



Customer Pipeline

Emerald Coast Utilities Authority

Did You Know? Vegetative and Construction Debris Ordinance Assists Homeowners!



Winter is almost over and many of us are turning our thoughts to gardening and preparing our yards for the spring and summer seasons ahead.

Did you know that if you have contracted the removal of trees, other vegetative debris, or construction materials from your home, the contractor must remove

it from your property? In fact, Escambia County Ordinance Sec. 82-145 specifically addresses this subject. We're adding the ordinance here for your convenience and reference.

Sec. 82-145. - Builders and tree surgeons.

Builders, building contractors, and privately employed tree trimmers and tree surgeons shall remove or cause to be removed all trash and debris from the premises upon which they are working, including limbs, tree trunks, roots, concrete slabs, concrete blocks, bricks, building debris, and all materials used by contractors in the course of building and/or alterations, in accordance with this chapter for removal and/or disposal as specified in this chapter. (Code 1985, § 1-29-117)

Does Your Automatic Irrigation System Have a Fully Operational Rain Shut-off Device?

Did you know that Florida Law requires residents with an automatic irrigation system to have a fully operational rain shut-off device?

These devices range from rain and soil moisture sensors to smartphone controllers that monitor local weather data. Properly installed and maintained devices are crucial in preventing overwatering, which can lead to plant disease, polluted runoff into freshwater systems, and high water bills. See Florida Statute 373.62, for more information.



Mark Your Calendars!

Customer Service offices and the walk-in payment area **ONLY** will be closed on Good Friday, April 7. All other ECUA offices and the drive-thru window will be open on this day.

There are **no changes** to any of the Sanitation collection schedules for the Good Friday holiday.

Wishing All Our Customers a Safe & Happy Holiday!





Who's the Latest Recycle Star?

The Recycle Star Program recognizes our residential recycling customers who consistently practice positive, safe and clean recycling through a monthly award presented to an ECUA residential recycling customer, determined by an impartial ECUA selection committee. Criteria for judging includes random inspection of individual recycle containers by ECUA recycling staff, and confirmation of compliance with recycling guidelines.

We recognize the monthly winner with a certificate and a \$50 gift card from ECUA or one of our Recycle Star Program vendor partners, which currently include My Pensacola Credit Union, Hancock Whitney Bank, and ScreenVision Media.



Ms. Ernestine Tommasone

Our November 2022 Recycle Star award went to Ms. Ernestine Tommasone who is a long-time recycling advocate who calls herself an "unofficial tree-hugger." She says that "she takes climate change seriously and believes that recycling is one way we can help preserve our planet for future generations." Ernestine sets a great example and hopes that more members of her community will recycle as well.

Mr. Larry Rowe was selected as the Recycle Star Program's December winner. We weren't able to meet with Mr. Rowe prior to publication of this issue but we know that he is committed to proper recycling and happy to participate in our program. We are truly grateful for you, Mr. Rowe!

Congratulations to our winners for their dedication and outstanding recycling efforts, and thank you for being Recycle Star Champions!



5th Annual Jelly Bean 5K Run

Here's an event that we can really cheer about! The Jelly Bean 5K Run, hosted by Trinity Presbyterian Church (3400 Bayou Blvd.), supports the installation and maintenance of clean water filtration systems in Peru through a partnership with nonprofit Living Waters for the World.



The run, which will be held on April 8, promises fun for the whole family! For more information or to register, visit: www.jellybean5k.com

Leaf the Plastic Behind!

ECUA's biosolids composting facility, located on-site at our Central Water Reclamation Facility, needs your help! In order to maximize the quality of the composted yard waste, we recommend the use of brown compostable paper yard waste bags, or reusable plastic cans designated for yard waste, instead of the traditional plastic yard trash bags.

Paper yard waste bags are easily found in home improvement centers, retailers, through online sources, and in garden centers and nurseries. Plus, if you ask for paper bags at the grocery store, they'll serve double duty when you recycle them into yard waste bags!

So, the next time you find yourself reaching for that plastic yard waste bag, remember to 'leaf the plastic behind' because **Brown is the New Green!**

