

Annual Sanitation Brochure



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This is the City of Boca Raton's
Sanitation Brochure for October 2018
through September 2019.
It contains important
information and collection schedules.
PLEASE DO NOT DISCARD.

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Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. It is always a good idea to be pro-active in preparing for the storm season. Below are some helpful tips to follow before, during, and after a storm. As always, we are dedicated to providing you with excellent service throughout the year. We appreciate your continued efforts in helping us keep our City safe and clean.

Pre – hurricane preparation:

- Trim your trees before hurricane season starts.
- Major trimming should be done between December & April.

Once a storm has been named:

- Do not do any trimming or major yard work.
- Do not begin any construction projects.
- Debris collection will cease once it is no longer safe to do so.

After the storm has passed:

- Please be patient.
- Trash and debris may not be picked up immediately due to the sheer volume.

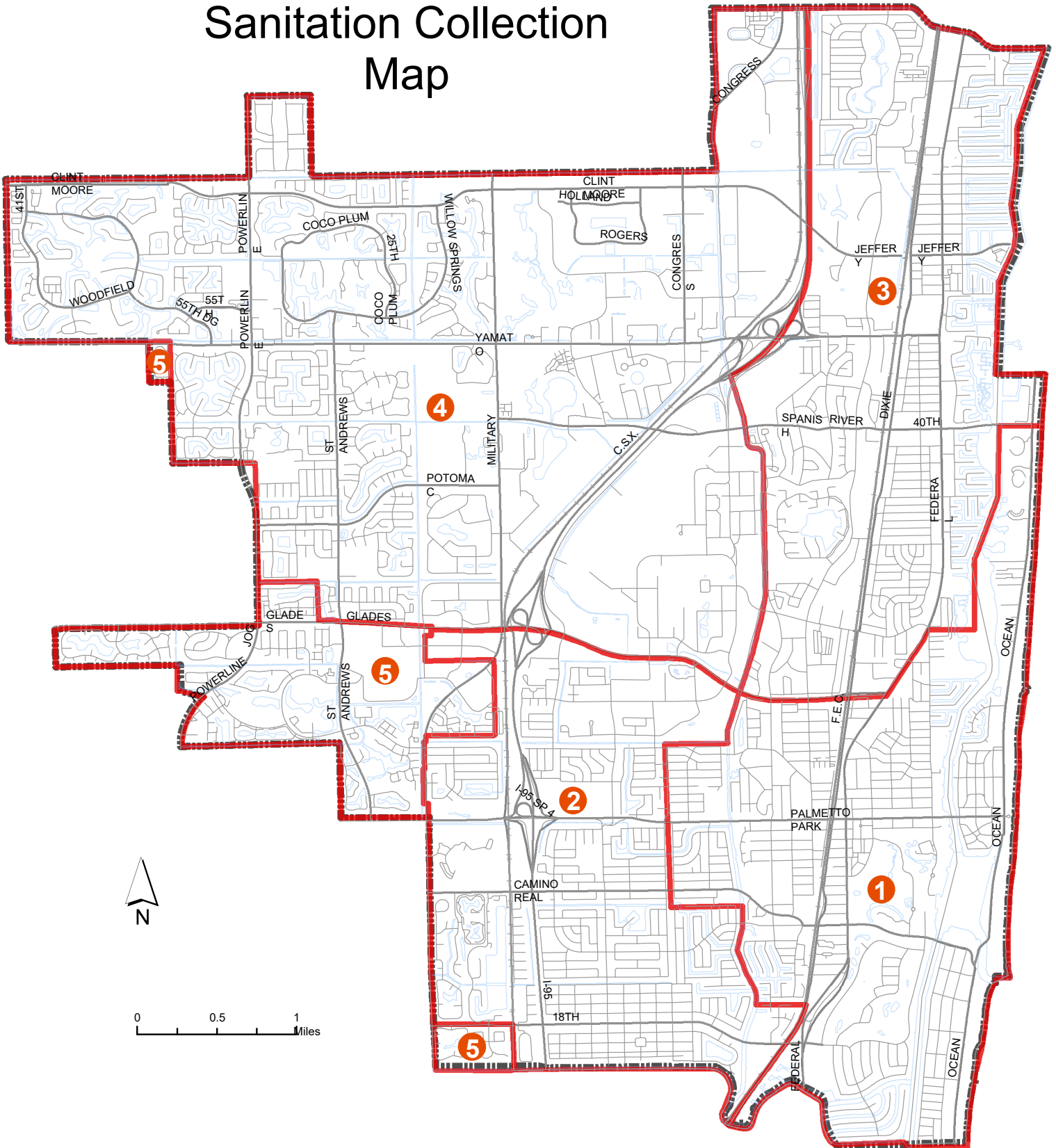
The City of Boca Raton has an automated garbage collection operation. These containers are the property of the City of Boca Raton. **Loose garbage bags or solid waste in non-City issued containers will NOT be collected.** Each container is numbered and assigned to a specific address, and **MUST** stay at the current address if you move.

