

Residential Waste Disposal Guide

Garbage, Recycling, Bulk and More



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Christmas Day Service Information

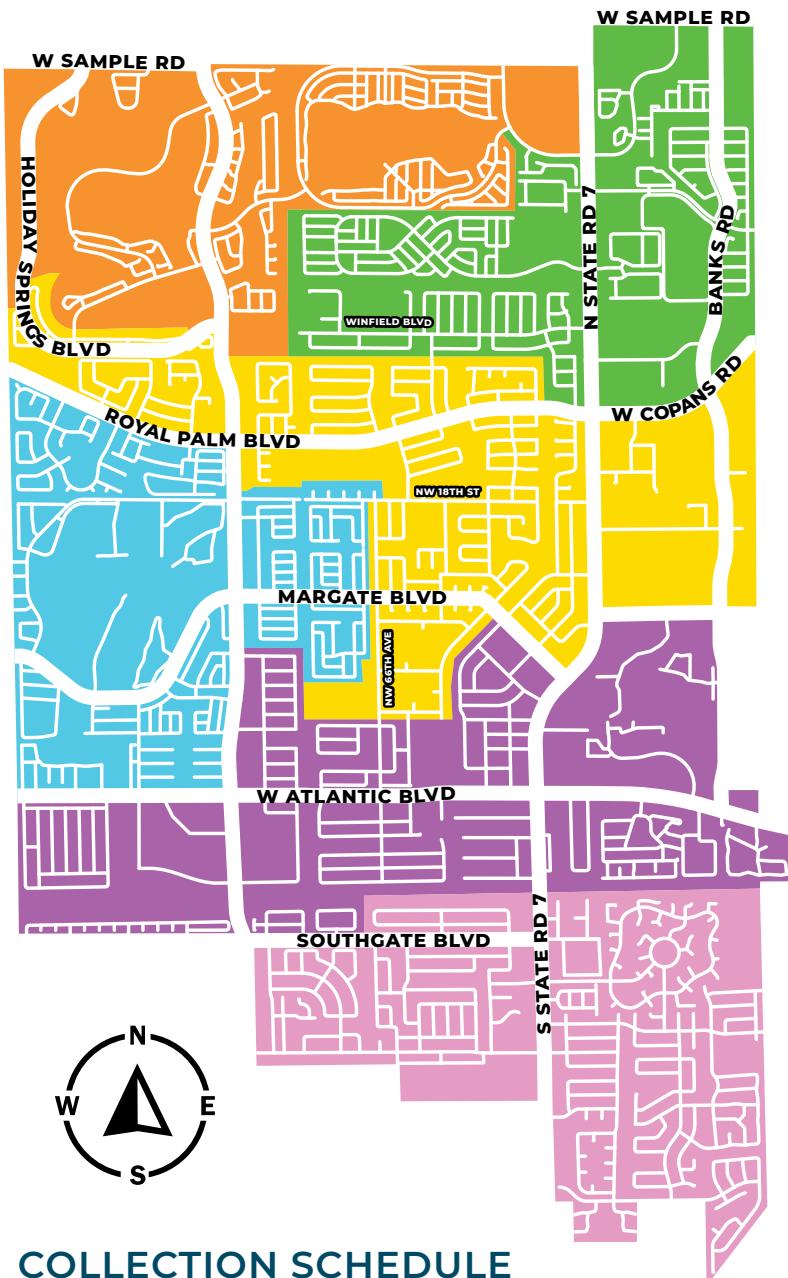
As we close out the year and welcome the holidays, here's a quick reminder about Christmas Day waste collection services!

If your regular collection day falls on Christmas Day, December 25, your waste will not be collected that day. For those residents with impacted service, collection will resume as normal on your next regular scheduled day, and you will be allowed to place up to two (2) extra bags of garbage beside your garbage cart.

Christmas trees may be placed out for bulk. Prior to placing it on the swale, remove all ornaments, lights, and decorations. Trees should be cut to 6 feet in length, and the trunk should be no wider than 8 inches.

