

Trash Collection in Swales Initial Discussion

City of Coral Gables Commission Meeting
April 26, 2016

Current Service

- Weekly Collection
- Up to one cubic yard per week
- No household refuse before 6PM evening prior to collection day
- Yard cuttings and clipping allowed anytime throughout the week

Trash and Recycling by the Numbers (Annual)

OF TONS COLLECTED

DISPOSAL COSTS

TRASH

33,317

\$1,060,000

GARBAGE

9,464

\$626,958

RECYCLING

2100

\$56,000*



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Potential Ordinance Amendments

- Prohibit the placement of garbage, pet waste or recyclables in the trash pits
- Prohibit the placement of yard waste cut by landscape companies on parkway swales
- Require landscape companies to register with the city and to have visible evidence of registration in company vehicles
- Require placement of yard waste by residents no sooner than 24 hours prior to the scheduled collection day

Next Steps (short term)

- Develop a public involvement process for soliciting feedback concerning potential service changes
- Implement pilot projects to evaluate service and operational impacts
- Propose strategies and related funding requests through the upcoming budget process for trash and household recyclables diversion

Next Steps (longer term)

- Broaden diversion strategies
 - Feedstock for Waste to Energy process
 - Green organics to compost
- Re-evaluate the trash pit service model