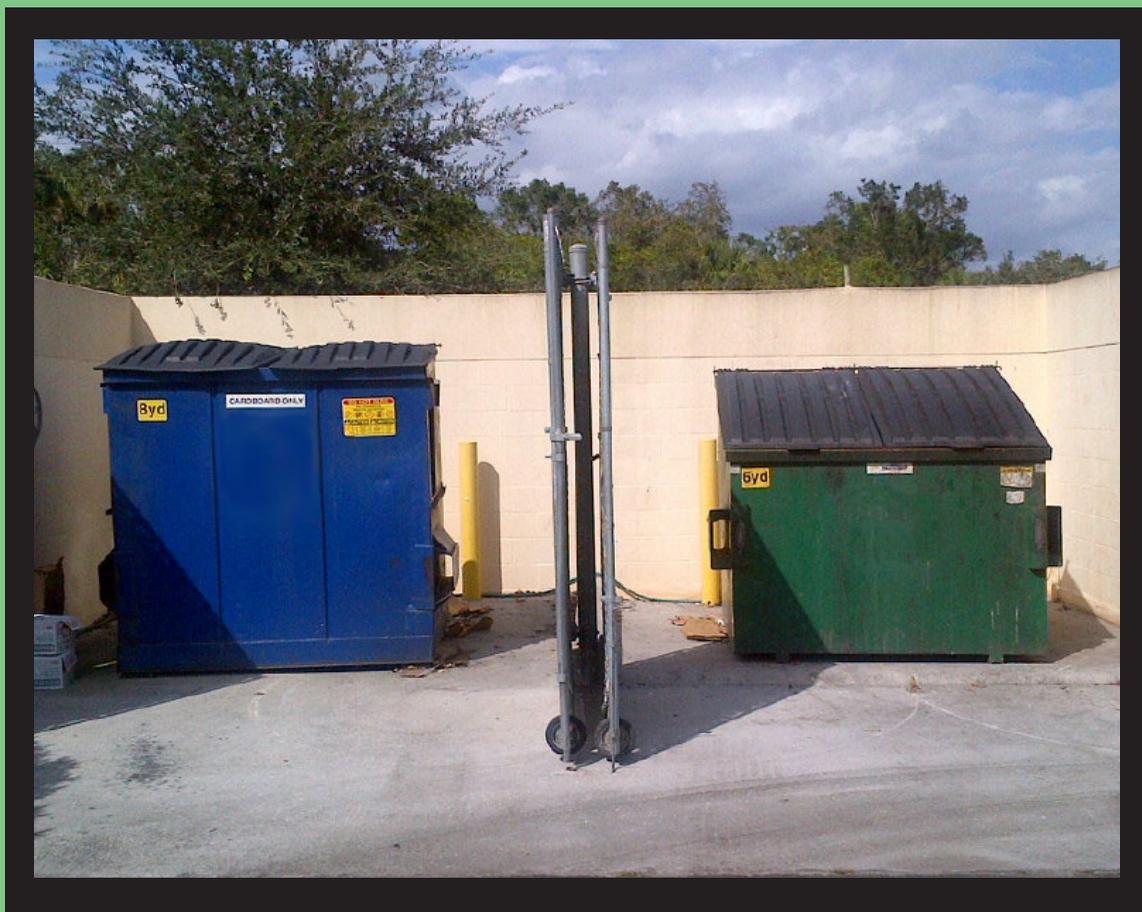


MANATEE COUNTY'S COMMERCIAL GUIDE TO SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING



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About the Solid Waste Division

