

FRESH START with a **CART**



Important Changes to Solid Waste Collection Services Starting March 31, 2025

PLEASE DO NOT USE NEW CARTS BEFORE MARCH 31, 2025.

The current collection vehicles are not equipped to service the new garbage carts.

Automated garbage collection service is coming to unincorporated Sarasota County! This process uses mechanical arms to empty the contents from the containers. Sarasota County is also moving from one to two service providers with Waste Pro, Inc. servicing the Solid Waste North Service Area and FCC Environmental, LLC servicing the Solid Waste South Service Area. Check the interactive map at scgov.net/freshstartwithacart for your service area.

Important Information and Reminders

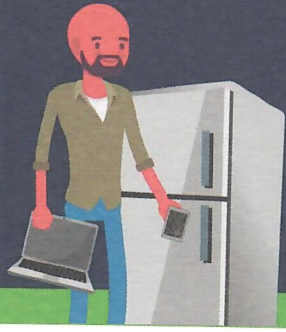
- **New Garbage Carts:** Each residence will receive a green garbage cart, included in your annual non-ad valorem tax assessment. You will keep your blue recycling cart.
- **Transition Date:** March 28, 2025, is the last collection day with the current service provider. Begin using your new garbage cart March 31, 2025.
- **Automated Collection:** All garbage must fit inside the new cart. Items left outside the cart will not be collected.
- **Service Day Changes:** Many residents will have a new collection day. Check the interactive map at scgov.net/freshstartwithacart to find your updated schedule.
- **Cart Size Exchange:** Cart size exchanges will be available after July 1, 2025. More information will be available on scgov.net/freshstartwithacart in June 2025.

Extra Carts: Additional carts can be requested from your service provider beginning March 31, 2025. Fees will apply. Use the interactive map at scgov.net/freshstartwithacart to identify your service provider.

Not all services are changing...

- **Same Day Collection:** Garbage, recycling and yard waste will continue to be collected on one day.
- **Recycling:** There are no changes to recycling. Continue using your blue recycling cart and follow current disposal guidelines. **No plastic bags are allowed.**
- **Yard Waste:** There are no changes to yard waste. Follow the same disposal guidelines as before. **No plastic bags are allowed.**





Oscar's Other OPPORTUNITIES



OLD GARBAGE CONTAINERS — REPURPOSE OR DISPOSAL

When new garbage collection begins, Sarasota County's new service providers will not collect old garbage containers at the curb. Their vehicles are also not equipped to pick up materials left outside of the new garbage carts.

WAYS TO REPURPOSE OLD CONTAINERS

YARD WASTE: Use them for yard waste collection and disposal.

STORAGE: Store yard and garden equipment, sports equipment, pet supplies, etc.

HOME COMPOSTING: Visit sarasota.ifas.ufl.edu/compost to learn about composting.

1. Drill holes in the bottom and sides of the container to provide air circulation.
2. Place the container on bricks to keep it off the ground and provide air circulation under the container.
3. Add uncooked vegetable scraps, leaves, grass clippings and plant materials.
4. Keep the compost moist and turn it every two weeks. It can be turned by locking the lid in place and rolling it around.

DISPOSING OF OLD CONTAINERS

COMMUNITY CLEANUP EVENTS

If repurposing is not an option, you can dispose of your old garbage containers at a community cleanup event hosted by Sarasota County Code Enforcement. Call 941-861-6403 to confirm event dates and locations, as they may change due to weather or other circumstances.

