



# OFFICE OF RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

## ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

### Goal Statements

The Solid Waste Management Division provides an integrated solid waste management system dedicated to excellent customer service and responsible fiscal and environmental stewardship.

### Strategic Initiatives/Ongoing Support

#### Environment

- Conducted a workshop regarding the solid waste program, including strategies for pursuing the 75% recycling goal and implementing recommendations for waste disposal options that are sustainable over the long term.
- Continued providing hazardous waste collection. The Hazardous Waste Center recycled 74% of all latex paint received, offered citizens an opportunity to obtain high-quality paint for free, and supported the City's Cash for Trash events by offering free hazardous material collections.

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# CUSTOMER SERVICE, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP & INNOVATION

- Leon County continues to seek innovative ways to increase recycling.
  - » Hosted an America Recycles Day celebration, which served as a community open house. Activities, such as facility tours, free document shredding, recycling crafts, sustainable displays and exhibits, and live music drew approximately 300 attendees. Additionally, in a partnership with Sustainable Tallahassee, the "Trash Dash" was held. Runners participated in the unique 5k and the 1-mile fun run, which brought participants jogging all the way through the landfill.
  - » Partnered with Veolia, Marpan Recycling, City of Tallahassee, Tallahassee Community College, and Leon County Schools in a community waste collection event. Six satellite drop-off locations targeted items such as recyclable materials, hazardous waste, electronic waste, and styrofoam.
  - » Continued to support the Sharing Tree, a community resource for reuse and recycling of office and art supplies that would otherwise be destined for the landfill.
  - » Provided residents with an alternative recycling method for plastic bags through a pilot program which collected over 5,500 pounds of bags. Being such a success, the program is now permanent.
  - » Expanded its recycling program to all active athletic park facilities, community centers and most campground and boat ramp locations, resulting in a nearly 1:1 ratio of garbage cans to recycling containers.



### Did You Know

At no cost, Leon County will loan recycling containers for your special event, and free mulch is available six days a week at the Solid Waste Management Facility.

- Leon County's Hazardous Waste Center continued to be a one-stop location for hazardous waste and electronics disposal, and continued to promote the reuse and recycling of these products.
  - » Processed 401 tons of potentially hazardous material from 8,662 residents, of which 217 tons (54%) was recycled or reused.
  - » The Swap Shop continued to promote the reuse of household products, and continues to be a popular feature of the Household Hazardous Waste Program. Usable household products the program receives, such as paint, pool chemicals, and polishes, are available to the public at no charge.