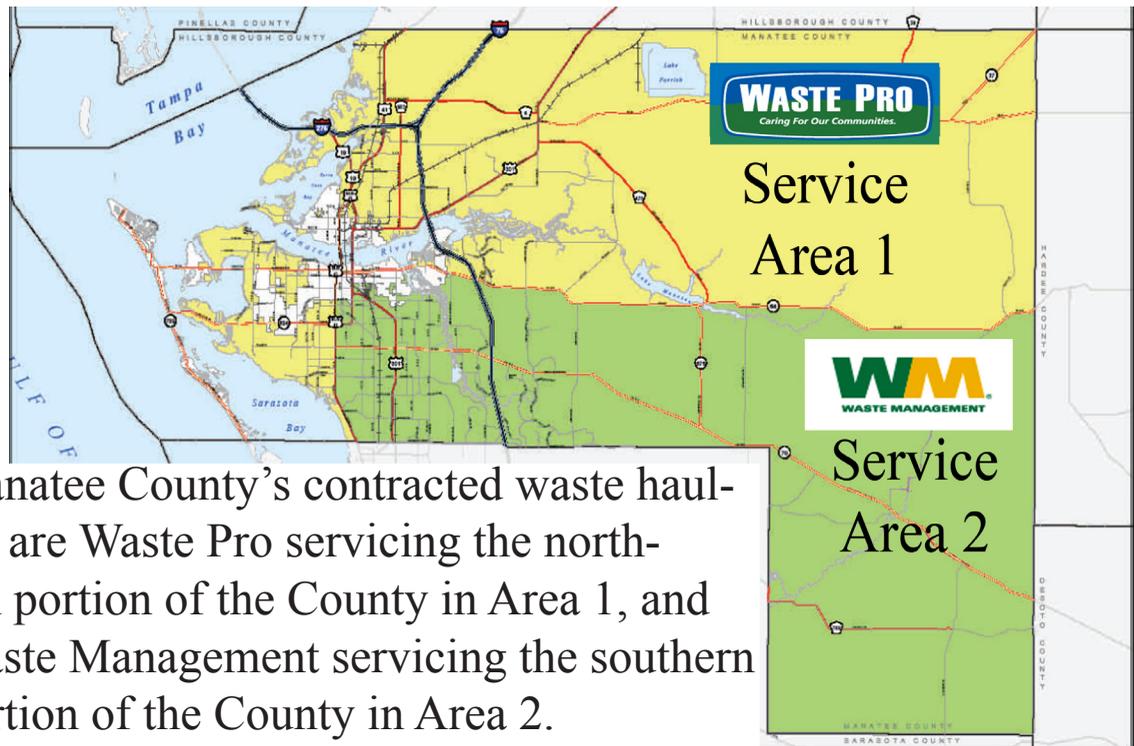
The Solid Waste Division of the Utilities Department manages solid waste material at the Lena Road Landfill in an environmentally safe manner for Manatee County. The Landfill is located at 3333 Lena Road (off SR 64 just East of I-75), and is the only legal site in Manatee County for disposal of solid waste. The property was first used for solid waste disposal in the 1970's. Since then, the landfill has been monitored closely by the County, as well as by the State of Florida's Department of Environmental Protection.

Currently it is estimated that the Landfill will have enough capacity to handle the disposal needs for the County for 30 or more years. The Solid Waste Division plans and implements alternate disposal, or diversion, methods for certain materials. The Landfill buries over 255,000 tons of material annually, but diverting materials and increasing recycling adds years of life to our existing landfill. Recycling and diversion also move the county towards a 75% recycling rate by the year 2020, a goal set forth by the State of Florida Statute 403.7032.

This guide will address proper disposal procedures for different types of solid waste, including recyclable materials that may be diverted to reduce a business's waste stream.

The information in this guide is intended for businesses located in **unincorporated** Manatee County. If your business is within city limits, please contact your city's solid waste department to obtain information on the programs and services available to you.

General Collection Information



Manatee County's contracted waste haulers are Waste Pro servicing the northern portion of the County in Area 1, and Waste Management servicing the southern portion of the County in Area 2.

The hours of commercial garbage collection are from 5:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Saturday. Containers must be accessible to the haulers during those hours on the scheduled day(s) of service.

Holiday Collection Schedule

There will be NO garbage collection if your scheduled pick-up day falls on a holiday listed below:

- * New Year's Day * President's Day * Memorial Day
- * Independence Day * Labor Day * Thanksgiving Day
- * Christmas Day

During the holidays, pick-up schedules are subject to change. Please contact Utilities Department Customer Service or refer to the website with any garbage related questions.

For information about **recycling collection** during holidays, please contact your recycling vendor.

