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Contained in this guide are the acceptable and non-acceptable material lists, along with contact information to learn more.

The sanitation information provided is based on the area of The Villages® where you reside. If you have any questions about this information or need assistance determining which information applies to your service, please contact the District Customer Service Center at (352) 753-4508.

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Household sanitation collection processes have been streamlined, both for your convenience and for the preservation of our environment and natural resources. By having more efficient services, we reduce the carbon footprint, reduce wear and tear on roads, use less fuel and minimize traffic in your neighborhood.

All waste, both household and yard waste, will now be collected on your 2 scheduled pick up days (there is no longer a separate day for yard waste).

Household Waste

All household waste should be placed in a sealed 20-30 gallon trash bag (any color). All materials can be placed in the same bag, no need to sort! The trash bags should be left at the end of your driveway (again, no need to separate the bags), no garbage cans are allowed. Each bag should weigh no more than forty (40) pounds. Bags must be placed for collection before 6:00 a.m. on your collection day or the night before (no sooner than 5:00p.m.) Deed Restrictions do not allow leaving trash out on undesignated days. Wrap broken glass or other sharp objects in newspaper and place them where they cannot cause injury. For a list of holidays that may affect your normal collection day, please visit www.DistrictGov.org

Bulk Pick Up

Items too large to be collected by the compactor trucks can be scheduled in advance by calling for a bulk pick up.

For those residents north of S.R. 44, please call (352) 748-0109 for scheduling. There will be a $10 charge added to your utilities and amenities bill each time a bulk pick up is requested. Charges will apply for any scheduled pick up not canceled a minimum of 24 hours in advance of the scheduled date.

For those residents residing south of S.R. 44, please call (352) 750-0000 for scheduling.

Houseowner Yard Waste

Tree limbs or branches may not exceed 4’ in length, 4” in diameter, or exceed 40 pounds. Bundle and tie such materials and place them at the end of your driveway. Lawn clippings and similar yard waste should be placed in bags.

For residents of The Villages residing South of State Road 44, sanitation services are provided and delivered to Covanta by Tri-County Sanitation.

Lake County Covanta EFW Facility Facts

- Facility processes a total of 528 tons per day of MSW.
- Generates up to 14.5 megawatts of clean, renewable energy daily.
- Utilizes Air Pollution Control Equipment of semi-dry flue gas scrubbers injecting lime, fabric filter baghouses, nitrogen oxide control system, mercury control system and continuous emissions monitoring system.
- The EFW system is comprised of two 264 ton-per-day waterfall furnaces with Martin reverse-reciprocating grates and ash handling system.
- Designated a Voluntary Protection Program Star Facility by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for workplace safety.

Energy From Waste

All waste is transported to the Lake County Covanta Energy from Waste (EFW) Facility. Household waste or mixed solid waste (MSW) is turned into energy which is then transferred to the energy grid. Every 1 ton of MSW managed at the Covanta EFW facility offsets approximately 1 ton of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Covanta’s EFW facilities typically operate at 60-80% better than Federal and/or State permitted emission limits. The EFW facility has advanced air pollution control and are highly regulated to protect the environment.

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Materials NOT Accepted

DO NOT PLACE HYPODERMIC NEEDLES, HOSPITAL TYPE MEDICAL WASTE, PAINT, OIL, LAWN OR POOL CHEMICALS, MOTOR OIL, OR TIRES IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE.

Amnesty days at designated locations are held several times a year. Contact District Customer Service at (352) 753-4508 for scheduled times and locations.

Questions?

Contact the District Finance Customer Service Department at (352) 750-0000 for collection and billing information.

For an escorted tour of the Covanta Facility, please call (352) 365-1611. Proper attire is required.