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**Rural Waste Service Center Locations**

**WOODVILLE RWSC**

549 Henry Jones Road  
(850) 488-9099

**FORT BRADEN RWSC**

2485 East Joe Thomas Road  
(850) 488-9119

**MICCOSUKEE RWSC**

13051 Miccosukee Road  
(850) 922-0097

OPEN 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

**BLOUNT RWSC**

4363 Holder Road  
(850) 922-0098

11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Tuesday

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Saturday

## Curbside Recycling in Leon County

Leon County residents who subscribe to Waste Management, Inc. have weekly curbside garbage and recycling pick-up. Residents living in unincorporated Leon County also have the option for garbage disposal and recycling drop-off at the **Rural Waste Service Centers**.

Leon County residents can recycle many items. Recycling the following items reduces waste going to the Springhill Landfill in Jackson County, FL:

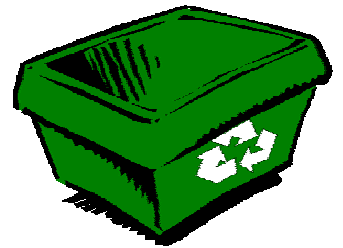
- Cardboard and Paper
- Aluminum and Steel Cans
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Plastic Bottles and Jugs

Still unsure? Read on...

ALL paper includes: phone books, magazines, junk mail, newspaper, newspaper inserts, sticky-notes, paperboard boxes (shoe boxes, food boxes from your pantry) and cardboard. Please break down all boxes. Do not place greasy pizza boxes in your bin. Drink cartons and juice boxes are not recyclable.

Rinse ALL containers. Labels can stay. Remove the lids.

Sing this song: "Bottles and Jugs, Bottles and Jugs, Bottles and Jugs." If the plastic container is a bottle or jug, place it in your bin. Unfortunately, yogurt cups and butter tubs are



not being recycled at this time. Also, do not include deli containers or Styrofoam™ food trays in the green bin.

Subscribers to Waste Management, Inc. should have two (2) green bins—one for all containers (cans, bottles, plastic and glass) and one for all paper and cardboard. Do not place items in plastic bags when recycling. If you must bag your recyclables, use paper sacks.



### DID YOU KNOW

- 15 Million barrels of oil are used each year to make plastic bottles.
- Only 1/5 of plastic bottles are being recycled.
- Recycling one ton of newspapers saves 17 trees.
- If all Americans recycled just one out of every 10 HDPE (#2) bottles they would keep 200 million pounds of plastic out of a landfill.

## Education and Tours

Leon County has a Community Education Coordinator who can come to your school, workplace or community group to talk about where you garbage goes, ways to prevent and reduce waste, and tips on recycling. Tours are also available at the Solid Waste Management Facility on Apalachee Parkway, the Transfer Station on Gum Road and Marpan Recycling on Woodville Highway. Call 606-1827 and schedule your tour or presentation with Carole Gentry.

## Electronics Recycling

Computers and television sets are considered hazardous waste. These items contain lead, mercury, beryllium and cadmium which are dangerous to the environment. Bring electronics to the Electronics Recycling building at the Solid Waste Management Facility or any of the Rural Waste Service Centers for drop-off. These items are not picked up curbside. One item per customer per day. Customers with questions and businesses wishing to bring electronics should call Cyndy Brantley at 606-1823.

## Yard Debris and Free Mulch

Subscribers to Waste Management, Inc. have curbside yard debris pickup. Other residents in unincorporated Leon County can bring clean yard debris to the Solid Waste Management Facility on Apalachee Parkway. "Clean" yard debris refers to unbagged leaves and limbs. Yard debris is mulched and made available free of charge to everyone living in Leon County. Free mulch is also available at these Rural Waste Service Centers: Fort Braden, Miccosukee and Woodville. Leon County Solid Waste promotes "leaf it lay"—leaving your leaves on the lawn which is environmentally healthier. If you must bag your leaves, use large



paper bags, made specifically for yard debris. Any questions about yard debris or free mulch, please call Jeff Stokely at 606-1824.

## Household Hazardous Waste

Leon County's Solid Waste Management Facility houses a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection center and an HHW Swap Shop. Hazardous waste items include all paints, paint thinners, pesticides, insecticides, cleaners, lawn and pool chemicals, glues, motor oil, antifreeze, rechargeable batteries, fluorescent ballasts and bulbs, and other mercury containing devices. Residents may bring HHW items to the Center free six days per week from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Businesses must call 606-1803 to schedule an appointment. Fees will apply for businesses. While you are at the Center dropping off items, visit the Swap Shop. You can take up to five items free per day for any project. Visit our website: [www.leoncountyfl.gov/HHW](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/HHW) for a full list of acceptable household hazardous waste items.



### Leon County Solid Waste Management Division

Recycling & Education Services  
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Waste Management, Inc.  
3001 Commonwealth BLVD.  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 574-3000 [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

We're on the Web!

[www.leoncountyfl.gov/recycling](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/recycling)

MAIL TO:

## Earth Machine Compost Bin Sale

**ONE DAY ONLY!**

Leon County Recycling and the City of Tallahassee are once again hosting an Earth Machine Compost Bin Sale!

**Saturday, April 25, 3009**

9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. while supplies last.

\$30.00 (tax included)

Cash or Checks only

*Tallahassee Mall in front of Ross.*

**Come Early and Avoid the Rush!**

WHY COMPOST?

Did you know that having 1,000 residents in our community, actively composting, would divert 600,000 pounds of organic waste going to the Springhill Landfill in Jackson County?

COMPOST BENEFITS

Adding compost to your lawn and garden gives you greener grass, more beautiful flowers and healthier fruits and vegetables. Composting can reduce your garbage output and will reduce your water gardening bill by up to 30%!

Composting improves soil health, fertility,

porosity and soil water retention. Another added benefit is how compost inhibits incidences of plant diseases.

Include fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds and tea leaves, egg shells, lint from your dryer, dead weeds, leaves, and peanut shells in your compost pile. Avoiding meats, dairy products and fats will prevent odors and curious critters.

Find more composting hints and tips on the internet and in your local library.