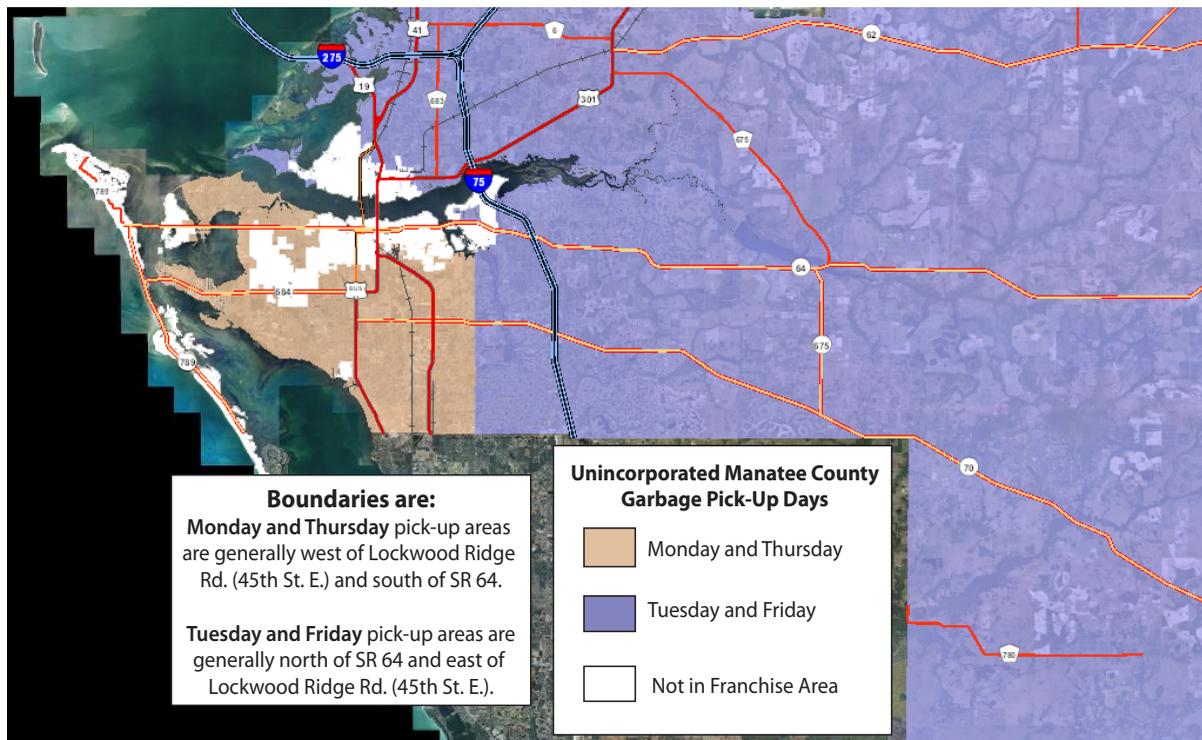
Types of Commercial Waste Services

There are three types of waste service available to commercial customers:

- 32 gallon cans
- Commercial waste dumpsters
- Food service commercial waste dumpsters

32 Gallon Cans

The minimum garbage service available to commercial customers is 32 gallon can service. Customers using this type of service have two pick-ups per week and are serviced on the same days as residential customers in their area. Customers choosing this type of service are responsible for providing their own 32 gallon cans.



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The minimum measurement for a required commercial cans enclosure is 5' x 8', with a fence at least 3' tall, per Manatee County's Land Development Code.



Commercial Waste Dumpsters

Manatee County encourages newly developed commercial property to provide adequate space and an adequate receptacle for recycling, in addition to garbage receptacles.

Commercial Waste



Food Service Commercial Waste

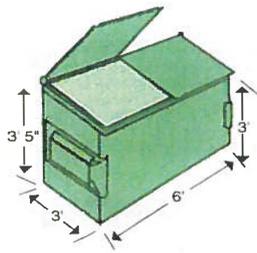


The same types of dumpsters are used for both food service and regular commercial waste. However, different types of enclosures are required.

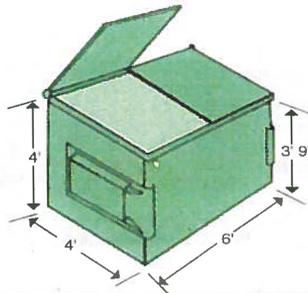
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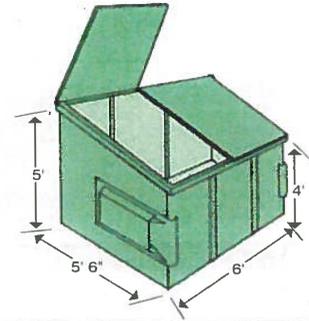
Dumpsters are available in various sizes with a minimum pickup of one time per week. These containers may be owned by the customer or rented. Please contact Utilities Department Customer Service for availability, sizes and cost.



