



Public Works Department

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

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To: Broward County Municipal Managers

RE: Declaration of Waste as Residential or Commercial

Dear Municipal Managers:

After the County’s letter dated June 29, 2023, we received questions from several of your municipalities on how to distinguish “Residential Waste” from “Commercial Waste” (as those terms are defined under the 2012 Agreement with Wheelabrator for Solid Waste Disposal Services).

When a hauler (providing collection services to your municipality) delivers waste, it needs to declare the waste’s source. Specifically, the hauler must declare whether the waste is “Residential Waste,” meaning whether it is from a “residential property.” Absent some forewarned exception, “residential property” (and any equivalent term used by your municipality) will refer to residences that require cart service (whether single-family or multi-family). If the waste is not from a “residential property,” it must be declared “Commercial Waste.”

The table below provides examples from both categories to help declare the waste by source when it is delivered to your municipality’s designated Disposal Facility or Alternate Disposal Facility:

Residential Waste	Commercial Waste
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single-family residences serviced by carts • Multi-family residences serviced by carts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-family complexes with container service • Condominiums • Mixed-used properties • Mobile home/trailer parks • Commercial establishments • Uses front-end container service, roll-off containers, and/or compactor service

Your municipality’s hauler(s) should continue to declare the proper source of waste at the designated Disposal Facility or transfer station as done in the past. Rate adjustments, now or in the future, will not change how “Residential Waste” and “Commercial Waste” must be declared.

Broward County maintains historical tonnage information for both “Residential Waste” and “Commercial Waste” by municipality. If questionable variations from historical tonnages are observed, your municipality will be contacted for further inquiry. This will be necessary as part of the reconciliation process to ensure tonnages and associated transportation costs are closely monitored and applied appropriately.

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If you have any questions, please contact Notosha Austin at naustin@broward.org or 954-474-1880.

Sincerely,

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