

**PASCO COUNTY
RECYCLING AND
EDUCATION**

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**IT PAYS TO
RECYCLE!**

Our Green Fiber paper recycling program has been in full swing for some years. It's a great way to support libraries, fire stations, parks, and other programs. This year, we were able to initiate the Green Fiber Grant Program. Thanks to all the paper recyclers in Pasco...

1. Libraries will construct and equip an audio sound room in Land O' Lakes.
2. The Fire Department will be purchasing Command Boards for stations 17, 26, 27, and 37.
3. Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources is purchasing a special computer to help create high-quality promotional videos and pictures.

**Thanks for
Recycling!**

Recycling Update

AUGUST 2015

No More Blue Bags - Or Any Bags

A significant change has recently gone into effect for Pasco County's Curbside Recycling Program. As of October 1st, recyclables will only be accepted if loose in a properly tagged container. No bags of any kind will be accepted. Bags create problems for our Recycling Processor, and they become contamination in the recycling stream.

But, recycling using your own container has never been easier! Purchase your own or use an existing container. You can use a bin, a can, or a cart. Call your trash hauler or the Recycling Department for a recycling sticker. Put everything loose in the same recycling container. Don't separate or bag items. Place your recycling at the curb the night before your recycling pick up day.

Do This



Not That



Bring One Get One

Got Tires? The Utilities Branch and Keep Pasco Beautiful, an environmental nonprofit, are partnering to promote proper tire disposal. To that end, Sunday, September 20th, 2015 is a BOGO (Bring One; Get one) event at the West Pasco Resource Recovery Facility at 14606 Hays Road in Springhill from 7a.m. until 11a.m. For each tire a county resident pays to dispose of, Keep Pasco Beautiful will pay for a second tire, up to 10 tires per vehicle in total. This exciting pilot collection event is designed to keep tires from becoming roadside debris.



Tires, tires, tires

In addition to being unsightly, tires can pose a health risk by providing mosquitos a place to breed. The tires can become home to rats or other vermin.

Additional partners for this event include the Pasco County Sheriff's Office, Pasco County Mosquito Control, and the Pasco County Environmental Crimes Task Force.

For more information, call Charley Ryburn, the Environmental/Hazardous Waste Manager at 727-484-3059 x6896 or Kristen King, the Keep Pasco Beautiful Coordinator at 727-856-7252.

New recycling

drop-off for

North-East Pasco!

Pasco Recycling North

15641 US 301 N.

In Dade City

Mon-Fri 8-4:30

Sat 8-noon

Drop Off Delights

Our Recycling Drop Offs are anything but dull. Who wouldn't be inspired to recycle by the bright and colorful decorations, the patriotic flags, and the smiling faces? Our helpful attendants can answer recycling questions and make anyone's day a little better. For those who don't have curbside recycling, these drop-offs are for you! For a full list of our locations, go to: pascocountyfl.net and search for Community Recycling Sites on the Pasco County front page.



The Secret Life of Recycling

Your recycling has a life far beyond your curbside recycling pickup. Once it leaves the container, your plastic bottle or aluminum can goes into a complex system of sorting, packaging, and remanufacturing before it becomes something new.

The recycling industry is driven by both emerging technologies and manufacturing markets. New optical sorters can tell the difference between high and low grades of plastic. Magnets pull out some

metals, while other machines make short work of glass bottles and jars. At the end of the sorting process, huge balers squish together giant cubes of sorted recyclables. These cubes are then sold to remanufacturers to make new goods. All this takes less energy than creating an item from scratch and minimizes the use of natural resources.

It is important to remember the business side of recycling. The industry of recycling doesn't

just help the environment, it's a lively, fascinating world of fluctuating value, high-tech equipment, and expanding markets.



Recycled Plastic Pellets

Event Recycling

We are proud to announce that our Event Recycling program continues to be a great success! Any event that receives sponsorship dollars from the Pasco County Tourism Development Council is required to participate in the program. Here are the numbers from events occurring between October 2014 and August 2015:

15 Events

228,250 Attendees

Top 3 Recyclers:

**Chasco Fiesta
Savage Race**

Pasco County Fair

**Total Recycling:
14,870 Pounds!!**

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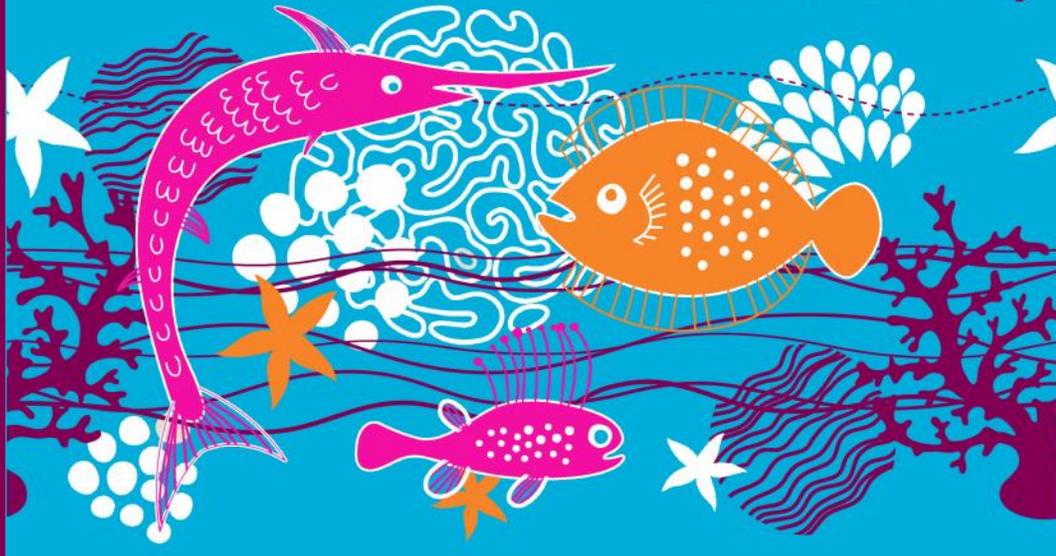
International

Coastal
Cleanup®

30th
Anniversary

September 19
8 am - 12 pm

Pasco County



VOLUNTEER!

For more information call (727) 856-7252
or email kking@pascocountyfl.net

Keep Pasco Beautiful - Guest Author!

Some of you may not be aware, but there is an amazing environmental non-profit called Keep Pasco Beautiful. Its mission is litter prevention, waste reduction and beautification. My name is Kristen King and I was recently hired as the Keep Pasco Beautiful Coordinator, and am excited for the opportunity to expand the presence and impact of the organization throughout the county.

We are currently preparing for the International Coastal Cleanup, which will take place throughout Pasco County on Saturday, September 19 from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. Last year we had 1,050 volunteers that cleaned up 19.81 tons of trash. That's almost 40,000 pounds of trash! This year we really want to try and get our waterways clean so if you have an airboat, kayak, or any other type of shallow watercraft we could really use your help. If you would like more

information on how you can get involved email me at kking@pascocountyfl.net or call (727) 856-7252.

There will be lots of new things going on with Keep Pasco Beautiful. To keep up to date on all our latest info like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KeepPascoBeautiful and follow us on Twitter at

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