

Recycling Right

Commissioner Maria Marino

The mission of the Solid Waste Authority (SWA), for which I serve as Vice Chair, is to manage the materials discarded by residents and businesses of Palm Beach County according to legislative mandate and following applicable local, state and federal ordinances, regulations and laws.

Our goal is to reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfills for disposal, and provide services that are environmentally responsible and fiscally sound. An important part of meeting that goal is our Recycling program. This involves separating materials from the waste stream, either at the source or by recovering materials from mixed waste prior to disposal, and turning those materials into commodities.

Palm Beach County achieved the highest recycling rate of Florida's 67 counties for calendar year 2022, at an overall recycling rate of 80%. This is a result of the highly successful residential and commercial recycling programs, and the performance of waste-to-energy facilities in recovering metals and energy from waste. Further contributing to this success was the performance of permitted partners, for-profit, and not-for-profit entities who recovered and put yard waste, construction and demolition debris, and concrete into beneficial use.

It has been our mission at SWA over the years to preserve landfill capacity, recover valuable resources, and manage the county's waste right here. Most importantly, thanks goes to the residents and businesses of Palm Beach County for supporting what we do at SWA, and for "recycling right".

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