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Monroe County Recycles

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Have a question about recycling, or what day your yard waste collection is? How about a bulk waste collection? What to do with electronics or household hazardous waste? Now you have another way to get answers. Monroe County Recycles is now on Facebook! It's a fast, easy way to get answers to your solid waste questions and learn more about recycling in Monroe County. From tips on composting to informative videos, Monroe County Recycles Facebook page is a great resource to connect with county staff and to learn more about what you can do to help our sensitive environment. Log on today!



!Great News Monroe County!

In the first two weeks of starting our new yard waste program with Energy 3, Monroe County has diverted 1168.2 tons yard waste. This is a savings to county residents of \$7,394.70 over the previous Waste Management contract.

The yard waste is being transported to Old Castle Lawn and Garden's mulch and compost facility in Moore Haven Florida. Here it is processed, packaged and sent to retailers in south Florida like Home Depot, Kmart, Ace Hardware and many others. So the next time you purchase mulch or compost from your local store, chances it might have come from your yard to start.

"PLEASE HELP BY REMEMBERING TO SEPARATE YOUR YARD WASTE"



Monroe County Pollution Control

Helping Keep The Keys Green



Billions of dollars are spent each year just to clean up the litter people have thoughtlessly tossed out on the streets and other public places. But if each of us were a bit more disciplined and taught others the basic knowledge about the effects of litter, imagine how much money could be saved and used for other more important services.

One single piece of litter can not only spoil our environment, It can be dangerous and change a life forever.

PLEASE DON'T BE A LITTERBUG

**REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING
(305) 296-2424**

gofundme

Felix Gaitan Family Support Fund



Show your support by going to this link
GoFundMe.com/r6y7fqw

Felix Gaitan a employee of the Monroe County BOCC pollution control, experienced a catastrophic industrial injury on April 1st, 2015. Mr. Gaitan is now with his family at a rehabilitation center in Georgia. Mr. Gaitan was the sole provider for his family. This fund has been set up to help his family with expenses. All donations would be greatly appreciated by the Gaitan family.

Monroe County Pollution Control picks up illegal dumps from Stock Island to the seven mile bridge and from mile marker 91 north to the county line. Even with Key West, Marathon and Islamorada providing their own service our pollution control team in 2014 had some highest illegal dump collection totals in recent history.

Garbage/Debris	380,700 lbs.
Metal	4,980 lbs.
Yard Waste	479,690 lbs.
Tires	260 lbs.
EVEN 1 Cuban "Chug"	

Facts And Statistics About Littering

1. 1.9 billion tons of litter ends up in the ocean every year. A estimated 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic are floating in the worlds oceans and waterways.
2. Over one third of littered items are cigarette butts.
3. According to a survey conducted by the state of Tennessee, Men are more likely to litter than women. 8% of men claimed they litter daily while only 2% of women would do the same thing.
4. In 2013 \$11.5 billion was spent to clean up litter. In North Carolina alone seven million pounds of roadside litter was collected at a cost to the state of \$16 million.
5. One mile of highway contains approximately 16,000 pieces of litter.
6. Heavily littered neighborhoods experience more vandalism and other crimes.
7. According to a national study, most people who would deliberately litter are those between the ages of 18-34 years old.
8. During the annual Coastal Clean Up Day 2014, volunteers collected over 10 million pounds of litter from 1,700 miles of the United States coastline.
9. The estimated cost to pick up litter has been placed at 30 cents per piece.
10. The most common object found during litter clean up is fast food litter.
11. Litter reduces property values and tourism declines when vistas are spoiled by litter.
12. Litter is harmful to animals and marine life. 1 million seabirds and 100 thousand marine mammals are killed each year by litter.
13. An astounding 86% of all marine turtles are affected by marine debris.
14. Littering is smelly, dirty and can cause disease. Litter can be very dangerous and cause serious accidents.



San Gabrielle river mouth in Los Angeles after a winter storm.

[Www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) www.litteritcostsyoudo.org www.ncdps.gov www.kab.org



Pollution Control & Recycling

ILLEGAL DUMPS

Key Largo
No Name Key
Stock Island



HOB ELEMENTARY

Talking Recycling And
Household Hazardous
Waste

My Recycled Art

Community Events - Hazardous Waste Collectoins - Community Clean Ups

TO REQUEST OUR STAFFS PARTICIPATION IN AN EVENT PLEASE CALL 305-745-4307

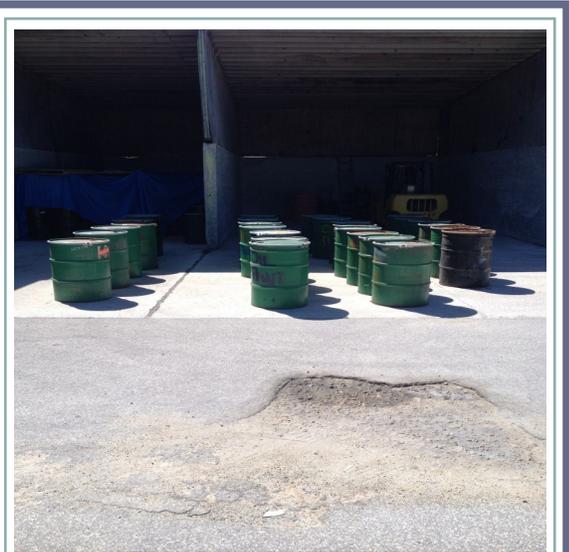
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE SHED CLEAN OUT

2015 Has Been A Busy Year For Our Household Hazardous Waste Department. We Have Installed Two New Hazardous Waste Sheds Including Safety Fencing And A Insulated Roofing In Cudjoe Key And Long Key. In May We Shipped Out The Hazardous Waste For Proper Recycling And Disposal. This Waste Was Collected Over The Previous Year And What A year It Was.

Over 64,000 LBS. Of Hazardous Waste



**MONROE
COUNTY
RECYCLING
CONTINUES
TO RISE**
JANUARY TO JUNE
INCREASING



1,206,480 LBS.



Summer 2015 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates

JULY 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 10-2 Cudjoe	2	3 10-2 Long Key	4
5	6	7	8 10-2 Key Largo	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 10-2 Cudjoe	16	17 10-2 Long Key	18
19	20	21	22 10-2 Key Largo	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5 10-2 Cudjoe	6	7 10-2 Long Key	8
9	10	11	12 10-2 Key Largo	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 10-2 Cudjoe	20	21 10-2 Long Key	22
23	24	25	26 10-2 Key Largo	27	28	29
30	31					



Cudjoe Key - **740 Blimp Road Mile Marker 21.5 Gulf Side** 10am-2pm

Marathon - **Aviation Blvd. County Garage** 9am-1pm

Long Key - **Mile Marker 68 Gulf Side** 10am-2pm

Key Largo - **Key Largo Park Behind Walgreen's** 10am-2pm



SEPTEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 10-2 Cudjoe	3	4 10-2 Long Key	5
6	7	8	9 10-2 Key Largo	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 10-2 Cudjoe	17	18 10-2 Long Key	19
20	21	22	23 10-2 Key Largo	24	25	26 9-1 Marathon
27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 10-2 Long Key	3
4	5	6	7 10-2 Cudjoe	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 10-2 Key Largo	15	16 10-2 Long Key	17
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Residential E-Waste And Household Hazardous Waste No Charge

Business Waste

Gasoline \$.78 Per Gallon Antifreeze \$.78 Per Gallon Mercury Containing Bulbs \$.50 Each

E-Waste \$.0618 Per Pound Business Hazardous Waste \$.60 Per Pound

