

TALKIN' TRASH



Summer 2006

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Customer Service Line:
954-765-4222
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www.broward.org/waste
e-mail: recycle&recover@broward.org

Info Available
24 Hours A Day!

Did you KNOW

Hurricane Wilma created more than 10 times the amount of debris, almost 200,000 cubic yards, than was created by Hurricanes Jeanne and Francis in 2004. For more information, see *Hurricane Katrina and Wilma 2005 Debris Removal Recap* on inside page.

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE! DON'T BE CAUGHT UNPREPARED.....

Hurricane season is upon us once again. We hope you've taken the time over the past few months to get ready. In an effort to help you, we've prepared the following instructions. Please save this newsletter for reference during hurricane season (June 1 - November 30).

BEFORE A HURRICANE...

DO:

- ✓ Use your next bulky waste collection day to get rid of unwanted items or use the Trash Transfer Station as an alternative method to dispose of unwanted items. (See *Trash Transfer Station - Alternate Disposal Option* on inside page.)
- ✓ Trim trees and shrubbery regularly. Cut weak branches and thin out foliage. This decreases the chance that plants will be uprooted.
- ✓ Place properly cut and bundled tree trimmings at the curb on your next regular garbage collection day. Remember the 4/50 rule: bundles must be less than four feet in length and less than 50 pounds in weight.
- ✓ Refresh your supply of heavy-duty plastic garbage bags for household garbage.



DON'T:

- ✗ Don't trim trees once a hurricane watch or warning is announced.
- ✗ Don't take materials to the curb or Trash Transfer Station during a watch or warning (facilities will be temporarily closed).
- ✗ Don't put garbage or bulky waste items at the curb in a "junk" pile. They won't be picked up that way!

AFTER A HURRICANE...

DO:

- ✓ Watch for news items for information regarding the reinstatement of garbage and recycling services. News items include "CodeRED" alerts or WIOD Radio 610 AM public service announcements. See *CodeRED Telephone Alert System* on inside page.
- ✓ Understand that all services will resume as soon as possible after an emergency, although it may be several weeks before yard waste is removed.
- ✓ Keep your waste separated at the curb for easier collection (household garbage, vegetative waste, and miscellaneous debris and trash).
- ✓ Put all household garbage in securely tied plastic garbage bags (this will prevent it from becoming a health hazard if there is a delay in collection).

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- ✓ Cut all tree limbs into sections of four feet in length or less.
- ✓ Place smaller and loose items in garbage cans or securely tied plastic garbage bags (weight limit 50 pounds).
- ✓ Place all debris curbside (collection contractors can only pick up debris from the curb and from public roadways). Please realize that it may take several weeks to clear debris, even in the event of a weaker hurricane (such as a category 1).
- ✓ If FPL or BellSouth cuts down branches or trees in your yard, it is your responsibility to properly prepare the debris for curbside collection.

DON'T:

- ✗ Don't rely on County personnel and collection contractors to remove debris from locations other than curbsides or public roadways.
- ✗ Don't risk injury by placing debris near a fence, mailbox, or on top of power line equipment. Avoid poles, transformers, and downed electrical wiring.
- ✗ Don't place recyclables at the curb until an announcement has been made that services have resumed.
- ✗ Don't use paper bags or cardboard boxes for putting out household garbage.
- ✗ Don't place items in front of or on a vacant lot - they won't be collected.
- ✗ In the event a special hurricane collection is provided, don't wait. Place debris at the curb as soon as possible. If you wait, you may miss the special collection and be required to make your own arrangements for removal. Signs will be placed at the entrance of neighborhoods to notify residents of forthcoming collections. Residents will also be notified through CodeRED Alerts or WIOD Radio 610 AM public service announcements.

We're Here to Help!

In the event of a hurricane, the Recycling and Contract Administration Division will:

- ☀ Assess damage in residential areas
- ☀ Work with haulers to resume collection services
- ☀ Communicate with residents about services

For hurricane-related questions, call our Customer Service Line at 954-765-4222. For more information regarding hurricane preparedness, visit www.broward.org/hurricane or call the Broward County Call Center at 954-831-4000.

Trash Transfer Station Alternate Disposal Option

If you are generating large amounts of debris from your hurricane preparations, you may find the monthly bulky waste collection is not sufficient. As a resident of the unincorporated area, you are entitled to use the County Trash Transfer Station as an alternate means of disposal. The station is located at:

- ☀ Central Area – 5490 Reese Road, Davie

The station is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no charge for this service, but the following restrictions apply:

- ✗ Vehicles may not exceed the dimensions of a full-size pickup truck
- ✗ Household garbage is not accepted
- ✗ Debris is accepted from residences only. NO COMMERCIAL USERS
- ✗ Visits are limited to four (4) times per month

Proper identification is required. Proper identification includes a driver's license along with a County tax bill/TRIM notice showing the solid waste assessment, a current copy of the *Talkin' Trash* newsletter or a notification from County authorities to maintain your property.

