

# LEON COUNTY WASTE DISPOSAL GUIDE



**Garbage • Recycling • Yard Debris • Bulk Collections • Hazardous Waste**



**Leon County Solid Waste Management**

A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PROGRAM

**(850) 606-1800**

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# Leon County Waste Disposal Services

**This guide is for unincorporated Leon County residents who reside outside Tallahassee City Limits.**

If you are a customer of City of Tallahassee Utilities, please contact the City of Tallahassee for information regarding their solid waste services.

## Contacts

### **Leon County Solid Waste Management Facility**

7550 Apalachee Parkway  
(850) 606-1800

Hours: Mon-Sat, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

[LeonCountyFL.gov/SolidWaste](http://LeonCountyFL.gov/SolidWaste)

### **Leon County Recycling and Sustainability**

1907 S. Monroe Street  
(850) 606-5000

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

[LeonCountyFL.gov/GrowingGreen](http://LeonCountyFL.gov/GrowingGreen)

### **Leon County Hazardous Waste Center**

7550 Apalachee Parkway  
(850) 606-1803

Hours: Mon-Sat, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

[LeonCountyFL.gov/HHW](http://LeonCountyFL.gov/HHW)

### **Waste Pro USA - Leon County Solid Waste Collection Provider**

1975 Commonwealth Lane  
Midway, FL

(850) 606-1899

[WasteProUSA.com/Leon-County](http://WasteProUSA.com/Leon-County)

### **City of Tallahassee Solid Waste**

435 N. Macomb Street  
(850) 891-4968

Hours: Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

[Talgov.com/You/You-SolidWaste](http://Talgov.com/You/You-SolidWaste)

### **Marpan Recycling**

6020 Woodville Highway  
(850) 216-1006

[Marpan.com](http://Marpan.com)





# Curbside Collection Service

Leon County residents who reside outside Tallahassee City Limits may sign up for curbside garbage and recycling service via Waste Pro, the County's Solid Waste collection contractor.

## On Your Collection Day

Place garbage and recycling carts, yard debris, and bulk items at the curb no later than 6 a.m. on your collection day.

Your collection day is based on your location within the County. Please contact Waste Pro at (850) 606-1899 or go to [LeonCountyFL.gov/SolidWaste](http://LeonCountyFL.gov/SolidWaste) to determine your pick-up schedule.

## How Often is Pick-Up?

Garbage, recycling, and yard debris will be picked up weekly on your collection day. Bulk items will be picked up weekly within two business days.

## Proper Placement

Place garbage and recycling carts at least three feet apart and away from obstacles like mailboxes, light posts, and overhead hazards such as low-hanging branches or wires.

## For Service Issues

First, reach Waste Pro at (850) 606-1899 or [WasteProUSA.com/Leon-County](http://WasteProUSA.com/Leon-County). If the problem persists, the County has dedicated staff available at (850) 606-1800 to ensure adherence to waste contract standards.



# Recycling

## Curbside Recycling

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Leon County has single-stream recycling, which means all recyclable items can go into the same cart with no need to sort. Please place all recyclable plastic, paper, cardboard, glass and metal in the same cart and keep all items loose — do not bag recyclables.

### Get Another Cart

If you routinely run out of space in your recycling cart, consider flattening boxes. A second recycling cart can be provided for a one-time fee of \$50 and a delivery fee of \$15, or you can pick it up to avoid the delivery fee. Contact Waste Pro at (850) 606-1899 to place your request.

### Plastic Bags and Styrofoam

Do not bag recyclables, as this is problematic for sorting staff and equipment. Plastic bags and Styrofoam are not recyclable in Leon County bins. However, most large grocery stores will accept these items for recycling.

## Recycling Drop-Off Locations

- Leon County Solid Waste Management Facility (7550 Apalachee Pkwy.)
- Leon County Rural Waste Service Centers:
  - ♦ Miccosukee (13051 Miccosukee Rd.)
  - ♦ Woodville (549 Henry Jones Rd.)
  - ♦ Ft. Braden (2485 E. Joe Thomas Rd.)
- Renaissance Center (435 N. Macomb St.)
- St. John's Episcopal Bookstore (131 N. Calhoun St.)
- South Lake Ella Drive, in main parking lot.
- Hilaman Golf Course (2737 Blair Stone Rd.)
- City of Tallahassee Solid Waste Services Office (2727 Municipal Way)

### ✓ ACCEPTED



**GLASS  
BOTTLES  
& JARS**



**PLASTIC  
BOTTLES  
& JUGS**



**PAPER  
&  
CARDBOARD**



**ALUMINUM  
&  
STEEL CANS**

Empty and rinse all containers.  
Flatten all boxes.

