



# Recycling Program Suspension FAQ

Due to continued excessive contamination rates contributing to the rising costs for recyclable processing and low global demand for materials, the City Commission voted to suspend the City's curbside recycling collection programs starting July 1, 2020. The suspension will remain in place until at least October 1, 2020. Additional information can be found on the City website at [www.dfb.city/recycling](http://www.dfb.city/recycling).

Effective Wednesday, July 1, 2020, the City will suspend its curbside residential recycling program.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Should I expect a change in my service?

City staff will continue to collect the materials from the blue recycling cart until further notice. All materials in both carts will be collected as garbage. Any carts that are out during their normal collection schedule will be serviced.

Can I use my blue bin for garbage?

The blue cart should only be used as a last resort if there is no more room in garbage carts. These materials will be collected and disposed of as garbage. **Blue carts should only be placed curbside on your normal recycling collection day.**

What should I do with my blue recycling cart if I'm not using it?

Please store the container until further notice. If you are unable to store it, you can call the Department of Sustainable Management and have it removed.

Will my garbage bill decrease?

No. There are still costs associated with the collection and disposal of materials. The city will still be collecting all materials, just disposing of them as garbage.

Is there anywhere else that I can take my recycling?

The City's Recycling Drop-Off Center at the City's Central City Campus located at 401 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street will continue to accept all materials in the recycling program including cardboard, plastic bottles and aluminum cans.

Two additional regional recycling drop-off locations will be available and open 24/7 starting July 1st. The regional drop-off containers are for program recyclables only. If the containers become contaminated with non-recyclables they will be dumped as garbage and continued misuse may result in the removal of the containers. These locations can be found here:

- Site 1: Main Beach Parking Lot, 149 SE 21<sup>st</sup> Ave, Deerfield Beach, FL
- Site 2: Recycling Drop-Off Center, 401 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach, FL
- Site 3: Fire Station 66, 590 S Powerline Rd, Deerfield Beach, FL

For a detailed list of acceptable program materials, please visit [www.dfb.city/recycling](http://www.dfb.city/recycling).

### Can I make changes in my service to accommodate my extra garbage?

Yes, there are several changes you can make to your service. You can call the Department of Sustainable Management to make any changes in your service.

- **Upgrade small garbage cart (35 gallons) to large garbage cart (65 gallons)**  
One-time \$25 service charge
- **Single extra pick-up of garbage cart**  
One-time \$15 service charge
- **Additional cart permanently at your home**  
Re-curing monthly \$14 charge

### Will recycling services ever be restored?

The City Commission voted to suspend the City's curbside recycling collection programs starting July 1, 2020. The suspension will remain in place until at least October 1, 2020. At this time, potential modifications to reinstating a recycling curbside collection program are being explored. When additional information is available, updates will be provided to the City's website and appropriate notices will be sent out.

### What recycling options do commercial and multi-family properties have?

The City will continue to provide commercial and multi-family recycling for existing accounts; however, the City will not be adding any new commercial or multi-family recycling accounts at this time. The City will continue to audit those containers currently within the program; however, if they exhibit excessive contamination they will be serviced (and billed for a special pickup) as garbage and recycling services will be discontinued. Commercial and multi-family properties do have the option to contract with a registered hauler for recycling services. For a list of registered haulers, please contact the Department of Sustainable Management at (954) 480-4391. Our staff will also be reaching out to multi-family and commercial properties as necessary to review options.

### How can I help?

Residents should put as much material in the brown garbage cart as they can and only use the blue recycling cart if necessary. If residents want to continue to recycle, acceptable program materials can be delivered by the residents to the City's regional recycling drop off locations as indicated above.