

Visit Sarasota County's Re-Uz-It Shop

Residents of Sarasota County may shop for used items that have been left at the county's transfer station. The price is right: free. Shoppers must have a photo identification and be 18 years or older. Selections frequently change, but among things you might find are:

- Automotive parts
- Computer monitors
- Electronics
- Household cleaners
- Lawn care items
- Paint
- Pool supplies
- Spray paint

The shop is located at 8750 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, and is open Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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City of Venice

HOW-TO GUIDE

For Residential Solid Waste



**Your Solid Waste
Division Team is
ready to serve.**



2010 How-To Guide for Residential Solid Waste

This guide provides important information about the city of Venice solid waste programs and services. The information contained in this guide is intended for city residents. Those who live in the unincorporated areas of Sarasota County may contact Sarasota County at (941) 861-5000.

Frequently asked questions:

How should yard waste be prepared for collection?

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Who do I call for appliance pick up and how do I prepare it?

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How do I get rid of a computer or television?

See page 7.

What goes in the recycling bins?

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How do I dispose of paint, pesticides and toxic waste?

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Will garbage be collected on holidays?

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How do I get rid of moving boxes?

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What is a special bulk pickup?

See Page 7



Why wasn't my garbage or recycling collected?

- Recyclables were in plastic bags.
- Yard waste was mixed in with garbage.
- Garbage or other items were not at the curb by 7 a.m.
- Garbage and other items were not prepared properly for pick up.
- Items exceeded 40 pounds.
- Garbage cans exceeded 35 gallons in size.
- Items require a special bulk pick up.

COLLECTION SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS and WEDNESDAYS:

- Areas along Capri Isles Boulevard, including Waterford
- Areas along East Venice Avenue, east of Capri Isles Boulevard, including Sawgrass
- Areas along East Laurel Road, including Willow Chase and Venetian Golf and River Club

Wednesday is recycling and yard waste day for residents along East Venice Avenue and Capri Isles Boulevard.

Saturday is the recycling and yard waste day for residents along East Laurel Road, known as North Venice.

MONDAYS and THURSDAYS:

- Island of Venice (except Country Club Estates and Bellagio)
- Pinebrook, Triano, Eagle Point, Harbor Lights, Venice Bay, Colonial Manor, Curry Cove and Bird Bay

Monday is recycling and yard waste for those on the island.

Thursday is recycling and yard waste day off the island.

TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS:

- All others, including Country Club Estates, Bellagio, Edgewood, Bay Indies and East Gate Terrace and East Gate.

Tuesday is recycling and yard waste day for the south end of the island.

Friday is recycling and yard waste day for areas off the island.

Call 486-2422 for the collection day of a specific address.

HOLIDAYS

In the city of Venice, there are four holidays when the landfill is closed and garbage, recycling and yard waste are not collected. They are:

New Year's Day, *Jan. 1*

Independence Day, *July 4*

Thanksgiving Day, *the third Thursday in November*

Christmas Day, *Dec. 25*

All collections take place the next regularly scheduled day.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Many household products can cause harm to people, wildlife and the environment if they are improperly disposed. Never pour hazardous items down the sink, into a stormwater drain or in the garbage can.

What is hazardous in your home?

- Aerosol cans with contents still inside
- Antifreeze
- Art and hobby chemicals
- Automotive batteries
- Automotive fluids
- Diesel fuel
- Drain cleaners
- Fertilizers and poisons
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Gasoline
- Household cleaners
- Kerosene
- Lawn and garden chemicals
- Paints, varnishes and shellac
- Paint thinner and stripper
- Mercury thermometers
- Pesticides
- Pool acids
- Propane tanks (20-pound only; larger ones are returned to the gas company providing them)
- Rechargeable batteries



Where to take hazardous waste:

- Sarasota County Jackson Road Transfer Station, on the south side of East Venice Avenue, east of Jacaranda Boulevard, is open Wednesday - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. It is closed on government holidays.
- Citizen Convenience Center, 4000 Knight's Trail Road, open Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
For information: (941) 861-5000.