### ✗ NOT ACCEPTED



**PLASTIC BAGS**



**FOOD WASTE**



**STYROFOAM**



**TRASH**



**YARD WASTE**



**BATTERIES &  
ELECTRONICS**



**BAGGED  
RECYCLABLES**



# Yard Debris

Plastic bags are not accepted for yard waste. Loose items, such as pine needles or leaves, can be placed in paper yard bags or reusable containers. Paper bags may be found at grocery, hardware, or retail stores..

Each container, bag, or piece of yard debris must weight less than 50 pounds.

A maximum of 8 cubic yards will be collected weekly. Debris piles and small debris are interchangeable as long as the total amount remains less than 8 cubic yards.

## Biochar

In partnership with reCap, residents' collected yard debris is recycled into biochar. Biochar is a charcoal-like substance produced from organic matter through a carbon-negative process that causes little to no noise, odor, pollution, or other byproducts. ReCap's facility in Leon County is the first biochar production facility in North America to utilize a patent-pending process that upcycles greenwaste, or yard debris, into versatile and carbon-capturing biochar which can be utilized for agriculture, infrastructure, and more. Learn more at [LeonCountyFL.gov/Biochar](http://LeonCountyFL.gov/Biochar).

## YARD DEBRIS PARAMETERS

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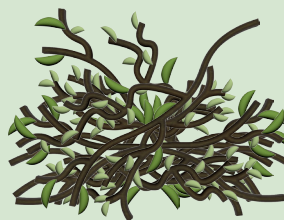
**8**  
CUBIC YARDS  
MAXIMUM



Each container, bag, or piece of yard debris must weigh less than 50 pounds.

### 1 CUBIC YARD PILE

Approximately equal to the size of a washing machine



There is no required dimension for individual piles.



No individual limb may exceed six inches in diameter.

### 1 CUBIC YARD CONTAINED

Approximately equal to 6 thirty-gallon paper yard debris bags/reusable containers



**Loose items not containerized will not be collected.**

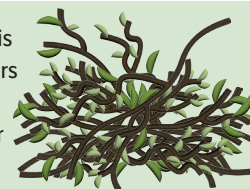
Loose items are to be placed in paper yard bags or owner containers.

## YARD DEBRIS EXCEEDING PARAMETERS

**\$35**

PER CUBIC YARD  
OF EXCESS  
YARD DEBRIS

Waste Pro can remove yard debris that does not meet the parameters for a fee not to exceed \$35 per cubic yard. Contact Waste Pro for a cost estimate.



Yard debris can be dropped off by County residents at no cost at any of the four Leon County Rural Waste Service Centers.

Visit [www.LeonCountyFL.gov/RWSC](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/RWSC) for locations.

# Bulk Collection

## What Qualifies as a Bulk Item?

Bulk items are white goods such as refrigerators, dishwashers, ranges, or water heaters, as well as furniture, mattresses, pieces of carpet, and other bulky items that cannot go into the waste cart due to size or weight. Bulky materials do not include electronics; such items can be disposed of at the Leon County Hazardous Waste Center, 7550 Apalachee Parkway.

## How Much Bulk Per Week?

A maximum of 2 cubic yards can be placed for pickup each week. This is roughly equal to a washer and dryer.

## Bulk Item Pickup

Bulk item pickup does not need to be scheduled. Simply place bulk items at the curb on your collection day, and they will be removed within two business days thereafter.



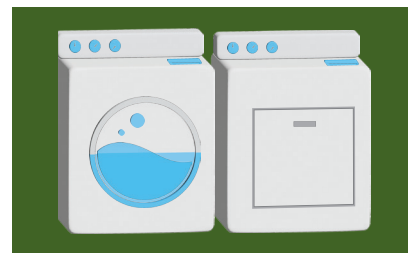
## BULK WASTE GUIDELINES

No call-ahead scheduling necessary.

Removal will occur on regular service day or no later than two business days thereafter.

Quantity limited to 2 cubic yards per week. This is roughly equal to a washer and dryer.