April 5, 2025
Kensington Park

May 17, 2025
Englewood

June 7, 2025
Lake Sarasota

July 19, 2025
Longwood Park

August 23, 2025
Newtown

September 13, 2025
Laurel

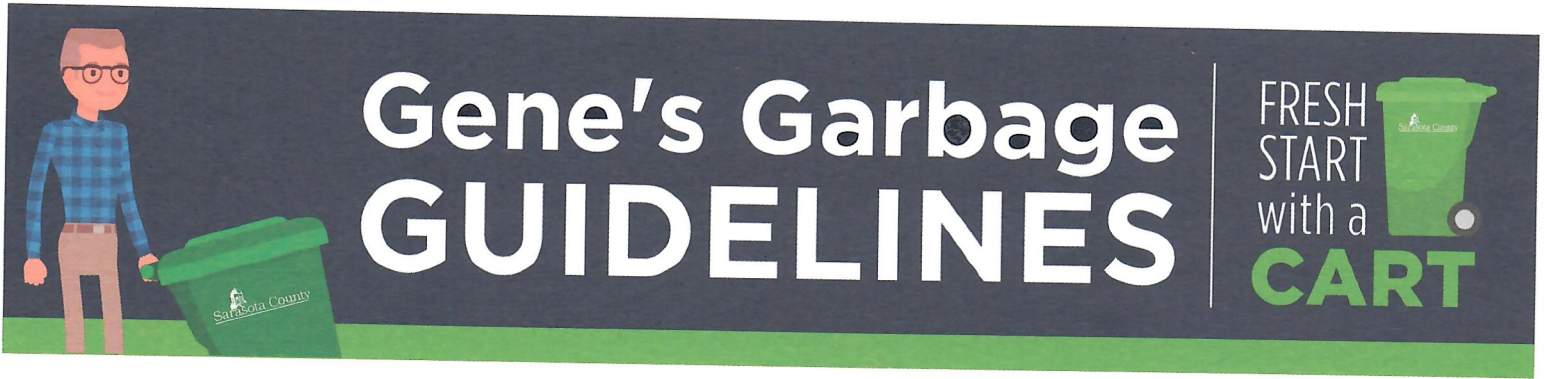
CENTRAL COUNTY LANDFILL

Old garbage containers may be taken to the Central County Landfill (4000 Knights Trail Road, Nokomis) for disposal. Applicable disposal fees apply.



For more information call **311**
or visit scgov.net/freshstartwithacart





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS — AUTOMATED GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICES

WILL MY COLLECTION DAY CHANGE? Yes. Many residents will have a new collection day. Check the interactive map at scgov.net/freshstartwithacart for your collection day beginning March 31, 2025.

DO I HAVE TO USE THE NEW GARBAGE CART? Yes. All residents in unincorporated Sarasota County will be required to transition to the new garbage cart collection program. With the transition to automated garbage collection, only materials placed inside the county-provided garbage carts will be collected. Garbage placed in personal containers will no longer be collected after March 29, 2025.

CAN I USE MY OWN GARBAGE CONTAINER(S)? No. With the transition to automated garbage collection, only materials placed inside the county-provided garbage carts will be collected. Garbage placed in personal containers will no longer be collected after March 29, 2025.

WHAT IF I NEED A DIFFERENT SIZE CART? Cart size exchanges will be available beginning July 1, 2025.

WHAT IF MY CART IS DAMAGED? If you receive a damaged cart during delivery, submit a damage report at scgov.net/freshstartwithacart.

WHAT DO I DO IF MY GARBAGE WON'T FIT IN THE NEW CONTAINER?

- **Request a bulk pickup.** Each Class I residential property is eligible for four free bulk pick-ups (up to 10 cubic yards) per calendar year with the option to request additional bulk collection services (supplemental collection fees apply).
- **Take excess garbage to a free community cleanup.** Cleanup events are hosted by Sarasota County Code Enforcement. Find scheduled events at scgov.net/codeenforcement.
- **Dispose of materials at the Central County Landfill.** Bring materials to 4000 Knights Trail, Nokomis, Monday through Saturday. Find hours of operation at scgov.net/solidwaste. Applicable disposal fees apply.

WHAT IF I NEED ADDITIONAL CARTS? Residents may request an additional cart(s) from their service provider on or after March 31, 2025. The additional carts are considered a supplemental service, and residents will be billed directly by their service provider. Check the interactive map at scgov.net/freshstartwithacart for your service area.

- The Solid Waste North Service Area is serviced by Waste Pro of Florida, Inc.
- The Solid Waste South Service Area is serviced by FCC Environmental of Florida, LLC.

