



“Recycle Right” Tips for Highland Beach

- It's officially hurricane season. WM will continue to collect household garbage and recycling materials according to regular schedules until sustainable winds reach 35 miles per hour or local authorities instruct WM to suspend service.
- It's time for summer casual. When putting away clothes remember that the dry cleaning bags or any plastic bags or plastic film can never be recycled curbside as they clog the machines.
- Hot dog! Allow coals/ashes to cool on the grill for 48-72 hours before placing them in the trash. They never go in the curbside recycling.
- Don't spend your weekends during hurricane season ignoring yardwork. You must stop all yard maintenance and tree trimming activities at least four days prior to a storm's approach or it may not be collected curbside.
- Don't leave your recycling to chance. The wrong items can contaminate everything else. Recycle what you know is right: paper products, plastic bottles and jugs, and steel, tin, and aluminum cans.
- A spill can ruin more than just your day. Liquids and old clothes never go in the recycling cart because it can keep the other items from being recycled.
- Carry your water with you in reusable containers and bring your plastic bottles back to recycle.
- Ropes, cables, and hoses can't be recycled curbside because they get tangled in the recycling machines.
- Don't put cardboard and paperboard, such as cereal and cracker boxes, in your trash, recycle them! More than 37% of the fiber used to make new paper products in the U.S. comes from recycled sources.
- If a hurricane threatens, put all garbage and recycling containers in a secure location away from open spaces.
- Pool chemicals require special handling. They should never be disposed of in your trash or recycling containers.
- Never put dry cleaning bags or any plastic bags or plastic film in curbside recycling because they get tangled in the machines.
- Clothes and textiles of any kind can never go in curbside recycling. Repurpose or donate them.