If you do not have one of the City's garbage containers, please contact the Sanitation Department at **561-416-3367** to order one. If you wish to have an additional container, please note that there will be a service fee of **\$5.50 per month** added to your water bill, in addition to the price of the container.

For service inquiries, call the City's Sanitation Department Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at **561-416-3367**. **If possible**, your questions / concerns will be investigated and corrected that same day **provided they are called in prior to 2:00 p.m.** Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

*Winfred Davenport
Sanitation Superintendent*

City of Boca Raton Sanitation Collection Map








Sanitation Holiday Schedule 2018 - 2019

(Applies to Collection Areas 1 through 4)

Holiday	City Closed	Regular Collection Day		Rescheduled Collection Day
Columbus Day Monday October 8, 2018	Monday October 8, 2018	Monday 10/08	Tuesday 10/09	→ Tuesday 10/09 Wednesday 10/10
Veterans' Day Sunday November 11, 2018	Monday November 12, 2018	Monday 11/12	Tuesday 11/13	→ Tuesday 11/13 Wednesday 11/14
Thanksgiving Day Thursday November 22, 2018	Thursday November 22, 2018	Thursday 11/22	Friday 11/23	→ Wednesday 11/21 NO CHANGE
Christmas Day Tuesday December 25, 2018	Tuesday December 25, 2018	Monday 12/24	Tuesday 12/25	→ NO CHANGE Wednesday 12/26
New Year's Day Tuesday January 1, 2019	Tuesday January 1, 2019	Monday 12/31	Tuesday 01/01	→ NO CHANGE Wednesday 01/02
Martin Luther King Day Monday January 21, 2019	Monday January 21, 2019	Monday 01/21	Tuesday 01/22	→ Tuesday 01/22 Wednesday 01/23
Presidents' Day Monday February 18, 2019	Monday February 18, 2019	Monday 02/18	Tuesday 02/19	→ Tuesday 02/19 Wednesday 02/20
Memorial Day Monday May 27, 2019	Monday May 27, 2019	Monday 05/27	Tuesday 05/28	→ Tuesday 05/28 Wednesday 05/29
Independence Day Thursday July 4, 2019	Thursday July 4, 2019	Thursday 07/04	Friday 07/05	→ Wednesday 07/03 NO CHANGE
Labor Day Monday September 2, 2019	Monday September 2, 2019	Monday 09/02	Tuesday 09/03	→ Tuesday 09/03 Wednesday 09/04
Columbus Day Monday October 14, 2019	Monday October 14, 2019	Monday 10/14	Tuesday 10/15	→ Tuesday 10/15 Wednesday 10/16

Please Help Keep Our Waterways Clean

-  Never dispose of any type of waste, especially household hazardous waste, into a storm drain or canal.
-  Our canals and waterways provide flood control. Never toss vegetation into our storm drains or canals, as it could restrict its ability to discharge stormwater and can cause flooding. Also, the decaying process causes oxygen depletion in the water and could result in loss of marine life. Dumping vegetative waste into a canal is against the City of Boca Raton's Code of Ordinances and you could receive a code violation and be fined.
-  It takes only 1 gallon of oil—the amount of a typical oil change— to foul 1 million gallons of water.
-  Use less fertilizer! For your lawn, for your wallet, and our Waterways!
-  For more information on how to keep our waterways clean, please visit the City's website at: www.myboca.us/693/Stormwater-Management

SOLID WASTE VIOLATION NOTICE

If you receive a "Solid Waste Violation Notice" and your waste is refused for pickup due to contamination or because it contains an unacceptable material, you are responsible for removal from the swale area within 12 hours. Collection of the clean load will not occur until your next scheduled pickup day unless provided as a pay for pickup service.

