

FLT Trash and Recyclables Pick-up

The City of Fort Myers provides trash and recyclables pick-up in Forest Lake. The regular pick-up day is **Thursday**, with exceptions for holidays such as Thanksgiving. Putting out trash or recyclables cans too far in advance, or leaving empty cans out too late after collection is an eyesore in the community, **and can result in fines from the FLT HOA, violations of the Fort Myers Ordinance, or for renters in FLT the denial of Lease Renewals.** Please ensure your trash can has your address marked on it.

Trash and recyclables may be put out no sooner than **Noon of the day prior to pick-up**, and must be removed no later than **7:00 pm on the day of pick-up**, per City of Fort Myers Ordinance.

Place cans on the concrete curb (gutter) adjacent to the roadway, or on the concrete corner of your driveway. Do not place garbage out adjacent to garbage cans as it will not be picked up, as the driver does not exit the truck. Instead, with neighbor's permission, add garbage to available space in their can. Do not place cans on the grass as this may interfere with our irrigation sprinklers if they are activated during the overnight period. Avoid placing cans under the palm trees, as the trucks hoist the cans upward, damaging the trees. Ensure cans are at least two (2) feet apart, so that the truck's hoisting arms can be extended to pick up the can. Ensure the cans lid hinges are facing your home, so that the can may be lifted and emptied properly over the truck. If your garbage or recyclables can is damaged, or needs replacement, contact the City of Fort Myers Solid Waste department:

www.cityftmyers.com/944/Solid-Waste

All FLT Residents and Home Owners please note:

In order to identify the home owner of a trash can without address identification, the HOA may have to contact the FLT Solid Waste division. The Tropical Isles administration cost, and fees paid to the City for this effort will be added to the assessed FLT fine. Alternatively, the HOA Board will remove the trash and recycle cans, and the resident will need to contact the HOA and pay any assessed fines to get them back.

If you have **bulky, large items for garbage pick-up**, that are too large for your garbage can, please place these items on the grass adjacent to the curb, well away from palm trees, no sooner than **Monday. Note that ANY garbage that will fit in your garbage can should be put out in your garbage can.** The truck which picks up large, bulky items comes to our community on Tuesday. Do not put these items out adjacent to the trash cans, as this just hinders regular trash pick-up and leaves an eyesore in the community for a full week until pick-up occurs the following Tuesday. DO NOT place cardboard out with these items, such as leaving the items in cardboard boxes, as then the items WILL NOT be picked up, as the truck is prohibited from picking up recyclables. Place all cardboard out with recyclables pickup.

If you have **Household Hazardous Waste**, such as **paint, oil or household chemicals**, **DO NOT DISPOSE OF THESE IN YOUR TRASH CAN!** When the garbage can is dumped into the truck, the paint or other liquid will leak out of the truck, and be spilled onto our community streets. Look closely at our streets in FLT and you will find evidence of this. Take these wastes to:

Lee County Household Chemical Waste Collection Facility
6441 Topaz Court (off Metro Pkwy), Fort Myers, FL 33966

Residents may now dispose of household chemical waste between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and every first Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to Noon. The facility will be closed on holidays observed by Lee County.

For more information, refer to <http://www.leegov.com/naturalresources/pollution-prevention/household-hazardous-waste>