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CUBIC YARDS  
MAXIMUM



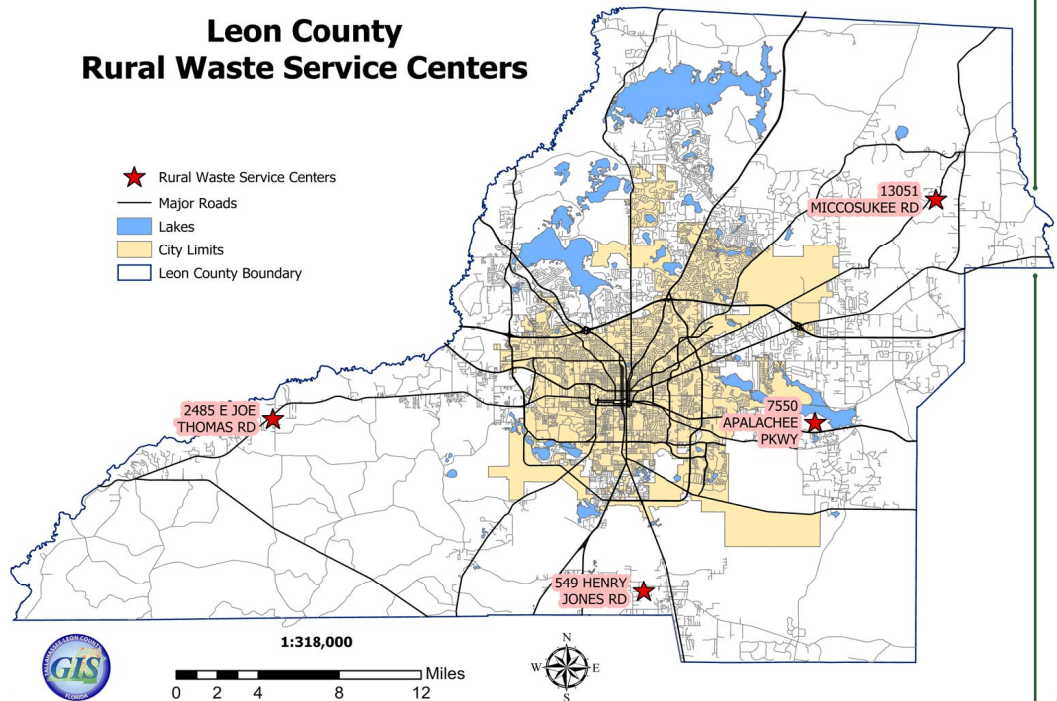
Items not placed on roadside or curb will not be picked up.

# Rural Waste Service Centers

There are four Rural Waste Service Center locations available for residents of unincorporated Leon County. Disposal is free.

## LOCATIONS

- ★ **Solid Waste Management Facility**  
7550 Apalachee Pkwy.  
Mon-Sat: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(850) 606-1800
- ★ **Woodville**  
549 Henry Jones Rd.  
Fri: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat & Sun: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(850) 488-9099
- ★ **Fort Braden**  
2485 East Joe Thomas Rd.  
Fri: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat & Sun: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(850) 488-9119
- ★ **Miccosukee**  
13051 Miccosukee Rd.  
Fri: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat & Sun: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(850) 922-0097



## What are Rural Waste Service Centers?

Leon County Rural Waste Service Centers are solid waste sites for unincorporated Leon County residents to bring household waste, recycling, bulk items, yard waste, and limited household hazardous waste. (Waste disposal is limited to one level pickup truck load or equivalent, per customer, per day.)

To learn more call Leon County Solid Waste Management at (850) 606-1824 or go to [LeonCountyFL.gov/RWSC](http://LeonCountyFL.gov/RWSC).

# Household Hazardous Waste

When thrown away, many household products can pose a health risk and pollute the environment. Both Leon County and City of Tallahassee residents may drop off their household hazardous waste items for free at the Leon County Hazardous Waste Center at 7550 Apalachee Parkway or the Leon County Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site at 1800 N. Blairstone Road.

## Items Accepted

We accept items that are flammable, corrosive, reactive, toxic or contain electronic components. If you're not sure if something is hazardous, we encourage you to bring it anyway. If in doubt, bring it out!

Acceptable items include:

- Electronics (Televisions, Computers, etc.)
- Batteries
- Light Bulbs
- Paint, Oils
- Glue, Solvents
- Cleaner (Aerosols, Mildew Remover, etc.)
- Lawn and Garden Chemicals
- Pool Chemicals
- Motor Oil and Antifreeze
- Gasoline, Kerosene, Diesel Fuel
- Propane Bottles and Tanks (less than 20 lbs.)
- Nail Polish & Remover
- Hair Dyes



## Business Hazardous Waste Collection

Leon County Solid Waste Management allows businesses that generate very small quantities of hazardous waste (less than 220 lbs. per month) to dispose of their hazardous waste and electronics at a lower cost than most commercial hazardous waste services. This can save businesses thousands of dollars in fees. Businesses will also receive documentation of proper disposal for their records. Businesses and other agencies are not permitted to use drop off sites but can call and make an appointment to drop off their items at the Leon County Hazardous Waste Center at (850) 606-1803.



