



North End Santa Rosa Co. Sanitation Services

Emerald Coast Utilities Authority

Great Ideas to Reduce Holiday Waste

Recycle or Reuse Plastic Bags:

Reuse plastic bags as trash can liners, or take them back to the store to reuse once more. If you're mailing packages, use them as a lightweight packing buffer. **Plastic bags and thin-film plastic or shrink-wrap should never be placed in the recycling bin as it is damaging to equipment at the recycling facility.** Also, many large retailers have recycling stations for plastic bags.

Skip Wrapping Paper and Re-use Ribbons and Bows:

Opt for "wrapping" gifts in reusable bags, boxes, colorful fabric remnants, pillow cases, scarves, or even towels for a whimsical beach feel (we are in Florida, after all!). You can even tuck away little gifts in new socks and mittens. Further, think about re-using ribbons and bows at least once to double their use.

Give the Gift of Peace (of Mind):

Instead of giving a gift that is excessively over-packaged with cardboard, bubble-pack and shrinkwrap, consider making a donation to a worthy organization, or give the gift of time to an overwhelmed friend or shut-in senior citizen. You'll touch many hearts and enjoy the true holiday spirit. What's more, it's no fuss, no muss, and no packaging to throw away.

Kick the Bottled Water Habit:

Bottled water can cost between \$0.25 to \$2 per bottle, while tap water costs less than a penny. Consider using a refillable water bottle to cut down on the cost of the water, and eliminate or avoid the empties that might end up in the landfill if not properly recycled.

Use Cloth Tablecloths and Napkins: Skip throwaway paper products, even if they're made from recycled paper. It's fun to have an array of holiday-themed cloth napkins and a couple of tablecloths that can be used over and over. They can become part of your holiday decor and fun to set out every year.



Did You Know?

In November 2016, the Santa Rosa Board of County Commissioners voted to raise the tipping fee rate at its Santa Rosa Central Landfill by \$1 per ton, per year, effective January 1, 2017 through 2020.

A small increase to accommodate the rise in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) that is provided for in the ECUA's contract with the Santa Rosa Board of County Commissioners will also be included in the new rate.

As such, an increase of \$0.46 per quarter (for 95-gallon can service) is accordingly reflected on the ECUA rate for your sanitation service, effective January 1, 2020.



We have a special page on our website just for our north-end Santa Rosa Co. customers! Find all the information you need at:
<https://ecua.fl.gov/services/sanitation-services>

Mark Your Calendars!



ECUA offices will be closed Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25, 2019, in observance of the Christmas holiday, and on Wednesday, January 1, 2020, in observance of the New Year's holiday.

The Customer Service office and walk-in payment areas ONLY will be closed on Tuesday, December 31. All other ECUA offices and the drive-thru window will be open on this day.

There are NO CHANGES to sanitation collections on the Christmas or New Year's Holiday weeks. All collections will be made on their regularly scheduled days.

We Wish You Safe and Happy Holidays!

2020 Holiday Collection Schedule

New Year's Day: (1/1) No Change

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/20), No Change

Presidents' Day (2/17), No Change

Good Friday (4/10), No Change

Memorial Day (5/25), No Change

Independence Day (7/4), No Change

Labor Day (9/3), No Change

Columbus Day (10/12) No Change

Veterans' Day (11/11) No Change

Thanksgiving: No garbage or yard trash collection; Thursday's recycling collection will be on Saturday, November 28.

Christmas Day No garbage or yard trash collection; Friday's recycling collection will be on Saturday, December 26.

Sanitation Collection Times May Vary

Periodically, the ECUA Sanitation Department revises its collection routes to keep pace with the growth in our service area, and to help us maintain the most effective collection routes possible.

Customer collection days do not usually change (we will advise you if they do), but the time of day the truck arrives at your home to collect your garbage or yard waste may vary from time to time. Factors affecting pick-up times may include seasonal variations in volume of garbage (especially after holidays), yard waste or recyclables, operational or staffing issues, and even weather may play a part in impacting pick-up schedules. **Collections for some routes may take until 7 p.m. before being completed, so please do not call to report a missed pick-up until the morning after your scheduled pick-up day.** To be sure your collection is not missed, please place your garbage and recycling containers, yard waste, and any bulk items at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your normal collection day. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.