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Leon County Solid Waste Management provides an integrated solid waste management system dedicated to excellent public service and responsible fiscal and environmental stewardship. The division is comprised of the following services: Solid Waste Management Facility (landfill), Transfer Station, Rural Waste Service Centers, Household Hazardous Waste, and Recycling.



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SOLID WASTE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Contracted with Marpan Recycling to process and recycle construction debris and packaging material. Over 50% of this material is now being recycled rather than buried in a landfill. The contract also enabled the division to reduce its number of employees and reduce the operating hours at the Apalachee Solid Waste Management Facility.
- Partnered with the County's Office of Sustainability and the Public Information Office to host the first-ever "Solid Waste Spectacular." The event offered visitors the opportunity to see the working side of going green through equipment demonstrations, facility tours, exhibits and games. A "sustainable" lunch was provided, including locally grown organic foods served on compostable dinnerware made from cornstarch and sugar cane.
- Recycled 9,000+ tons of vegetative yard debris. The material is ground into mulch and made available free to the public.
- Developed a "Waste Stewardship" model for use as a public education tool to promote waste reduction, reuse and recycling. The model is available for use by any agency involved in solid waste related educational efforts, including the City of Tallahassee, the Extension Office, DEP and Sustainable Tallahassee, all of which had input into development of the model.
- The Gum Road Transfer Station processed over 175,000 tons of garbage. That is enough waste to fill Doak Campbell Stadium eight times. The waste was delivered to the Springhill Landfill near Marianna for disposal. The landfill uses waste from Leon County to generate approximately 4.5 megawatts of electricity per hour.
- More than 57,050 pounds of material was received from 1,580 citizens through the Household Hazardous Waste remote collection events.

- Division held annual EarthMachines sale in partnership with the City. Demand was so high, a second truck load had to be delivered. The total number of compost bins sold over a two-day period was 1,824.
- More than 541,877 pounds of material has been delivered to the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Center by 3,966 citizens. Of that, 59.5% has been disposed of through reuse or recycling.



Did You Know

On average, 116 gallons of latex paint are recycled per week through the division's free paint program.