These things can go in the garbage:

- Empty containers, including aerosol cans
- Dry paint cans
- Alkaline batteries

GARBAGE COLLECTION

• Items for collection must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on the day of collection.

• Garbage must be placed in containers not to exceed 35 gallons, with closed lids, or in 30-gallon plastic bags.

• Each container, including bags, must weigh 40 pounds or less.

• Items weighing more than 40 pounds, or that will not fit into the above described containers, require a special pick up. See information about bulk collections on Page 7 or call 486-2422 for more information.

• Place garbage containers and recycling bins on the same side of the driveway, and yard waste on the opposite side.

• Place containers no more than 2 feet from the curb.

• Do not mix recyclables, yard waste or hazardous waste with regular garbage.

These things may not be included with garbage:

- Appliances
- Auto and marine batteries
- Construction materials
- Electronics
- Furniture
- Hazardous waste
- Motor oil
- Needles
- Recyclables
- Tires
- Yard waste

Here are some exceptions to the list above:

- Small appliances, such as garbage disposals
- Small electronics such as VCR and DVD players, and radios
- Push lawn mowers, after fluids have been properly disposed (see Pages 7 and 9)
- Barbecue grills: remove propane cylinder and take to the Jackson Road Transfer Station (Page 9)
- Bicycles
- Hollow interior doors

RECYCLING

City of Venice Code of Ordinances Section 54-136:

It is a violation for any person to combine recyclable materials or yard trash with nonrecyclable solid waste or dispose of recyclable materials in any manner other than recycling.

Two red recycling bins are provided for each household. One holds paper recyclables. The other one holds commingled recyclables.

Recycle Bin 1- Paper goods

- Brown paper bags
- Catalogs
- Magazines
- Mail, including envelopes with windows
- Newspapers and advertisements
- Phone books
- Writing and office paper



Corrugated **cardboard boxes** should be broken down and placed next to Bin 1. Other items to include with cardboard are boxes or cartons that contained crackers, cereal, frozen foods, dry foods, beer, soda and shoes; chip board used for writing pad backing, and paper towel and toilet paper rolls. These items cannot go in the bin for paper or commingled items, but must be placed on the side with cardboard.

Recycle Bin 2 - Commingled goods

- Aluminum cans, foil and trays, crushed
- Empty aerosol cans
- Glass bottles and jars, all colors
- Milk and juice boxes made from wax-coated paper, crushed
- No. 1 and No. 2 plastic bottles with necks, crushed
- Steel cans, crushed
- Place the commingled recycling bin on top of the paper recycling bin so paper does not get wet if it rains or blow away on gusty days.



SPECIAL ITEMS

Used Motor Oil and Filters

• Place oil in see-through plastic beverage containers with a screw-on cap and filters in sealed plastic bags.



• Limit 5 gallons of oil and 5 oil filters per week.

• Place containers on curb on regular garbage collection day. Do not place oil or filters in the garbage or in the recycling bins.

Needle Disposal

Sarasota County offers free collection containers for the disposal of needles and lancets. These should never be put in regular garbage collections or recycling bins. For more information, call the Sarasota County Health Department at 861-6133.



Construction Debris

Contact the Solid Waste Division, 486-2422, for information about the city's roll-off service.

Outreach education

To learn more about solid waste programs, call 486-2422. City employees are available to speak to homeowners associations and other organizations to explain how the city disposes of more than 16,000 tons of garbage, 3,000 tons of yard waste and 4,000 tons of recycling a year.

To arrange a tour of Sarasota County's solid waste disposal complex, chemical collection center or recyclables processing center, call 861-5000.

BULK COLLECTIONS

Arrangements to collect household items too large to be part of the regular garbage, recycling or yard waste may be made by calling 486-2422 to make an appointment for a special pickup. There is a charge of \$20 per cubic yard for bulk garbage collection.

