

Code Enforcement and You: Bulk Service

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The Code Enforcement Department managed by Code Services Inc. is in charge of enforcing the bulk ordinance as well as any trash related issues as directed by the Town Council. The reason for the ordinance was to assure that the residents followed specific guidelines when it comes to the placement of the bulk for trash pickup. It has come to our attention that items which are not bulk related have been placed for pick up along with regular yard debris or household items. Items such as paint cans, boxes of regular garbage, tires, and others. **This practice is not allowed as it constitute a hazard for the surrounding residents, the Town, and the contractor that is collecting these items along with the pile.** One needs to refrain from placing these items and only place solid waste items such as tree branches, landscape debris generated from the site and placed by the property owner; not the contractor.

In addition there are a few other things that we would like to remind you of as there are key to keeping our Town beautiful. When it comes to bulk pick up, it is picked up every other week (as reflected in the delivered schedule; call Town Hall is you need another calendar). There are specific areas assigned for the Town and they are Area 1 which encompasses Flamingo in the East to I-75 on the West and Griffin Road on the North to Sheridan Street on the South. Area 2 is located West of I-75 to 185 Way/186 Ave on the West and from Griffin Road on the North to Sheridan Street on the South. The last area is Area 3 from 185way/186 ave West side to State Road 27 on the West and from Griffin Road in the North to Sheridan Street in the South (with the exception of locations within the City of Pembroke Pines). The collection takes place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

As required by Code, the property owners may place bulk out for pick up starting on the Saturday before the collection week (as per the schedule), and up to 7:00 a.m. on the date of the pickup. For example, if your pick up is on Monday, you may place the bulk out for collection on the Saturday prior and no later than 7:00 a.m. on the pickup date. If you place the items after 7:00 a.m. on the pickup date, the items may be left behind as collection, frequently takes place early in the day.

Non-withstanding if an issue arises where the items have been left behind on the pickup date, then there are three possibilities: 1). The items were co-mingled with hazardous waste (paint cans, tires, or others), 2) the amount placed for collection is above the 12 yards allowed by Code, or the pieces are larger than the allowed length for each piece (4'-0" long, and will be tagged by SWS to indicate such), or 3) the items were placed too late for pickup on that date. If they were left behind and no tagging took place, then the pile was placed out too late for pick up.

If the items are placed in violation of what was indicated above, then Code Enforcement Department is required to issue a warning notice of violation for the first time, and a civil violation notice for any other occurrence during the same calendar year or any year

after that. A warning notice does not carry a penalty, but a civil violation carries a penalty of \$500.00 per occurrence. We make every effort to provide information to the residents so no civil penalties are issued, as such, a pick up schedule is provided along with any warnings.

We are here to help you understand the process and get those items picked up if they were left behind by mistake. As such please contact the Town as soon as possible to resolve the issue. Code Enforcement works with all residents to make sure that all their needs are met. Please help us monitor the issue and work with the Town to preserve our beauty. We appreciate all your efforts and we are a phone call away.