



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT
BOARD MEMORANDUM



Date: January 8, 2019
To: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
From: Vincent Burke, P.E., Director of Utility Services
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Subject: Quarterly Recycling Update – January 2019

Quarterly Update

As of October 1, 2018, Indian River County entered into the fourth fiscal year of single stream recycling. Outgoing recycling tonnages fluctuate on a month-to-month basis; however, over the past four years, recycling tonnages during the first quarter have increased since single stream recycling was implemented on October 1, 2015; however, the 2018/19 fiscal year quarterly total went down slightly.

<i>Month</i>	<i>FY2015/16 Tonnages</i>	<i>FY2016/17 Tonnages</i>	<i>FY2017/18 Tonnages</i>	<i>FY2018/19 Tonnages</i>
October	1,278	1,554	1,364	1,586
November	1,309	1,861	2,191	1,803
December	1,851	1,786	1,774	1,703
Total Quarterly Tonnage	4,438	5,201	5,329	5,092

Recycling Collection Events

The Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) partnered with Southeast Secure Shredding to host the Fall Paper Shredding Event on November 17, 2018. The event brought in 505 cars and recycled 13,500 lbs., or 13 bales of paper, which is slightly lower than last fall's event that brought in 563 cars and recycled approximately 17,000 lbs. of paper. In reflection, SWDD and Secure Shredding believe that this might be due to the close proximity to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Although the shredding event always takes place near America Recycles Day, it may take place a week earlier next fall.

Upcoming Events

Our next recycling event is the Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste Event on January 26, 2019, at the North County Pool from 9 am to 12 pm. A1 Assets has generously donated a brand new laptop that will be raffled off to residents who recycle at the event. In the spring, we will host another Paper Shredding Event at Southeast Secure Shredding (3910 US Highway 1) on April 6, 2019, from 9 am to 2 pm.

Indian River County School Recycling Expansion Program

One of the most exciting accomplishments of the first quarter was the decision to expand the Indian River County School Recycling Program to 10 more schools. Through collaborative efforts between SWDD and the School District of Indian River County (SDIRC), a consistent education program was started at each of the 10 schools, which also included an educational video shown at each school. The official expansion will take place in January 2019. SWDD will discuss the expansion program in more detail during the second quarterly update.

Campaigns and Initiatives

The Wrap Recycling Action Program (W.R.A.P.) will roll out in Florida on January 24, 2019, Florida Recycles Day. W.R.A.P. is an initiative of the Flexible Film Recycling Group and is being promoted in Florida by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). It is designed to educate and motivate consumers to recycle more flexible plastics, including bags and film, at convenient drop-off locations in the community. W.R.A.P. also works with governments, retailers, and Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) to better inform consumers on how to recycle plastic film, what type of plastic can be recycled, and where they can bring it. Currently, SDIRC, in conjunction with Publix and the Rotary Club of Vero Beach, have implemented plastic film collection containers at every school throughout the district. SWDD and Tropical Recycling are collaborating with W.R.A.P. to supply collection containers at each of the five Customer Convenience Centers (CCCs) around the county. We are also educating consumers in the community with a wide variety of educational material provided by W.R.A.P.

SWDD has partnered with Banyan Biofuels, Inc. (Banyan) to kick off a Residential Cooking Oil Recycling Program. Indian River County residents will be able to bring their used cooking oil to one of the five CCCs or the main landfill for disposal. Banyan will be supplying clearly labeled 55-gallon containers at all six locations. SWDD has created an informational flyer to hand out to residents at the CCCs and have ordered signs to place above each of the containers.

SWDD is developing more extensive material for continued education initiatives for single families and multifamily communities. Specifically, a tool kit for the management of these communities and an informational post cards for the residents. These are given out at community presentations.