



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY**  
**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT**



**BOARD MEMORANDUM**

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**Date:** July 6, 2018  
**To:** Jason E. Brown, County Administrator  
**From:** Vincent Burke, P.E., Director of Utility Services  
**Thru:** Himanshu H. Mehta, P.E., Managing Director, Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD)  
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**Subject:** SWDD Quarterly Recycling Update FY17/18 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

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**3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTERLY UPDATE:**

For the third quarter of FY 2017/18, the average monthly recycling tonnages continue to be higher than the previous two years of single-stream recycling.

Month	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
April	1,656	1,629	1,759
May	1,626	1,803	2,158
June	1,493	1,648	1,545
Average Monthly Tonnage	1,592	1,693	1,821

**RECYCLING RATE UPDATE FOR 2017**

The official 2017 recycling rates for all counties in Florida were posted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) website on July 2, 2018. We are very happy to report that the FDEP-approved 2017 recycling rate for Indian River County (IRC) is 64%. This is a considerable increase from IRC's 2016 recycling rate of 53%, and IRC has successfully reached and even exceeded the FDEP interim goal of reaching 60% by 2017. When the counties are sorted by total recycling credits, which includes renewable energy credits, IRC is ranked at #10 out of 67 counties. When renewable energy credits are excluded and only traditional recycling credits are considered, IRC is ranked #4. The rise in IRC's recycling rate is a result of recycling increases in the public sector from 44,386 tons of recycling in 2016 to 49,405 tons in 2017, as well as the private sector, which rose from 168,182 tons of recycling in 2016 to 277,564 tons in 2017.

**RECYCLING EVENTS AND EDUCATION:**

On April 7, 2018, SWDD partnered with Southeast Secure Shredding to cohost the Spring Paper Shredding Event at Southeast Secure Shredding's facility on US Highway 1. Informational handouts and giveaways were given to 540 residents that visited the event and over 19,200 lbs of paper was collected and recycled. This was a slight decrease from last year's spring event, which brought in 700 cars and about 20,800 lbs of paper.

For the first time, SWDD organized and hosted a Waste Tire Amnesty Day Event on April 28, 2018. For one day, all five customer convenience centers and the main county landfill accepted up to 10 tires free of charge. In addition to our traditional print and advertising campaign, SWDD staff also supplied the Mosquito Control District, the IRC Sheriff's office, Code Enforcement, and the Florida Department of Health with flyers to help hand out to residents. The event brought in 9,420 lbs of tires and the County received a reimbursement of \$400.35 from FDEP to cover the cost of tire transportation and disposal through SWDD's contracted waste tire company, Wheelabrator.

On June 9, 2018, SWDD partnered with Waste Management to host the summer Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Recycling Event at the Intergenerational Recreation Center. The event brought in 170 cars and recycled 4,742 lbs. of electronics as well as paint cans, propane tanks, pesticides, and other HHW. The turnout for the event was surprisingly smaller than our previous summer event in August, which brought in 265 cars and over 9,600 lbs of electronics.

In addition to the Recycling Collection Events, SWDD also launched the Mailer Campaign in April 2018 where general recycling information was mailed to single-family and multi-family homes across IRC. The mailer contained information about SWDD's online survey, which was open to the public until June 1, 2018. The questions in the survey were designed to assess the public's response to the new garbage and recycling programs implemented in October 2015 and provide an opportunity for residents to express questions or concerns. In total, 995 residents filled out the survey. SWDD staff will be presenting the results of the survey to SWDD Board during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Recycling Update presentation. SWDD staff has also been able to individually respond to each resident that raised a question or concern in the comments section of the survey. Ms. Joan King won the \$25 gift card to Countryside Citrus, and Mr. Michael Galen won the \$100 gift card to Target.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Online SWDD Survey Questions