### Monthly Collection Events

Free collection events are hosted on the first Saturday of the month between September and May at the Leon County Public Works Operations Center, 2280 Miccosukee Road, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.





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### Free "ReNewed" Paint

Our program recycles used paint (by mixing "like" colors) and gives it back to the community in five gallon buckets for free. "ReNew" Paint is given away on Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. in front of the Household Hazardous Waste building. Paint is given on a first-come first-serve basis.

### Swap Shop

Items, such as household cleaners, wood stain, latex paint, etc., brought to the Household Hazardous Waste Center in good condition are placed in our "Swap Shop," and are completely free for Leon County residents.

### Rent Event Recycling Bins

If planning an event within Leon County, citizens can rent and use our ClearStream recycling containers for free.

### Free Mulch

Did you know that yard debris is recycled into mulch? Free mulch, made from residents' collected yard debris, is available for County residents. Mulch is available in two forms: coarse mulch or fine mulch.

Need help loading mulch into your vehicle? Stop by the Scalehouse (building A) to ask for assistance loading mulch into your truck or open trailer.



Mulch is available for pick-up at the Solid Waste Management Facility.

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