



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT



BOARD MEMORANDUM

Date: April 10, 2019
To: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
From: Vincent Burke, P.E., Director of Utility Services
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Subject: Quarterly Recycling Update – April 2019

SECOND QUARTERLY UPDATE:

For the second quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018/19, the total quarterly recycling tonnages continue to be higher than the previous three years of single-stream recycling.

<i>Month</i>	<i>FY 2015/16 Tonnages</i>	<i>FY 2016/17 Tonnages</i>	<i>FY 2017/18 Tonnages</i>	<i>FY 2018/19 Tonnages</i>
January	1,613	2,030	2,177	2,379
February	1,585	1,606	1,714	1,599
March	1,941	1,900	1,793	1,788
Total Quarterly Tonnage	5,139	5,536	5,684	5,766

RECYCLING RATE UPDATE FOR 2018:

On March 31, 2019, Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) staff submitted the annual Solid Waste Management Report to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). According to the data we submitted to FDEP for review, the recycling rate for Indian River County (IRC) is estimated to be 66% for 2018. Although this is higher than the FDEP-approved 2017 IRC Recycling Rate of 64%, it is short of the FDEP interim goal of the 70% recycling rate by December 31, 2018. The official recycling rates for all Florida counties should be posted by the FDEP by July 1, 2019.

RECYCLING COLLECTION EVENTS:

During the second quarter, SWDD partnered with Waste Management to host the winter Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Recycling Event on January 26, 2019, at the North County Pool. The event brought in 155 cars and recycled 4,122 lbs. of electronics as well as paint cans, propane tanks, pesticides, and other HHW.

CAMPAIGNS AND INITIATIVES:

After a generous donation by the Wrap Recycling Action Program (W.R.A.P) sponsor, America's Plastic Makers, SWDD has successfully placed loose plastic film receptacles at each of our five Customer Convenience Centers (CCCs) and the main county landfill. We are experiencing good participation and have accumulated over 20 bags, or approximately 446 pounds, of loose plastic film from these locations in the first month alone. After a close audit, SWDD has concluded that we are experiencing a very low contamination rate as well. We are also working closely with Dan Compas from the Rotary Club of Vero Beach in hopes of getting more commercial businesses to recycle their loose plastic film. So far, the Marsh Landing Restaurant, the Walking Tree Brewery, and Coastal Van Lines are all using film receptacles donated by the Rotary Club of Vero Beach. These entities are bringing their full bags to one of the CCCs or to the main landfill. Overall, IRC SWDD is excited to report a very successful first quarter in the W.R.A.P. campaign. We are optimistic that this program will continue to grow, based on participation rates from both the residential and commercial sectors.