

## **Sanitation Rules and Procedures for Waste Collection**

The information below details the proper collection and disposal of your household garbage, yard waste, furniture and junk (bulk), recycling and other disposal needs.

On your collection day, all of your garbage, recycling and yard waste are collected. The collection schedule may change periodically when a holiday occurs during the week. Please refer to the City's website for the holiday schedule or call 351-6697.

Regular office hours are Monday thru Friday 7:00am to 4:30pm.

### **RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE**

All garbage must be out by 7:00 am the day of collection (but no earlier than 7:00 pm the day before) and removed by 7:00 am the day following the collection day. Garbage should be placed in carts without overloading the carts and not placed on the ground, making sure the arrows on top of the cart point toward the street. Carts should not be placed on streets or sidewalks and should be four feet away from other objects including utility poles, mailboxes, fire hydrants and other carts and ten feet away from any vehicles parked in the street. Garbage should be drained of all liquids, especially used cooking oils, and placed in a plastic bag that is tied at the top. Items that can't be broken down and placed in the cart may require a special pick up service (see bulk collection). Carts should be returned to a secure location on the property. With the exception of being stored in a garage or carport, carts shall not be stored anywhere closer to the street than the extension of any building line that faces the street unless the cart is screened from public view by shrubbery, foliage, a fence or a wall. Garbage should not be allowed to accumulate more than seven days. **DO NOT PLACE YARD WASTE, DIRT, SOD, ROCKS, CONCRETE, CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, FLAMMABLE MATERIALS (SUCH AS OIL, GAS, PAINT OR HOT COALS OR ASHES) AND MURATIC ACID AND OTHER POOL SUPPLIES/CHEMICALS.**

### **RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR MEDICAL WAIVERS**

Any resident with a medical waiver will receive back door collection and will not need to place their cart at the curb for collection. We will take their cart to the truck and return it to the pick-up location at their residence. If you qualify for a medical waiver or have questions concerning them, please contact us at 351-6697.

### **RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR YARD WASTE**

All yard waste must be ready by 7:00 am the day of collection. The yard waste may be loose in one pile, in biodegradable bags or trash cans not exceeding 32 gallons with handles and lids and not exceeding 50 pounds. **YARD WASTE CAN'T BE COLLECTED IN PLASTIC BAGS.** Do not place yard waste on the street, sidewalk or storm drains. Also do not place piles on water meters, utility boxes or within four feet of a utility pole, guide wire or mailbox. Do not mix plant containers plastic or limbs with your grass or leaf yard waste. Limbs must be cut to four foot lengths. **TREES, TREE LIMBS, STUMPS AND SHRUBBERY DEBRIS THAT IS GENERATED BY A LANDSCAPER, LAWN MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR OR TREE SERVICE MUST BE DISPOSED OF BY THEM AT A LEGALLY APPROVED DISPOSAL SITE.**

## **RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR BULK COLLECTION (INCLUDING YARD WASTE AND JUNK)**

Any collection of yard waste, tree debris or any type of vegetation or junk in excess of 5 cubic yards is a billable load and will be charged on your utility bill. Five cubic yards is a pile approximately 6' long, 5' wide and 4' high. The current cost is \$33.00 per 5 cubic yards and \$8.25 per fifteen minutes of labor needed to collect, transport and dispose of the waste. The fee is determined by the field supervisor and is non-negotiable. Once the pile is out for collection, it must be removed within seven days. An attempt will be made to notify you in advance of collecting a billable load but there is no obligation to do so in the event contact can't be made. Be sure that items are placed away from poles, fire hydrants, overhanging trees, water meters, guide wires, etc. for proper collection. We are not able to pick up creosote poles, timbers and fencing due to our inability to dispose of them. To schedule pickup of furniture, appliances, mattresses, large tree and landscaping debris piles, or large junk piles call 351-6697.

## **RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR DISPOSAL OF WHITE GOODS**

White goods are any household appliance, water heater or air-conditioning unit. To arrange collection, please contact our office to schedule a date. A charge of \$12.50 will be added to your next utility bill for each white good collected. Refrigerators placed out for collection must have the door removed and the unit should be lying on its side. (It is illegal to purposely damage any unit containing refrigerant such that the refrigerant escapes into the atmosphere.)

## **RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR DISPOSAL OF CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS**

Construction debris such as concrete, asphalt, rock, brick, blocks, tile, shingles, etc. and large amounts of wood (for construction) need to be disposed of in a roll off container (available thru a private hauler).

## **RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR DISPOSING OF TIRES**

Each year the City sponsors two Household Tire Amnesty Days. Residents may bring their tires without the rims (a maximum of 10 tires) to the drop off locations free of charge. The dates and locations are advertised or you may call 351-6697 or visit [www.ocalafl.org](http://www.ocalafl.org) for dates and locations. If you need additional information or would like to arrange a special pick up, please give us a call.

## **RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE**

The City does not collect hazardous waste. This includes, but is not limited to: oil, gas, paint, thinners, fertilizers, insecticides, NiCad batteries, fluorescent bulbs, anything containing mercury, chlorine, acid (even empty containers), any chemical or explosive material and television sets. Used oil can also be taken to some auto parts retailers for disposal. Each year the City sponsors two Hazardous Waste Amnesty Days for residents to bring their hazardous waste to dispose of free of charge. The dates and locations are advertised or you may call 351-6697 or visit [www.ocalafl.org](http://www.ocalafl.org) for dates and locations. You may also take hazardous waste to the Marion County landfill where they will accept your hazardous waste. They are located at 5601 SE 66th St. Ocala and the phone number is 671-8465.

## **RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR DISPOSAL OF HYPODERMIC NEEDLES**

Hypodermic needles may not be disposed of in your household garbage due to serious safety issues. You may pick up a Sharps container from any of the 18 Marion County Recycling drop off locations and return it to any of those sites at no cost. You may also contact our office at 351-6697.

## **RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR DISPOSING OF UNWANTED MEDICATIONS**

Expired or unwanted prescription and over the counter medications from households should never be disposed of by flushing them down a toilet or drain. Although this method of disposal prevents accidental ingestion, it can cause contamination to Florida's aquatic environment because wastewater treatment systems are not designed to remove many of these medications. Please use these practical guidelines when disposing of unwanted medications:

1. Keep the medicines in the original container. This will help identify the contents if they accidentally ingested.
2. Mark out your name and prescription number for safety.
3. For pills, add some water or soda to start dissolving them. For liquids, add something inedible like cat litter, dirt or cayenne pepper.
4. Close the lid and secure with duct tape or packing tape.
5. Place the bottle(s) inside an opaque (non-see-through) container like a coffee can or plastic laundry bottle.
6. Tape the container closed.
7. Hide the container in the trash. (Do not place in the recycling bin.)

Any substance which is disposed of improperly can have an adverse effect on the environment. Even in small quantities, if mixed in combination with other disposals, it could have unfortunate consequences for birds, pets or even children.