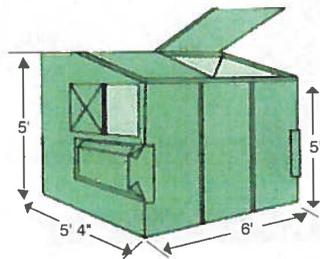
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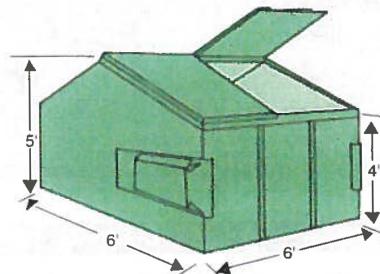
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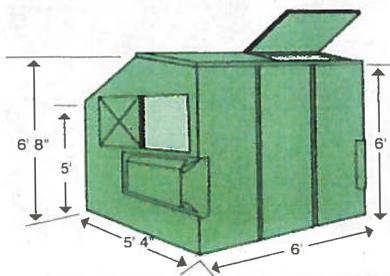
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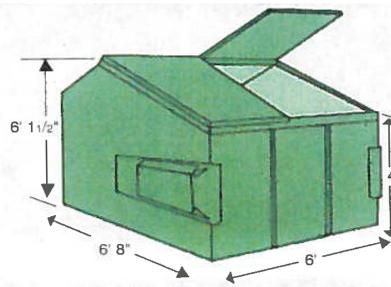
6 YARD



6 YARD SLANT



8 YARD



8 YARD SLANT

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Rented containers may require repairs or replacement due to normal wear. Utilities Department Customer Service should be contacted to make arrangements for any necessary maintenance. Customer owned containers are the customer's responsibility to maintain.

Dumpster Do's and Don'ts

Follow these guidelines about what can and cannot be included in a dumpster as part of regular garbage service.

Do:



- Place regular garbage in your dumpster
- Stack garbage below the rim of the dumpster
- Call Utilities Department Customer Service if you have concrete or other construction debris (see page 13 for more information)

These lists are not fully inclusive. The following pages will address disposal of some items not included in regular garbage service. If you have questions about what can be included in your dumpster, or how to dispose of any of the materials on these lists, please contact Utilities Department Customer Service.

Don't Include in your Dumpster:

- Tires
- Yard Waste
- Hazardous Waste
- Furniture
- Dirt
- Sod
- E-Scrap



Please note: Haulers will consider a load mixed if even one item from the “Don't” list is placed in the dumpster. This means that your dumpster will not be serviced until the load is corrected.

Overloading



The franchised haulers will refuse to service a container if trash is filled above the rim of the dumpster, if the path to the dumpster is obstructed or if trash is piled outside of the dumpster. Overloads may cause a lack of service and may require an Extra Lift (see page 10) which will result in additional charges.



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Additional Services

If your container is full and requires service before your scheduled day, an **Extra Lift** (extra pickup) may be requested at any time. A charge for the extra lift will appear on your next monthly billing, and is based on the size of the container. Repeated extra lifts may result in an increase of container size or frequency of collection.

If the container is in an enclosure with a gate, the gates must be open during the hours of pick-up on the scheduled pick-up days. We do offer **Gate Service** for an additional charge, where the collector's personnel will open the gate for accessibility of the collector's vehicle to the container or bin.

