



# RE NEWS

REDUCE  
REUSE  
RECYCLE  
RETHINK

**Monroe County Recycles**

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## LOOKS LIKE MONROE COUNTY IS GETTING THE IDEA

**REDUCE** Average household solid waste in Monroe County that is either, recycled, landfilled or combusted for waste to energy.

**REUSE** Tons per year - Pounds per day

	Tons per year	Pounds per day
<b>RECYCLE</b> 2010	2.14	11.73
<b>RETHINK</b> 2013	1.28	7.03

REDUCING AND REUSE IS ON THE RISE LET'S KEEP IT GOING

## MONROE COUNTY RECYCLED THIS IN 2014

Newspaper: 9,882 tons Glass 9,760 tons  
Aluminum cans 1,636 tons Tires 1,432 tons  
Cardboard 10,875 tons Metals 7,323 tons  
Plastic 7,325 tons Office Paper 7,290 tons  
Construction and Demolition Debris 48,237 tons



11,008 tons of yard waste from Monroe County has been composted since May of 2015



## WATER-WATER-WATER

Sales of bottled water (PET plastic) in the U.S. continues to climb. Did you know that in the three years between 2002 and 2005 sales of bottled water doubled, from 15 Billion units to 29.8 billion units. Yep that BILLIONS with a B. This is seven times the amount of 3.8 billion units sold in 1997.

What does this all mean? Well in 2013 according to the National Association for PET Container Resources 5,764 million pounds of PET bottles and jars were available for recycling. About 85% of those bottles and jars are used for food and beverages or 4,899 million pounds. The unfortunate truth is only 369 million pounds of recycled PET (rPET) was used to produce new food or beverage containers. That equates to a mere 7.5% recycling rate.

Please do your part, shop smart if you must have those products in the plastic packaging buy from a company that uses (rPET) recycled content.

Most of all recycle them again after your use.



America Recycles Day (ARD) is the only day nationally recognized to encourage Americans to recycle and buy recycled products. ARD was

started in 1997 by the National Recycling Coalition. The non-profit group Keep America Beautiful has been running the America Recycles Day program since 2009. Keep America Beautiful provides promotional, marketing support and resources to a network of local event organizers, schools, government and private entities. For a list of events, news, other links and recycling information please visit.

<http://www.americarecyclesday.org>



# REAT NEWS FOR COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

## SINGLE STREAM COMMERCIAL RECYCLING IS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE LOWER KEYS

Single stream commercial recycling has been done in the middle and upper keys for a while, but now it is also available in the lower keys. This means the savings to commercial recyclers in the lower keys is even greater. If you are a business or know of a business with multiple recycling containers please call Waste Management at 305-296-8297 and request that a representative contact you about converting to the proper single stream recycling. It's your hard earned money SO save a little room, labor and keep a little extra cash for yourself convert to single stream recycling today.

### SINGLE STREAM

Saves time, money and room.

#### Old Commercial Recycling

4 yard cardboard \$143.07

3ea. 96 gallon \$ 64.43

Total monthly est. \$208.13

#### New Commercial Recycling

6 yard recycling = 1/2 yard more service takes up less space, less labor and no more separating.

Total monthly est. \$200.48



### WASTE MANAGEMENT Commercial Single Stream Recycling Plan

#### Here is how to prepare your Single Stream items for Recycling...

Please place all acceptable items LOOSE IN THE CONTAINER

#### Glass Containers

- Only bottles and jars
- Clear, brown, green, or any color
- All bottles should be rinsed with lids off

#### Aluminum & Tin Cans

- Rinse all cans
- Foil is acceptable
- Labels may be left on cans

#### Plastic Containers

- Jugs and bottles with marking #1 - #7
- Rinse all bottles
- NO plastic bags

#### Mixed Office Paper

- White and colored bond paper
- White and colored copy paper
- Plain, White or manila envelopes
- Computer paper
- Index cards
- Flyers
- Newspaper

- Yellow legal paper
- File folders
- Letterhead paper
- Junk mail
- Chipboard
- Glossy paper
- Magazines

- Trade Publications
- Note Paper
- Post-It Notes
- Cardboard
- Calculator Tape
- Plain fax paper
- Telephone books

- NO toweling or tissues
- NO microfiche
- NO carbon paper

- NO photos
- NO blueprint paper

- NO wax coated paper
- NO plastic covers

Staples do NOT need to be removed.

