

Important Notice For City of Wildwood Residents!

Effective December 1st, your garbage and recycling collection services will be modified.

What is happening?

All waste collected at the curb will now be transported to a Waste-to-Energy Plant (WTE). This Plant safely incinerates waste to generate electricity. Therefore, residents no longer are required to wash and separate recycling products from the garbage. You may continue to use both garbage and recycling carts.

Why the Change?

Over the last few years, uncontrollable circumstances have resulted in the costs of providing processing, transportation and marketing services for Recyclable Materials to increase dramatically.

China was the largest buyer of U.S. Recyclable materials. China established a new quality specification of 0.3% contamination by weight for any imported wastepaper. The prior standard had been 10% contamination.

Other countries followed suit with similar specifications for cleanliness of materials, driving processing costs skyward.

Along with increased processing costs for a cleaner commodity product and a higher supply of recyclables than demand in the global marketplace, resulted in plummeting commodity pricing.

Does that mean the community is no longer recycling?

Traditional recycling is being discontinued, however, all the materials you set out at the curb in the future, will be transported to the Covanta Waste-To-Energy Plant. This plant incinerates and converts your garbage into electricity, which powers over 7000 homes in the community. Also, 50% of your garbage going to a Waste-To-Energy Plant is considered recyclable under State of Florida guidelines. The 50% recycling rate is 20% higher than the Florida average under traditional recycling programs.

Do I need to do any different on trash day?

Not at all! We recommend you utilize both carts for all your materials. It does not matter if you mix materials in the carts. Putting everything in the two carts is easier and safer for residents and our drivers.

I have other questions...Who can I contact?

You can contact the City of Wildwood at 352-330-1330.