COST OF SERVICES

In accordance with Section 403.7049 of the Florida Statutes, the following full cost of solid waste management services disclosure is hereby provided for the fiscal year that ended September 30, 2005.

ANNUAL COST OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

| Type of Cost | In 000's | Cost/Unit |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Collection Costs | \$3,240 | \$172.87 |
| Disposal Costs | \$2,353 | \$125.56 |
| Recycling Costs* | \$299 | \$15.97 |
| Total Annual Costs | \$5,893 | \$314.40 |
| # of Units | 18,743 | |

*Recycling costs are shown net of revenues received for materials collected.

Documents are available for examination by the public during business hours at:

Broward County Waste and Recycling Services

1 N. University Drive, Suite 400
Plantation, Florida 33324

CodeRED Telephone Alert System



CodeRED is a landline telephone system that allows Waste and Recycling Services to inform residents of interruptions, resumptions or changes in their collection services. The CodeRED system was implemented during the 2005 hurricane season to inform residents in Unincorporated Broward County about suspension and resumption of regular garbage, bulky waste and recycling collections. Residents were also contacted with information pertaining to collection of hurricane debris. A total of 6,709 households were alerted and informed about collection services.

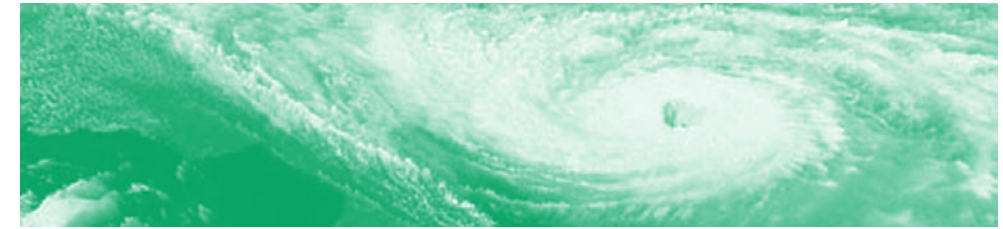


For more information about CodeRED or to register your cell telephone number to receive this service, contact **954-765-4222** or **RECYCLE&RECOVER@broward.org**. Residents who wish to register their cell phone numbers are required to submit their address, along with their telephone number, to ensure they receive current information for their service area.

Reminder..... Bulky Waste Collection Requirements!

Why wait until a storm is imminent to dispose of your bulky waste? Bulky waste items are collected once a month in the unincorporated service areas. Refer to the 2006 *Talkin' Trash Guide* to find your collection dates and follow the rules listed below to ensure your bulky waste items are collected. Look for signs 72 hours prior to your collection day, notifying you of bulky waste collections in your neighborhood.

- ☝ Items cannot be placed out more than 72 hours prior to your bulky waste collection day
- ☝ Items must be placed curbside, in an orderly manner, PRIOR to 7 a.m. on your bulky waste collection day
- ☝ **Items placed out late will not be collected** and may lead to a citation being issued for swale violations



Hurricane Katrina and Wilma 2005 Debris Removal Recap

| Service Area | Number of Truck Loads | Number of Cubic Yards Disposed |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 654 | 23,587 |
| 4 | 655 | 22,480 |
| 5 | 765 | 24,105 |
| 6 | 491 | 24,843 |
| 7 | 1,029 | 41,760 |
| 8 | 1,562 | 51,618 |
| TOTAL | 5,156 | 188,393 |

During the months of November and December 2005 (after Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma) more than 180,000 cubic yards of debris was removed from the Unincorporated Broward County areas.



Broward County's New "Hurricane Update E-Mail System" Keeps Residents Informed

As part of its ongoing emergency preparedness effort, Broward County has launched a new Hurricane Update E-Mail System. This free e-mail notification service keeps residents who subscribe up to date with important hurricane information before, during and after a hurricane.

The Hurricane Update E-Mail System is part of an ongoing initiative to help residents better prepare for storms. All Broward County residents are urged to subscribe to Broward County's Hurricane Update E-Mail System.

For more information on hurricane preparedness or to sign up for the Broward County Hurricane Update E-Mail System, please visit www.broward.org/hurricane.



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