



RESIDENTIAL SANITATION 352-351-6697-www.ocalafl.gov
INFORMATION HOTLINE 352-351-6698

Garbage, recycling, yard waste and bulk collections are provided one day each week on the same day between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm. Refer to the City's website or call the Sanitation Hotline for schedule changes and updated information. Office hours are Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

All garbage carts must be out by 7:00 a.m. the day of collection with handles closest toward your home and removed by 7:00 a.m. the next day. Garbage should be placed in carts without overloading and not on the ground. Garbage should be drained of all liquids, especially used cooking oils, and placed in a plastic bag that is tied at the top (for items that can't be broken down see bulk collection) and must be collected once a week. If possible, carts should not be placed on streets or sidewalks and should be four feet away from other objects including utility poles, mailboxes, fire hydrants, other carts and ten feet away from any vehicles. Carts should be returned to a secure location on your property but not closer than any building line that faces the street unless the cart is screened from public view by shrubbery, foliage, a fence, or a wall. **DO NOT PLACE YARD WASTE, DIRT, SOD, ROCKS, CONCRETE, CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, HAZARDOUS OR FLAMMABLE MATERIALS (SUCH AS OIL, GAS, PAINT OR HOT COALS/ ASHES), MURATIC ACID AND OTHER POOL SUPPLIES/CHEMICALS IN YOUR GARBAGE.**

GENERAL CART INFORMATION

Carts are the property of the City of Ocala and are assigned by serial number. Damaged or stolen carts are repaired or replaced by the Sanitation division. Please secure carts during stormy weather. Rinse out your cart as needed using mild detergents and/or ammonia cleaners.

MEDICAL WAIVERS

Any resident who is not physically able to take their garbage to the street may be eligible for a medical waiver. If you qualify for a medical waiver or have questions about them, please contact us at 352-351-6697.

YARD WASTE

All yard waste must be ready by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. The yard waste may be loose in one pile, in biodegradable bags or in trash cans not exceeding 32 gallons with handles and lids and not exceeding 50 pounds. **YARD WASTE CAN'T BE COLLECTED IN PLASTIC BAGS.** Delays are possible following storms and during heavy leaf season. Any collection of yard waste, tree debris or vegetation exceeding 5 cubic yards (approximately 4' long, 6' wide and 5' high) is considered a billable load and will be charged on your utility bill. **THE MINIMUM CHARGE IS \$41.25 WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGES ACCORDING TO THE SIZE OF THE PILE.** Once the pile is out for collection, it must be removed prior to your next collection day. 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. Do not place yard waste on the street, sidewalk, or storm drains, on water meters, utility boxes or within four feet of a utility pole, guide wire, mailbox or under trees **or on someone else's property.** Do not mix limbs with your grass or leaf yard waste. Limbs must be cut to four-foot lengths and placed in a separate pile. **TREES, TREE LIMBS, STUMPS AND SHRUBBERY DEBRIS GENERATED BY ANYONE OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER MUST BE DISPOSED OF BY THEM AT A LEGALLY APPROVED DISPOSAL SITE AND NOT BY THE CITY OF OCALA.**

BULK COLLECTION

To schedule pick up of furniture, appliances, mattresses, large tree and landscaping debris piles or large junk piles call 352-351-6697 one to two days prior to your scheduled collection day to schedule pick up. Charges will apply if it exceeds 5 cubic yards (minimum \$41.25).



PRIVATE CONTRACTORS (Building, Landscapers, Lawn Maintenance & Tree Trimmers)
Private contractors are responsible for the removal of any waste they generate so make sure your contract price includes the removal of any waste generated by them and that they remove such waste. Landscapers and lawn maintenance businesses may only place grass and other non-bulky yard waste out for collection at the curb with the owner's permission, provided such waste was generated solely from the ground where they provided that specific service.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Please refer to www.recycle.ocalafl.gov or call 352-351-6697.

DISPOSAL OF WHITE GOODS

White goods are any household appliance, water heater or air-conditioning unit. To arrange collection for \$12.50 each, contact our office to schedule a date. 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.)

DISPOSAL OF CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

Construction debris such as concrete, asphalt, rock, brick, blocks, tile, shingles, etc. and large amounts of wood need to be disposed of in a roll off container (from a private hauler) or at a C & D landfill.

DISPOSAL OF TIRES

The City sponsors two Household Tire Amnesty Days annually. Residents may bring up to 10 tires without the rims to the drop off locations free of charge. Call 352-351-6697 or 352-351-6698 or visit www.ocalafl.org for dates and locations.

DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS AND ELECTRONIC WASTE

The City sponsors two Hazardous/Electronic Waste Amnesty Days annually for residents to dispose of items free of charge. This includes, but 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, television sets, computers (including monitors, keyboards, and mouse), cell phones, game systems, etc. Call 352-351-6697 or 352-351-6698 or visit www.ocalafl.org for dates and locations. You can also contact the Marion County landfill (5601 SE 66th St., 352-671-8465).

DISPOSAL OF HYPODERMIC NEEDLES

Hypodermic needles may not be disposed of in your household garbage. For \$5.00 we will provide you a Sharps Container for your needles and when the container is full, we will collect and dispose of it at no charge. Contact us to arrange for delivery at 352-351-6697. You can also pick up a free Sharps container from one of the Marion County Recycling sites and return it there for disposal at no charge.

DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED MEDICATIONS

Expired or unwanted prescription and over the counter medications should never be disposed of by flushing them down a toilet or drain as they can contaminate Florida's aquatic environment. They are also harmful to children and pets. Contact your local law enforcement agency or go to ocalafl.gov.

BIOMEDICAL WASTE

Biomedical waste is not allowed in your household garbage. Please contact the Marion County Health Dept. at 352-629-0137.