

BIG BIN ADVANTAGE FAQs

New Collection Schedule Begins OCTOBER 6, 2025

General Schedule & Service Updates

What will be collected and how often?

Garbage, recycling and yard waste will be picked up ONCE per week on the same day (3 separate pickups). Items must be placed at curbside by 6 a.m. on your collection day.

Will my collection day change?

Your collection day might change. Please check the Resident Information Tool for updated details: mymanatee.org/ResidentTool

What should I do if I have more garbage than fits in my bin?

Weekly garbage pickup is limited to the contents of your bin, with the lid closed. If you have extra items that won't fit, you can schedule a special pickup in advance for a fee by calling 941-792-8811 or taking it directly to the landfill for a fee. View current rates at mymanatee.org/bigbin.

Garbage & Recycling Bin Use

Can I lean bags or other items against the bin?

Please do not lean garbage bags or any other items against or place them on top of the bin. All waste must be inside the bin with the lid fully closed. Bins that are overfilled or obstructed will not be collected.

How should I place my garbage and recycling bins?

Place bins 3 feet from the curb and keep them at least 3 feet from cars, mailboxes, meters/backflow assemblies, yard waste and any other obstruction.

When should I start using the new garbage bin?

Start using your new garbage bin upon receipt.

Bins, Extras & Bulk Items

Can I still use plastic bags for yard waste?

No. Starting October 6, 2025, plastic bags will no longer be accepted. Yard waste must be in bins, tied bundles of 4 feet or less in length, or compostable paper lawn and leaf bags. The weight limit is 40 lbs. Yard waste cannot be collected if it is not properly disposed of. Do not place yard waste in garbage or recycling bins. You may repurpose your old garbage can for your yard waste.

How do I dispose of large household items like furniture, a fridge, or a TV?

These are considered bulk items and are collected upon request for an additional fee. To schedule a pickup, call 941-792-8811.

What if I need an additional garbage bin?

After January 1, 2026, you can request an additional garbage bin for a monthly service fee.

What should I do with my old garbage bin?

You may keep your old bin for yard waste or other uses. If you'd like to dispose of your old garbage can, please place it at curbside within the first 30 days of receiving your new bin, and place a note on it that states, "Please Remove."

Contact & Assistance

How can I report a missed pickup?

Report missed service by completing the Missed Collection Reporting Form the next business day at mymanatee.org/bigbin.

What is the best way to contact Manatee County for questions about garbage pickup?

Email CSS@mymanatee.org, call 941-792-8811 or dial 311.

For more details and updates, please visit MYMANATEE.ORG/BIGBIN