Colored print or ink is acceptable

Please do NOT throw solid waste materials in the recycling container! When in doubt, throw it out in the garbage. Or call

**Waste Management 305-296-8297**



## Publix Supermarket Fall 2015 Green Business



Publix's company wide recycling rate is 51% as of 2014. Working together with North America's largest recycler Waste Management, Publix was able divert more than 10,800 tons of food waste from almost 200 of their stores and 19,000 tons of food waste from their manufacturing plants in 2013. This food waste was either sent to organics recyclers or used for feed on farms and zoos. Publix offers in store recycling at all their locations of paper and plastic bags, you can even recycle the plastic sleeves from dry cleaning and newspapers. Publix also recycled in 2013.

230,00 tons of cardboard 4,000 tons of mixed paper 8,800 tons mixed plastic

This saved 3.9 million trees, 1.6 billion gallons of water, 761,00 cubic yards of landfill space and 2.5 million barrels of oil.

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# FUN FALL PUMPKIN

EVER WONDER WHAT TO DO WITH THE  
STICKY INNARDS OF A HALLOWEEN  
JACK-O-LANTERN ?

## **PUMPKIN SEED BRITTLE:**

- 1/2 stick unsalted butter and a little extra for your baking sheet
- 1/2 packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 cup fresh baked pumpkin seeds, rinsed, dried and toasted

Butter a large baking sheet or line with parchment paper. Melt butter in sauce pan over medium heat mix in sugar and honey. Cook mixture (DO NOT STIR) until amber in color, approximately six minutes. Mix in pumpkin seeds cook additional 2 minutes. Pour onto baking sheet let cool completely. Break into pieces and enjoy!

## **Now That Growing Season Is Upon Us Try This Neat Reuse Of Your Pumpkin Shell.**

Fill the pumpkin shell with dirt. Place a tomato or pepper plant inside pumpkin shell and bury in the garden. As the shell decomposes it acts as a natural fertilizer. This gave me the biggest plumpest ripe tomatoes and peppers I have grown.

**No Garden :** Compost that pumpkin.

Rumor has it key deer love

the broken up shells.

Do Not Hand Feed!

**PUMPKIN BUTTER:** Spread it on muffins and toast. This yummy treat is good enough to eat straight from the bowl. It's also very simple to make.

- 3 1/2 cups pumpkin guts, pureed
- 3/4 cup apple juice
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 2teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1teaspoon ground nutmeg

Mixed all ingredients in sauce pan over Medium heat and bring to boil. Reduce Heat and simmer for 30 minutes or Until mixture has thickened stir Frequently. Transfer to another container. Chill until ready to Serve.



# NO WASTE RECIPES

# Fall 2015 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that in 2013 the average American home produces 20 lbs. of household hazardous waste. THAT'S a lot considering there are over 133 million homes in the United States.

## SMART SHOPPING

Use latex or water based paints. Choose less or non-hazardous. Avoid aerosol products. Labels with caution tend to be safer than labels with danger, warning or poison on them. Buy only what you need. Big is not always better.



## OCTOBER 2015

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

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that in 2013 the United States disposed of or recycled daily 142,000 computers and 416,000 mobile devices. Lets make sure we recycle them all. Look what we could save.

## RECYCLING

1 million cell phones can yield 7,500 lbs. of gold.

1 million computers reduces greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to removing 16,000 vehicles from our roads per year.

FACT: Electronic waste makes up 70% of hazardous waste at Landfills.



## NOVEMBER 2015

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

## DECEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 <sup>10-2</sup> Cudjoe	3	4 <sup>10-2</sup> Long Key	5
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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