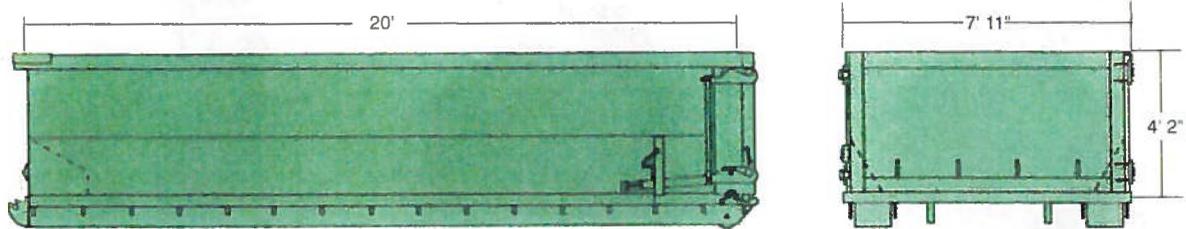
Roll Out Service is where the collector's personnel will manually roll out or move a container or bin to the collector's vehicle for a short (15 feet or less) or long (more than 15 feet) distance. Roll Out Service is available upon request for an additional charge, and a four yard container is the maximum size available for Roll Out Service.

If a business chooses not to have Roll Out Service, dumpsters with wheels need to be rolled out by the customer on service days.

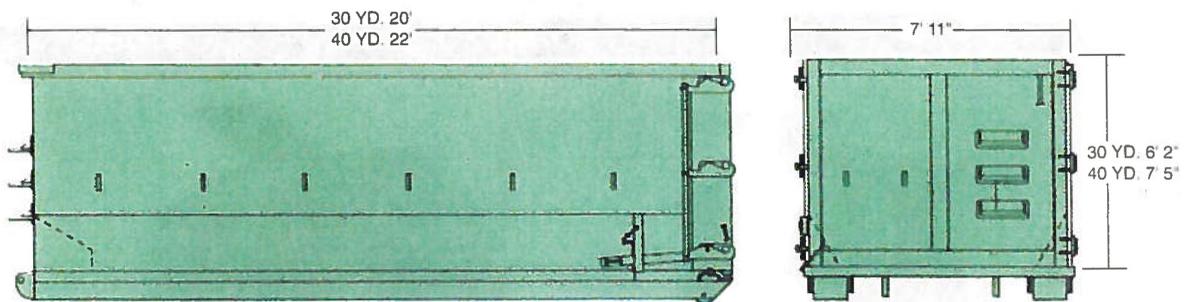


Roll Offs

Roll offs may be available for limited types of services. Contact Utilities Department Customer Service for availability, and information on what contents may be disposed of in a roll off.



20 YARD OPEN TOP



30 & 40 YARD OPEN TOP

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Request for pulls and returns of roll offs must be received prior to 11:00 am for next day service. Your request may be placed with Utilities Department Customer Service via phone or website.

Items for Special Disposal



Bulk items such as furniture, yard waste or shelving may be picked up upon request. To have these items picked up, you may call for an estimate, or sign a Pickup and Bill Authorization to waive the estimate.



Please note: Yard waste service is available but is not automatically implemented for commercial customers. If requested, costs will be based on the type and size of the container to be used.

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Construction and Demolition Debris

Construction and Demolition (C&D) debris is non-mixed (no garbage) material resulting from construction, remodeling, repair, or demolition of structures. These materials include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Bricks, concrete, and other masonry materials
- Soil (mixed with other C&D debris)
- Wood, including nonhazardous painted, treated, and coated wood and wood products
- Drywall
- Plumbing fixtures
- Non-asbestos insulation
- Roofing shingles and other roof coverings
- Metal materials incidental to any of the materials above



These items may be recyclable. Please visit www.mymanatee.org/recycling for a list of vendors.

C&D disposal in Manatee County is an open market, which means businesses may utilize the County's contracted haulers, or any other available vendor.

Commercial Recycling

In Manatee County, commercial recycling is an open market. This means that businesses may choose their recycling vendor and services, and are not mandated to have a specific service or company. Commercial recycling comes with a fee, but if done efficiently it can save the business money. By diverting recycling commodities from the waste stream, the garbage bill may be significantly reduced.



The Bottom Line

Removing recyclable materials from your garbage container decreases the volume of trash, keeping your costs low by decreasing the size of your garbage container or decreasing the amount of pickups per week.

Types of Recycling Containers



Cardboard Only Containers:

Dumpsters, drop boxes and compactors can be provided for cardboard only. These cardboard containers come in various sizes, depending on the volume generated by the business.

Paper/Commingle Bins:

Dumpsters and other containers can be provided for commingle and paper materials. The containers come in various sizes.



Carts:

Recycling carts come in various sizes, and can be provided to collect either paper or commingled materials.



