



# 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)



## Mark Your Calendars!

Customer Service offices and the walk-in payment area **ONLY** will be closed on **Good Friday, March 29**. 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!**

## JOIN OUR TEAM!

Are you ready for a career move? Do you have a CDL license or want to become CDL-certified? You already are, or have an interest, in becoming a certified fleet mechanic? We're hiring across all areas of our organization and would love to have you join our team of 600-plus dedicated and passionate individuals who contribute so much to our community every day.

We provide career development, training opportunities, and one of the best benefits packages in the area.

ECUA's Human Resources team is ready to hear from you! Check out all current openings on our website at [ecua.fl.gov/human-resources/careers](http://ecua.fl.gov/human-resources/careers)





## 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 check from ECUA or our Recycle Star Program vendor partner, My Pensacola Credit Union.



Our December 2023 Recycle Star award went to Loren and Laurie Lazear who are so dedicated to recycling that they stored their recyclables when ECUA's recycling facility was down due to a staffing shortage last spring. In fact, after taking this picture, Loren told us, "Please take the yard sign back and reuse it for the next winner!" We think that is the ultimate in recycling and demonstrates this family's enthusiasm for cutting down on waste. Further, we've also learned that the Lazears have donated their \$50 award to OceanHour FL, a local non-profit dedicated to cleaning up our beaches. What a win-win!

Congratulations to the Lazears and thank you for being Recycle Star champions!

## 6th 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, contributes to 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 at 8:00 a.m. on March 16, begins and ends at the church (3400 Bayou Boulevard) and promises fun for the whole family! For more information or to register, visit: [getmeregistered.com/jellybeanrun](https://getmeregistered.com/jellybeanrun) and [livingwatersfortheworld.org](https://livingwatersfortheworld.org).

## 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!**