Residents in multi-family home communities should check with their property management for their holiday collection schedule.

Collection Map



COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Garbage	Bulk / Yard Waste	Recycling
Monday & Thursday	Thursday	Monday
Tuesday & Friday	Friday	Tuesday
Wednesday & Saturday	Saturday	Wednesday
Monday & Thursday	Monday	Thursday
Tuesday & Friday	Tuesday	Friday
Wednesday & Saturday	Wednesday	Saturday

MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

Please refer to your property management or HOA (Homeowner's Association) for your collection schedule and restrictions.

WANT TO CONFIRM YOUR COLLECTION DAYS?

Check out the online version of the City's Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Services map!

1. Visit margatefl.com/Garbage and select the 'Find Your Collection Days' button.

Find Your Collection Days

2. Type your address in the box at the top right corner labeled 'Type Address'. Use the format 901 NW 66 AVE, not 901 Northwest 66th Avenue.
3. Select your address from the dropdown or press **Enter**.
4. The map will zoom in and show your collection days for:
 - Garbage
 - Recycling
 - Bulk / Yard Waste

EXAMPLE

Trash, Recycling & Bulk Pick-up Information

ADDRESS:	901 NW 66 AVE
GARBAGE:	MONDAY & THURSDAY
RECYCLING:	THURSDAY
BULK/YARD WASTE:	MONDAY

That's it! You'll see everything you need at a glance... no guessing, no missed pickups!

Garbage

Residential curbside garbage is collected twice per week, including holidays, with the exception of Christmas Day. Use the green cart provided by the City for garbage.

Acceptable Garbage Items

- Food wrappers
- Flimsy plastic, plastic wrap
- Contaminated recyclables
- Kitchen and food waste
- Plastic utensils, straws, and polystyrene foam
- Plastic bottle caps



Unacceptable Garbage Items

- Construction and demolition debris
- Bulk waste
- Televisions and electronic waste
- Household hazardous waste

All garbage must be placed inside the garbage carts in a way that allows the lid to completely close. Garbage placed outside or on top of garbage carts will not be collected. Cardboard should be broken down to no larger than 3'x3' and placed inside the blue cart.

Garbage and Recycling FAQs

Where should I leave my garbage cart for pickup?

For a successful pickup, place the cart by the curb in an area that is closest to (within 1 foot) but not in the street and at least 3 feet away from any obstructions, including cars, trees, other carts, mailboxes, and poles. Place the cart(s) and bulk / yard waste by the curb before 7 a.m. on your scheduled days.

Can I place additional garbage beside or on top of my garbage cart?

No. All garbage must be placed inside the green cart with the lid completely closed.

My garbage, recycling, bulk / yard waste was not collected. Who do I contact?

Check your cart(s), yard waste, and/or bulk waste for a non-collection notice. This will explain why your waste was not collected. Correct the reason your waste was not collected to ensure that it is collected on your next scheduled day for that type of waste. For questions regarding your non-collection notice, or if you did not receive one, contact Republic Services at 954-583-1830 or email garbage@margatefl.com.

Can I park my vehicle on the street on collection days?

Although it may be legal to park your vehicle on the street, street parking on your service days may obstruct the garbage trucks from accessing the garbage / recycle carts and bulk.

Recycling

Recycling helps keep Margate clean and reduces waste, but placing non-recyclable items in your blue carts can slow the process and contaminate materials. Recycling is collected once per week including holidays, with the exception of Christmas Day. Use the blue cart provided by the City for recycling.