[Failure to comply with City regulations can result in Code Enforcement action.](#)

Garbage

GARBAGE IS COLLECTED TWICE A WEEK

Separate your garbage from vegetation and bulk items. Wrap or bag your household garbage and place it in your City-issued container for removal. Roll the container to the edge of the driveway or swale area, placing it at least 5 feet away from other containers or obstacles.

YOUR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE WILL NOT BE COLLECTED IF IT IS NOT IN THE CITY-ISSUED CONTAINER.

All materials shall be placed in the swale for collection no earlier than 7 p.m. on the day prior to the scheduled collection day and no later than 7 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. All containers must be removed within 12 hours following collection.

THE CITY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEAN UP DUE TO IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF LIQUIDS, SUCH AS PAINT.

If you do not have a City-issued container or need an additional container, please contact our Sanitation Department for ordering and current pricing at [561-416-3367](tel:561-416-3367).

Vegetative Waste

VEGETATION IS COLLECTED ONCE A WEEK

Vegetative waste should be placed in the swale area or edge of pavement and must not be mixed with non-vegetative waste or bulk items. To avoid damage, do not place vegetative waste adjacent to a mailbox, utility pole, sprinkler head, near/under trees, cable/utility lines, or further than 6 feet from the paved edge of the street. In addition, vegetative waste should be placed a minimum of 5 feet away from other garbage containers.

Do not place vegetative waste on your driveway as damage could result from collection. **The City is not responsible for damage or repairs to your driveway.**

Vegetative waste such as tree trimmings and palm fronds **cannot exceed 4 inches in diameter and 5 feet in length.** Anything larger must be cut to guidelines or disposed of by the owner/tenant to the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County's disposal site. Call [1-866-792-4636](tel:1-866-792-4636) for drop-off locations and fees, or visit www.swa.org.

AS STATED BY CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES: THE CITY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ANY VEGETATIVE WASTE CREATED BY A PRIVATE COMPANY

Recycling

RECYCLING IS COLLECTED ONCE A WEEK

The City of Boca Raton has a two-bin recycling program. The yellow bin is used to recycle paper and cardboard products. The blue bin is for your glass, plastic and aluminum products. For a complete list of recyclable items, please visit the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County's website at www.swa.org or call the City's Sanitation Department at [561-416-3367](tel:561-416-3367).

FOR RESIDENTS LIVING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF BOCA RATON:

The City of Boca Raton's Sanitation Department delivers recycling bins directly to your home. Please call us at [561-416-3367](tel:561-416-3367) to order your yellow and blue recycling bins.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CORRUGATED CARDBOARD MUST BE CUT DOWN TO 2' X 2' PIECES AND PLACED IN OR NEXT TO YOUR YELLOW BIN. IF YOU HAVE BOXES THAT ARE LARGER THAN 2' X 2' THAT ARE NOT BROKEN DOWN, THEY WILL BE COLLECTED BY OUR BULK SERVICE.

For removal of a damaged or unusable recycling bin, place bin in your garbage container if possible, or put it out for bulk collection with a note on it stating that you would like it to be removed.

Bulk Items

BULK ITEMS ARE COLLECTED ONCE A WEEK

Bulk items include furniture, bicycles, refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc. Refrigerator doors, as well as washer/dryer doors should be removed or secured for safety. Residents are encouraged to recycle their old electronics including televisions, computers, monitors, and stereos. Check your local computer store for recycling opportunities, or you can drop them off at any one of the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County's transfer stations.

Bulk items should be placed a minimum of 5 feet away from other garbage containers or obstacles.

The City will not collect bulk items that are not separated from vegetation and will not collect unacceptable materials at any time.

THE CITY WILL NOT COLLECT CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS

PLEASE REFER TO PAGE 6 FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR BULK COLLECTION

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COLLECTION AREA 5

The City of Boca Raton has contracted with Waste Management to provide service to Area 5. Please contact **Waste Management** for your subdivision's specific collection schedule at **(561) 547-4000**.