# Prescription and Medical Waste

Prescription medicines and medical sharps should not be thrown away as regular trash because they can contaminate the environment, injure citizens and workers, or even end up in the hands of the wrong people.

## Properly Dispose of Medical Sharps

The Florida Department of Health in Leon County provides a medical sharps disposal program. To participate, citizens show proof of Leon County residency to receive a free sharps container. Return the container to the Health Department once full. Pick up a free medical sharps container at the Florida Department of Health in Leon County office (1515 Old Bainbridge Road). **Questions? Please call (850) 404-6400.**

## Dispose of Prescriptions

Properly dispose of medical waste at one of five permanent Drug Enforcement Administration-authorized collection locations:

- **Tallahassee Police Department (234 E. 7th Ave.)**
- **Walgreens (1202 N. Magnolia Dr.)**
- **Walgreens (3531 Thomasville Rd.)**
- **Walgreens (2009 W. Tennessee St.)**
- **CVS (5466 Thomasville Road N.)**

Ask your pharmacist about DisposeRX packets that will properly render unwanted medications unusable, allowing for safe at-home disposal.

Additionally, local organizations host two annual drug take back events each year: Operation Medicine Cabinet in April and National Prescription Drug Take Back Day in October. For more information about these events, go to [DEA.gov](https://www.dea.gov).

*If none of these options are open to you, the EPA recommends placing the medication in a sealed container, mixing it with an undesirable substance like coffee grounds or cat litter, and placing the container in the trash.*

# The Renew Center

## Renew Center

Items in good condition that are brought to the Leon County Hazardous Waste Center are available at no cost to residents through the Leon County Renew Center, located at 7550 Apalachee Parkway, and at select Rural Waste Service Center locations, and are completely free for County residents. This may include household cleaners, wood stain, latex paint, and more.

## Free Event Recycling Bins

If planning an event within Leon County, citizens may borrow our ClearStream recycling containers for free.





# Leon County Composting

In Leon County, an estimated 30,000 tons of food is sent to the landfill every year, which averages out to 200 pounds of food for every citizen. The good news? Leon County has two composting initiatives to help citizens, businesses, and organizations divert food scraps from the landfill and turn trash into treasure.

## Compost Drop-off Site (Located at 7550 Apalachee Pkwy.)

Acceptable food scrap items include:

- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Expired produce
- Egg shells
- Paper napkins
- Coffee grounds

The compost bins cannot accept:

- Meat or bones
- Dairy
- Food cooked in oil
- Pasta and grains
- Coffee cups
- Bioplastics

Leon County residents can drop off food scraps into one of the six Earth Machine Compost Bins at the Leon County Solid Waste Management Facility (next to the parking area).

## Compost Bin Sale

If you are interested in composting at home, you're in luck! Leon County offers a compost bin sale for interested residents, businesses, and organizations. Leon County offers Earth Machine backyard compost bins for the wholesale cost of \$50 and counter-top kitchen compost collection bins for \$20. If you're interested in getting a bin but cost is a barrier, email [Sustainability@LeonCountyFL.gov](mailto:Sustainability@LeonCountyFL.gov) for more information.

If you would like to purchase a bin, please fill out the interest form on [LeonCountyFL.gov/Composting](http://LeonCountyFL.gov/Composting).



# Tire Disposal

Waste tires are accepted at the Leon County Solid Waste Management Facility (7550 Apalachee Pkwy). Residents may dispose of up to four tires for free, and commercial loads are \$180 per ton. Tires without rims are preferred.

## Tire Amnesty Days Event

Leon County Government, in partnership with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, host the Tire Amnesty Days program, a free tire collection program to reduce mosquito breeding grounds. Call for the latest program status at (850) 606-1800.

Just one tire improperly stored in a backyard can become a breeding ground for thousands of mosquitoes which can carry diseases like Zika, West Nile and Dengue Fever. During Tire Amnesty Days citizens can dispose of old tires for free, helping to keep the community safe and protect our environment. Tires are recycled and repurposed for playgrounds and other facilities. During Amnesty Days residents may dispose of up to 25 passenger car tires free of charge. Commercial loads will not be accepted as part of the program.