Do's and Don'ts of Recycling

Do place paper, plastic and metal items in your recycling cart

Magazines, office paper/
newspaper



Milk and juice
cartons



Flattened
cardboard



Water bottles,
soda bottles



Laundry
detergent



Food cans,
beverage cans



Unacceptable in recycling cart:

- Bagged waste
- Bagged recyclables
- Yard waste
- Food waste
- Clothing
- Hazardous materials
- Electronics
- Styrofoam
- Building debris
- Medical waste
- Medical pharmaceuticals
- Plastic bags
- Yard waste

** Items must be rinsed clean and free of any prior contents. They must also have any caps removed (clean, dry, and loose)*

Additional questions? Visit margatefl.com/FAQWasteDisposal

My garbage / recycle cart is damaged or missing. How do I replace it?

Damaged carts: Contact Republic Services at 954-583-1830 or email garbage@margatefl.com. Please include your name, address and contact phone number.

Missing carts: Contact the police non-emergency number, 954-764-HELP (954-764-4357), to file a police report. Once you have your case number and address, contact Republic Services.

There is no charge for your first replacement. Please allow up to three (3) business days for delivery.

I generate a lot of garbage. How do I get an additional garbage cart?

Additional garbage carts are available for a minimal one-time cost. Contact Republic Services at 954-583-1830 to purchase an extra cart.



DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Margate has a recycling drop-off location to serve Margate residents! It is located in the parking lot of **Oriole Park** at 7055 NW 1st Street.

The drop-off site is open during daylight hours sunrise to sunset, seven days a week!

Bulk Waste

Bulk waste consists of large household items that cannot be placed in a garbage cart because of its size, shape, or weight. Bulk and yard waste are collected once per week on your garbage collection day opposite to your recycling day. Piles are limited to 3 cubic yards. Residents with excessively large piles will need to schedule a supplemental collection service for a cost, by contacting Republic Services at 954-583-1830. Bulk/yard waste piles should be placed at least 3 feet away from any obstructions and away from any overhanging tree branches or utility wires that might interfere with the operation of the boom and claw.

WHY WASN'T MY BULK PICKED UP?

Staging: Place all items at least 3 feet away from other objects (i.e. mailbox, car, tree, fences, street signs, trash and recycle carts, etc.). *DO NOT* place bulk items under any low hanging branches, or under any utility wires. For a complete overview on how to stage your items for pickup, visit page 9.

Late Setout: Bulk and yard waste items must be placed immediately behind the curb, or within the swale area if there is no curb, by 7 a.m. on your collection day but no earlier than 3 days prior to your collection day. If the driver has already passed your home before you are able to place your bulk by the curb on your service day, then it is too late. The driver may not return to remove your bulk, and you will have to wait for your next service day the following week. Your bulk can not remain on the swale until your next service day.



Glass: Glass items placed out for bulk must be contained in a cardboard box or other sealed rigid container. Please label the container to indicate that there is glass inside. If your glass item is not properly contained, it will not be removed.

Construction and Demolition material: These materials are not acceptable as bulk. City Code Section. 19-9. "The city shall not be responsible for the collecting or hauling of discarded building material, dirt, rock, plaster, iron or other like material originating from private property, and this material is to be removed by the owner or occupant of said property."

Contractor Generated Waste: Contractor generated waste is not accepted as bulk. Contractors — including landscapers, contractors, and tradesmen — are responsible for removing the waste generated from their work. Construction & demolition materials are not accepted as bulk.

SORT SMART FROM THE START!

Not sure what goes where? Visit margatefl.com/WasteWizard or scan the QR code to find our *Waste Wizard* resource. Learn how to dispose of hundreds of items, from garbage and recycling to hazardous, bulk, and yard waste!



