

## FACTS

- It takes a 15 year old tree to make 700 paper grocery bags <sup>1</sup>
- The average person creates about 4.5 pounds of trash every day <sup>2</sup>
- During the time it takes you to read this sentence, 50,000 more 12-oz cans are made. Recycle them! <sup>2</sup>
- People in the U.S. throw away over 2.5 million plastic drinking bottles every hour. <sup>3</sup>
- Pasco County does not accept #6 plastic because it is mostly Styrofoam, which is largely air, too costly to process, and usually contaminated with food.

## Act Locally

Pasco County's recycling program has come a long way. In 2013 alone, we recycled over 2,760 tons of plastic, aluminum cans, and paper. In so doing, we've saved dozens of trees and reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions equivalent to taking over 1,000 cars off the road. <sup>4,6</sup> Keep the cycle going by remembering to put your recycling by the curb. You've already



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paid for the service if you have curbside trash pickup, so why not take advantage of this valuable community service? With our new Choose and Use Your Own Container program,

costly blue bags will be a thing of the past; just give Pasco County Recycling or your trash hauler a call to get a sticker mailed out to you, and you can put it on any can, bin, or cart you like. You don't have to sort recyclables, since everything can go in one container. This means savings for you, while you help us save the world through recycling!

## Think Globally

Recycling is making a difference. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the United States recycled and composted 87 million tons of waste in 2012, which reduced

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions comparable to taking 33 million cars off the road. <sup>4</sup> Even so, we only recycle about 35% of what we could. <sup>4</sup> Small changes in habit can make a big impact on our country and on

the world. After all, we are borrowing the Earth from our children and grandchildren. Every soda can you recycle today helps make for a better tomorrow.

1. <http://www.epa.gov/reg3wcmd/solidwasterecyclingfacts.htm>  
2. <http://gardencityrecycling.com/why-recycle/>  
3. <https://www.cityofsouthfield.com/Default.aspx?TabId=919>

4. <http://www.epa.gov/wastes/nonhaz/municipal/infographic/index.htm>  
5. [http://www.re3.org/docs/plastic\\_bottle\\_stats\\_with\\_calculations.pdf](http://www.re3.org/docs/plastic_bottle_stats_with_calculations.pdf)  
6. <http://www.recycling-revolution.com/recycling-facts.html>

# Recycling Refresher ... At The Curb

## **DO:**

- Aluminum cans
- Metal food cans
- Plastic containers #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, & #7
- Clear, brown or green glass

## **DON'T:**

- Aluminum foil
- Baking dishes
- Ceramics, plates, or dishes
- Newspaper, paper, or cardboard
- Plastic film or bags



**Don't forget** you can recycle paper products and cardboard while supporting your community by using our Green Fiber containers. The paper you recycle means donations for such services as schools, fire stations, libraries, and many others. Look for the list of locations at the end of this publication.

## Live Green and Rest Easy

Using eco-friendly cleaning supplies can cut down on potentially toxic chemicals in your home and give you peace of mind. Besides, there's nothing like reducing your 'waste' line to help your budget. Here are a few recipes to help you in your Summer Cleaning efforts:

**All Purpose Cleaner**— Mix together 2 tsp baking soda, 1 tsp dish soap, and 4 Tb white vinegar in a spray bottle. Fill with warm water and shake to mix well.

**Tub Cleanser**— Cut a grapefruit in half and sprinkle 1/4 cup kosher salt on one side. Scrub your tub with the open side and you'll have a clean, fresh-smelling tub.

**Dishwasher Refresher**— Running your dishwasher with a cup of vinegar placed in the bottom rack can help prevent buildup.

**Microwave Scrub**— Put 3 Tb of vinegar in 1 cup of water and microwave it for 5 minutes. Leave the bowl alone to cool and remove with oven mitts before wiping down the inside.

## Clean Our Coasts

Our annual Coastal Cleanup is coming! Save the date of September 20th and help clean up litter from our lakes, rivers, beaches, and local communities. Since

2006, over 11,000 volunteers have picked up over 130 tons of trash. During this event, volunteers walk and pick up litter that can pollute the soil and even harm our

beautiful Florida wildlife. If you or anyone you know would like to participate, just give us a call at 727-856-4539. We'll register you and put you in touch with a team in your area.





Pasco County Recycling  
 Utilities Solid Waste  
 14230 Hays Road (mailing)  
 14606 Hays Road (location)  
 Spring Hill, FL 34610

Get more information at:  
 (727) 856-4539  
 (727) 856-4574 fax  
 rgdobbs@pascocountyfl.net



## Paper Drop-Off Sites

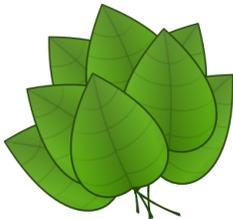


**Drop off to these  
 locations to donate  
 to fire stations** ➤

Fire Stations	Address
Station No. 15	11538 Trinity Blvd., Trinity, FL 34655
Station No. 16	34335 Chancey Rd., Zephyrhills, FL 33543
Station No. 17	2951 Seven Springs Blvd., New Port Richey, FL 34655
Station No. 23	21300 SR 54, Lutz, FL 33549
Station No. 26	28229 Aronwood Blvd., Wesley Chapel, FL 33543
Station No. 37	18015 SR 54, Lutz, FL 33558

Libraries	Address
Hudson Regional Library	8012 Library Rd., Hudson, FL 34667
Land O Lakes Library	2818 Collier Parkway, Land O'Lakes, FL 34639
New River Library	34043 SR 54, Zephyrhills, FL 33543
Regency Park Library	9701 Little Rd., New Port Richey, FL 34654
South Holiday Library	4649 Mile Stretch Rd., Holiday, FL 34690

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 parks and rec centers** ➤

Parks & Rec Centers	Address
J Ben Harrill	2830 Gulf Trace Blvd., Holiday, FL 34691
LOL Recreation Center	3032 Collier Parkway, Land O'Lakes, FL 34639
Mitchell Park	4825 Little Road, New Port Richey, FL 34655
Parks Office on SR 52	At Pasco County Fairgrounds on State Rd. 52, Dade City
Veterans Rec Center	14333 Hicks Rd., Hudson, FL 34667
Wesley Chapel Reg. Park	7727 Boyette Rd., Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

Other Buildings	Address
Facilities Management	7220 Osteen Rd., New Port Richey, FL 34653
E. Pasco Government Center	14236 6th Street, Dade City, FL 33523
Sunset Building	5418 Sunset Rd., New Port Richey, FL 34652
E. Pasco Judicial Center	38053 Live Oak St., Dade City, FL 33523



➤ **Drop off to these  
 locations to donate  
 to all services above**

... And most Pasco County schools! For a full list, check [www.pasco.k12.us/conservation](http://www.pasco.k12.us/conservation)