

Important Notice for Town of Lady Lake Residents!

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

What is happening?

All waste collected, including materials residents separated for recycling, 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 mix all materials together and place at curb.

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 requirements 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 global demand, resulted in plummeting commodity prices.

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! Residents no longer have to separate recycling from garbage. All materials will be recycled by incineration which generates electricity that powers your home. If you have recycling bin, you may keep it. It's great for use as storage!

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

You can contact Waste Management at 866-684-3142...Mention the Town of Lady Lake Recycle Change flyer...