Acceptable Bulk / Yard Items

- Carpet
- Fixtures (sinks, toilets, etc.)
- Furniture
- Glass items properly contained and labeled
- Mattresses
- Small quantities of lumber (plywood, boards, scraps, etc.) from incidental home maintenance
- White goods (e.g. refrigerators, freezers, air conditioning units) with freon removed, and certified as such
- Grass clippings, leaves
- Shrub and tree trimmings, tree branches

Unacceptable Items

- Any waste that may be dangerous or harmful to individuals handling it
- Abandoned vehicles or vehicle parts
- Bodily waste
- Liquid waste
- Construction materials
- Dead animals
- Electronic equipment (e.g. televisions, rechargeable batteries, computers, etc.)
- Flammables and explosives
- Household hazardous waste
- Tires

Excessively Large Pile: Bulk and yard waste piles are limited to 3 cubic yards (roughly 3 standard size washing machines stacked side-by-side). Piles larger than 3 cubic yards will be given a non-collection notice with instructions to schedule supplemental (extra) collection service for a cost. There is no charge for the first 3 cubic yards.

3 cubic yards



Unacceptable Items: You may have items in your pile that are not acceptable for bulk. The unacceptable items often found in bulk piles are paint, tires, glass, garbage bags, construction and demolition materials, and electronics. See the next page for a quick visual of unacceptable items, or visit margatefl.com/Bulk.



Non-Clear Bags: Yard waste must be placed in clear plastic bags (e.g. grass clippings, leaves, shrub or tree trimmings), or loose at the curb (e.g. tree limbs and palm fronds) with no non-yard-waste debris commingled in the bag. No personal containers are allowed.



My refrigerator, freezer, or air conditioning unit was not removed during bulk service. Why? Freon must be removed from refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioning units by a certified technician and labeled as such by the technician prior to placing at the curb for bulk pickup.

Where can I dispose of my construction and demolition debris and bulk waste (for a fee)? For a list of facilities that accept construction and demolition debris and bulk waste for a fee, visit margatefl.com/FAQ. We recommend contacting the facilities prior to bringing your waste to ensure acceptability of waste, hours of operations, cost, acceptable methods of payment, and any limitations.

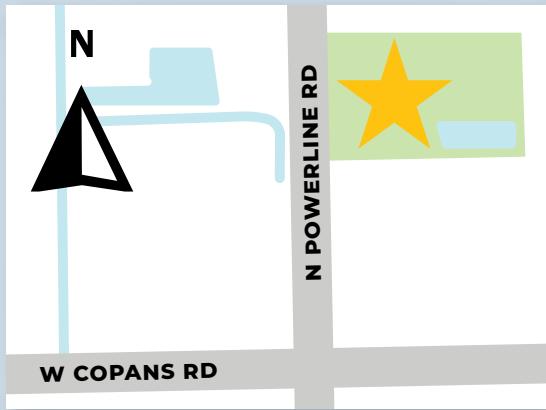
Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) & Electronics materials are not collected curbside by the City of Margate and should not be placed with regular garbage for collection. The City of Margate provides residents with convenient options to properly dispose of HHW free of charge either at the Broward County drop off locations or at City of Margate hosted HHW collection events. Proof of Margate residency is required. Learn more at margatefl.com/HHW.

Broward County HHW Drop-Off Locations

Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pompano Beach
2780 N Powerline Road
Pompano Beach, FL 33069



Proof of Margate residency is required.

Additional locations:

Davie
5490 Reese Road
Davie, FL 33314

West Park
5601 W Hallandale Beach Boulevard
Pembroke Park, FL 33023

Visit **broward.org/Waste** for more information!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL EVENTS



City of Margate Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Disposal Events

Location: Oriole Park, 7055 NW 1st Street

- Sunday, January 11, 2026 • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, April 18, 2026 • 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. *
- Saturday, September 19, 2026 • 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. *

* Secure document shredding of up to three (3) standard-size paper boxes (18 x 9 x 12") will be available during these events.

Attendees must show proof of Margate residency. Dates and/or times are subject to change.

Safely dispose of firearms and ammunitions

The Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) will take possession of unwanted firearms and /or ammunition from citizens for safe disposal. Visit <https://www.sheriff.org/Community/Pages/Gun-Return-Policy.aspx> for details.

Safely dispose of prescription medication

There is a drop box at the pharmacy in Walgreens located at 7150 W. Atlantic Blvd. The drop box is only available during pharmacy hours.