Please note: The containers listed above are only examples of those available. Contact an individual hauler for specific availability of different recycling containers.

Starting a Recycling Program

If a commercial recycling program sounds like a good fit for your business, these four steps can help you get started:

1. Conduct a waste assessment to determine what materials are being generated in what quantities in what areas of the business.

2. Determine what materials to target for recycling. Common commercial recyclables include:

Paper Products

- Corrugated cardboard
- Newspaper
- Copier paper
- Junk mail
- Magazines



Comingle Products

- Aluminum cans
- Plastic bottles
- Glass containers
- Juice/milk cartons
- Tin cans



3. Choose the recycling vendor that is best for the business.

4. Educate coworkers.

County staff is available to provide technical and practical assistance with any of the steps listed above. Call (941) 748-5543 x 8048 or email recycle@mymanatee.org to get started. For a list of recycling vendors in Manatee County and tips for starting your own program, visit www.mymanatee.org/recycling.

Once your business starts recycling, keep going down the path towards sustainability! Manatee Chamber of Commerce has a program to recognize businesses for their sustainable practices. The Sustainable Manatee: Green Business Certification Program offers recognition, free advertising and other perks! Contact Manatee Chamber of Commerce for more information at (941) 748-4842 x 124.

Hazardous Waste & E-Scrap Disposal

Hazardous waste includes chemicals that are often labeled Flammable, Toxic, Corrosive, Reactive, Combustible or Explosive. These items should not be placed out for regular trash collection, poured down the drain or on the ground. Hazardous waste should be separated and properly disposed of in an environmentally safe manner, or recycled. Common hazardous waste products include:



If you are starting a business that will generate hazardous waste, please contact Manatee County's Department of Natural Resources at (941) 742-5980.

- Adhesives
- Cleaning compounds
- Fertilizers
- Fluorescent bulbs and tubes
- Gasoline
- Pesticides
- Propane tanks
- Solvents

The term "E-Scrap" is applied to consumer electronic equipment that is no longer wanted. Many components in electronic equipment contain hazardous materials such as lead, cadmium, mercury and arsenic. While in use, the hazardous materials are not a problem, but when discarded, they pose a threat to the environment.



County staff is available to provide technical assistance with disposal of any of these items. Compile an inventory of the materials you have to dispose, and call (941) 798-6761. Visit www.mymanatee.org/recycling for a list of vendors.

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Education and Outreach

Want to learn more about Solid Waste and Recycling? Manatee County's website provides information about the landfill, recycling and diversion programs, as well as maps. To learn more about these topics, visit www.mymanatee.org/garbage. The recycling webpage offers information specific to commercial recycling, including a list of vendors that provide recycling services. Visit www.mymanatee.org/recycling and click on the "Commercial Recycling" link. If your business uses social media, "like" Manatee County's Recycling page to network, get great recycling tips and keep up with changes to collection schedules.

County staff is also available to meet with you and provide a presentation to your group or business, and supply you with educational materials on our available programs. To schedule a tour of the Landfill, an educational presentation or to collect educational material, call us at (941) 792-8811.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does my business have to use Manatee County for garbage service?

A: Yes. Only the authorized collector that has a franchise agreement with the county may be utilized for solid waste collection.

Q: I am a small business owner. Can I take my garbage home?

A: The minimum service is 1 32 gallon can. No owner, occupant or other person having control of the commercial property shall collect or remove, or cause to be removed, any solid waste generated by the business except by utilizing the authorized collector.

Q: Business has slowed down. Can I change the frequency of my garbage collection?

A: Seasonality may affect the number of times that your garbage needs to be collected. You may change the frequency of collection two times per year.

Q: How do I find recycling and disposal vendors for materials that cannot go into my business's dumpster?

A: There is a list of vendors that will collect recyclables or other materials that would cause a load to be considered "mixed" on Manatee County's website: www.mymanatee.org/recycling.

Q: How can I learn more about commercial garbage collection?

A: Please visit Manatee County's website: www.mymanatee.org/garbage, or call Utilities Department Customer Service at (941) 792-8811.

Thank you for taking the time to review this Commercial Guide to Solid Waste and Recycling. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for future issues by email: recycle@mymanatee.org. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Manatee County Utilities Department Customer Service at (941) 792-8811.



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