



OFFICE OF RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

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Goal Statement

To provide an integrated solid waste management system dedicated to excellent customer service and responsible fiscal and environmental stewardship.

Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights

Environment

- Rebid waste collection services for the unincorporated area of Leon County, resulting in a contract with Waste Pro at a 30% rate reduction, saving customers \$72 per year.
- Reduced solid waste hauling costs by renegotiating Waste Management, Inc.'s contract, resulting in a 10% reduction in the per ton rate, which is projected to collectively save the City and County \$435,000 a year.
- Advanced the method of recycling from dual-stream to a more convenient single-stream approach, allowing all recyclables to be comingled into one bin. By simplifying the manner in which residents recycle, participation is anticipated to increase by approximately 30%.
- Comprehensively assessed Transfer Station operations, resulting in a Request for Proposals to potentially privatize operations. No proposals were received, which is construed to be a clear statement that a private vendor was unable to exceed current productivity at a reasonably lower cost.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP & INNOVATION

- 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 359 tons of potentially hazardous material from 10,376 residents, of which 219 tons (61%) was removed from the solid waste stream through recycling or reuse.
 - » 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. This includes returning 37 tons of household products to the community through the Swap Shop and 6,015 gallons of rebled latex paint through the ReNew Paint program in the previous year.
- Leon County Solid Waste recycled 532 tons of electronic scrap.
- Leon County surpassed the State of Florida's current recycling goal of 40% by processing 42% of the waste stream at recycling facilities.
- Leon County's Solid Waste Management Facility conducted an open house to celebrate the 2012 America Recycles Day. It included a compost bin/rain barrel sale, free paper shredding, recycling activities and a 5K Trash Dash.
- 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.
- In response to citizens' requests, kept the Rural Waste Services Centers ("roll-off" centers) open, supported by a modest user fee.
- Free mulch is available all year long to county/city residents at all Rural Waste Services Centers.

Demonstrating Highest Standards of Public Service

Florida Chapter of North American Hazardous Materials Management Association awarded Leon County's Household Hazardous Waste program "The Community Service Award" for 2013. The award recognizes programs that go beyond the usual in service to its community.



America Recycles Day



Solid Waste Transfer Station