Tips for Successful Collection

A little preparation goes a long way in keeping our city clean and your service running smoothly. Follow these simple tips to make sure your waste, recycling, and yard materials are collected safely and efficiently:



PARKING FOR PICKUP

Avoid street parking on collection days when possible to avoid blocking access for collection trucks.



MINIMIZE YOUR MESS

Avoid possible damage to your grass. Place small amounts of yard waste in the green cart. The lid should close completely.



SET OUT ON TIME

Garbage and recycling must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on your collection day but not earlier than 5 p.m. the evening before your scheduled collection day. Trucks will not return to service carts that are not curbside and not accessible.



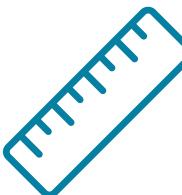
BETTER BAGGING

Garbage should be bagged to help keep carts clean and odor-free. Do not place recycling in bags prior to placing in the blue cart. Recyclable items should be loose, rinsed clean, and free of prior liquids or contents.



POSITION PROPERLY

Place your garbage and recycle carts at the curb with the lid completely closed and the wheels and handle facing your home.



SMARTER SPACING

Set carts and bulk/yard waste at least 3 feet from other objects (ex: mailbox, car, tree). Do not place carts or bulk / yard waste pile beneath utility wires, low branches, etc.



THINK LIGHT, PACK RIGHT

Garbage carts shall not be heavier than 150 pounds when full. Remember, the lid should be able to close completely!



CLEAN STREETS

Remove garbage and recycling carts within twelve (12) hours of collection. Bulk and yard waste piles with a non-collection notice must be removed within 12hrs. Failure to do so may result in code violations and fines.

Tree Trimming

Healthy trees keep our neighborhoods safe, cool, and beautiful. But trimming trees comes with necessary preparation and responsibility, not just for safety but for proper disposal.

KNOW BEFORE YOU TRIM

Before hiring anyone or taking the shears into your own hands, make sure to follow local regulations.

The City of Margate requires pruning to be done in accordance with both the American National Standards Institute, ANSI A-300 and Broward County standards, according to Sec. 40.355 & Sec. 40.704 of the City Code.

WHAT TO DO WITH TRIMMINGS

Tree limbs, palm fronds, and yard waste can pile up quickly. Here's how to dispose of them properly:

Small yard waste (e.g. grass clippings, leaves, and shrub and tree trimmings) must be placed in clear plastic garbage bags.

Large yard waste (e.g. tree limbs and palm fronds) do not need to be bagged or bundled but cannot be larger than eight (8) inches in diameter, and no longer than six (6) feet in length.

- Bulk and yard waste piles are limited to 3 cubic yards.
- Keep piles neat and at least 3 feet away from carts, mailboxes, trees, or parked cars, and do not place them under low-hanging wires or tree limbs.
- Only yard waste generated from the property may be placed curbside for removal. Contractor generated yard waste must be removed by the contractor.



Storm Preparation

Storms can interrupt regular services, and unsecured carts or debris can become dangerous projectiles during high winds. Follow these steps to help keep your household and neighborhood safe:

BEFORE A STORM

Do not set out bulk waste or tree trimmings once a storm is forecasted. Loose debris can clog storm drains or become dangerous projectiles in the event of heavy winds.

Secure any yard waste already placed at the curb, and bring carts back in, even if they're full, to keep them from blowing over or away.

DURING AND AFTER A STORM

In the event of a storm, all services will be suspended if our area experiences winds of 39 mph or greater. If services are suspended due to storm conditions, please wait for official notice from the City of Margate before placing carts or debris back out.

Once conditions improve, service will resume when possible but delays will be expected.

39 mph



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Learn more and stay connected!

To be in the know about hurricane preparation in Margate, visit our website at margatefl.com/Hurricane or by scanning this QR code, and find shelter information, guides, checklists, and other local resources!

For storm and service updates, be sure to follow us on all of our social media platforms!

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