Weekly Pickup Schedule

Area #	Waste Type	Collection	Area #	Waste Type	Collection
1	Garbage	Monday & Thursday	3	Garbage	Monday & Thursday
	Recycling, Vegetation & Bulk	Monday		Recycling, Vegetation & Bulk	Thursday
2	Garbage	Tuesday & Friday	4	Garbage	Tuesday & Friday
	Recycling, Vegetation & Bulk	Tuesday		Recycling, Vegetation & Bulk	Friday
			5	Varies by Subdivision	Contact Waste Management 561-547-4000

Pay For Pickup Option

We continue to offer the “Pay for Pickup Option” which allows residents to make arrangements for bulk items and vegetation to be picked up on unscheduled collection days.

Only acceptable / non-hazardous materials can be picked up using this option

A minimum fee of **\$102.00** will be charged for items measuring up to 2 cubic yards (e.g., a washer and dryer). Anything over that will require an additional charge of **\$22.50** per cubic yard. For more information or to schedule a pickup, please call the Sanitation Department at **561-416-3367**.

As stated by the City’s Code of Ordinances, the City is not responsible for the removal of any vegetative waste created by a private company or Construction & Demolition (C&D) debris of any kind.

For a list of companies franchised in the City of Boca Raton for C & D debris removal, please visit the City’s website at: www.myboca.us/1197/Solid-Waste-Franchise-Information

Unacceptable Materials

Below are some of the materials **not** accepted by the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County at their transfer stations, due in part to damage sustained to Authority vehicles and equipment while loading and unloading these prohibited materials. The list of unacceptable materials that will not be picked up by the City includes, but is not limited to:

Asphalt / Tar	Logs / Lumber
Bathtubs / Sinks / Toilets	Metal / Metal pipes
Cabinetry	Paints (all types)
Carpeting / Rugs	Pallets
Concrete and concrete poles	Paver blocks/Stepping stones
Construction/Demolition debris	Pool parts & Equipment
Decking / Fencing	Rocks / Sand / Soil / Sod
Drywall	Roofing material
Fluorescent light bulbs	Sheds (wood or metal)
Flooring (all types)	Tile (all types)
Glass / Mirrors	Tires
Land clearing debris	Tree stumps
Lawn maintenance equipment	Wood / Railroad ties

Disposal of unacceptable materials is the responsibility of the tenant, property owner or contractor. For disposal rates and hours, residents can contact the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County by calling 1-866-792-4636 or visit their website www.swa.org.

Household Hazardous Waste

Most hazardous household products are intended to be used without any waste, but inevitably some products must be discarded. Always read the label carefully on unfamiliar items before you throw them away. Products labeled **corrosive, flammable, toxic or reactive** are household hazardous wastes and need to be disposed of by the resident at any of the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County’s transfer stations.

Never dispose of household hazardous products by placing at curbside for City collection, burning, burying, or pouring down the household drain or storm drain. If placed for curbside pickup, these products can be dangerous or injurious to anyone, including our Sanitation personnel.

If you witness a hazardous spill or release, call **(911)** immediately. If you see someone pour a substance into an inlet, or if you see or smell an unknown substance in an inlet, call the Fire Department immediately **(911)**. **Never try to get samples of the substance yourself. Leave that task to the professionals!**

Note: Common household batteries (alkaline, heavy duty) are not considered hazardous waste and can be disposed of in your regular garbage.

Household hazardous waste includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Acids / Caustics	Medicines
Adhesives	Minerals
Antifreeze	Motor oil
Batteries - Car / Marine	Needles / Syringes
Batteries (Rechargeable)	Paint - Latex / Oil
Bleach / Chlorine	Petroleum products
Chemicals	Pool chemicals
Electronics	Propane tanks
Fertilizers	Rat poison
Flammables	Solvents
Fluorescent tubes	Weed Killers / Pesticides
Grease	

Regular Fluorescent light bulbs and CFL’s contain mercury, and should not be disposed of curbside. Homeowners are encouraged to bring their used household fluorescent bulbs to any one of Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County’s SWA hazardous waste drop-off locations or to home improvement stores.

For proper disposal instructions of Household Hazardous Waste, please call the **Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County** toll free at **1-866-792-4636**. For disposal of hypodermic needles, call the **Palm Beach County Health Department, South Center** at **561-274-3100**.