Items included in bulk collections for a fee include:

- Basketball poles
- Bathtubs and sinks
- Electronics, such as computers and televisions
- Exercise equipment
- Furniture
- Garage doors and openers
- Items not bagged, bundled or placed in cans
- Large glass windows and tabletops
- Large mirrors
- Mailboxes on posts
- Mattresses
- Picnic tables
- Riding lawn mowers
- Pianos and organs
- Playground equipment
- Sliding glass doors
- Sheds
- Vehicle seats
- Fencing



- Although appliances, such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners, are collected without charge, an appointment must be made before setting them on the curb. Be sure to remove food and doors from refrigerators and freezers.

Need a recycling bin?

Call the city of Venice Public Works Department, Recycling Division at 486-2422, for new or replacement bins. Dispose of damaged recycling bins by attaching a note on them and placing them in the garbage.

Do not place the following items in recycling bins:

- Butter or margarine tubs
- Ceramic items
- Containers that held pool chemicals or other chemicals
- Egg cartons
- Flowerpots
- Gift-wrap and tissue paper
- Clothes hangers
- Hard covered books
- Prescription bottles
- Mirrors
- Packing materials
- Pizza delivery boxes
- Plastic deli trays
- Plastic toys
- Styrofoam
- Window glass
- Yogurt cups

GOOD IDEAS

- Remove all caps from bottles and place them in the garbage.
- Shredded paper may be placed in clear plastic bags or paper bags
- Containers for recycling Styrofoam, plastic bags and newspaper wrappers are often located near entrances of grocery stores.
- To discard of reusable items that are not recyclable, contact an area charitable organization such as Goodwill, Salvation Army or Elephant's Trunk.
- Help create a demand for products made from recyclables by purchasing items with these symbols on the product:



YARD WASTE

Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, shrub trimmings, palm fronds, tree limbs and branches. It does not include waste from tree removal, whole trees, rootballs or trunks. However, the city will be happy to provide a quote for disposing of removed trees.

How to prepare yard waste:

- Each bundle must be no more than 4 feet long by 2 feet wide, and 40 pounds.
- Place yard waste in garbage containers that are 35-gallon size or less, or tie in bundles. Using plastic bags is discouraged.
- Branches and limbs should not exceed 16 inches in diameter or weigh more than 40 pounds.
- Yard waste placed in cardboard boxes, wheelbarrows or recycling bins, or otherwise not prepared to above specifications, will not be picked up.
- Remove fruit from tree branches and dispose in garbage.
- Christmas trees may be cut to a size not to exceed 4 feet by 2 feet, with all tinsel and ornaments removed, and placed on the curb on yard waste collection day for pick up.
- Treated wood must be placed in the garbage for collection.
- Bulk collections of 20 yards or less are available twice a year at no additional cost by calling 486-2422 for an appointment. Please place on the curb on the night before or the morning of your appointment.



Free compost and mulch is available

Yard waste is turned into compost and mulch.

Residents may pick up compost and mulch, free of charge, at:

- Sarasota County Landfill, 400 Knight's Trail Road
- Call Sarasota County solid waste customer service for an appointment and availability information at 861-5000.
- Bring containers and shovels.

STORM PREPARATION AND CLEANUP

Be Prepared

On the day a hurricane or other strong wind storm is expected to affect the Venice area, do not put garbage, recycling or yard waste on the curb for collection. Once winds reach a certain strength, it is no longer safe to drive big trucks and the landfill will close. Anything left outside to be blown about could cause damage to your property or your neighbors' property.

Before hurricane season, trim trees and clean up lawn debris. Large limbs falling from trees and other debris can cause property damage in high winds.

Depending on the extent of the storm and its aftermath, the city may try to collect storm debris over the course of several weeks rather than create the need for spending additional taxpayers money to contract for immediate pickup.



After the storm

All debris resulting from storms must be properly prepared for collection.

- Place debris, such as yard waste, within 2 feet of the curb and not in the street.
- Avoid stacking debris by utility poles, under power lines, on top of water meters or other water connections, by fire hydrants, by vehicles or next to mailboxes and fences.

Never place yard debris or other trash in storm-water sewers, ponds or ditches as such actions can cause flooding during intense storm events.