

Recycling Report: City of Key West March 2019

February 12% recycling rate, January 13%

February 19% diversion rate, January 20%

Street Waste

- We recently added 75 recycle cans and 50 garbage cans in the Duval Corridor Area and we are also in process of ordering garbage and recycle cans for Bahama Village and recycle cans for areas with only garbage cans.

Clean Sweep~ Spring Cleaning before hurricane season.

- Working with Waste Management, finalizing dates this Friday
- Big push over next few months to get residents to get everything to the curb and get it picked up.

Commercial Recycling

- We are picking up recycling 7 days a week. Now starting focus more on businesses that don't recycle and get them signed up.

Cigarette Recycling

- Started installation of the ballot bins. Salty Angler, The Green Room. Coming Soon Mellow Ventures and 801.

School recycling

- All is going well. HOB middle school started last week.
 - Set up recycling station
 - Pour out liquids so cartons can be recycled
 - Scrape off trays and stack trays. We are talking about alternatives to Styrofoam, but for now stacking the trays so they take up less room in the dumpster.
 - Collecting aluminum cans. Hopefully Dan's Cans.
 - Looking to switch schools from plastic cutlery to wooden spork

Single Use Plastic Ban

- We are in a wait pattern.
- On hold. We were moving forward to ban on City property etc. Asked to hold because a judgement is in on the Coral Gables case. If it is in Coral Gables favor we will move forward with a City-Wide ban.
- The case number is 3D-17-562. It appears that oral argument took place in December. A final opinion is likely in the works.

Southeast Recycling Conference

- Focus was on clean recycling. Hard look at processors and collection programs.

Upcoming bills in the Florida legislature

- SB 816 Recycling Improvement Legislation. Bill requiring certain points be addressed in contracts.
- SB 88 Repeal the plastic bag ban
- HB 6033 Preemption of Recyclable and Polystyrene materials Removes preemptions of local law relating to regulation of auxiliary containers, wrappings, or disposable plastic bags; repeals preemption of local laws regarding use or sale of polystyrene products to DACS.
- SB 502 Prohibition of Plastic Carryout Bags and Straws. Prohibition of Plastic Carryout Bags and Straws; Prohibiting a store or food service business from providing a carryout bag made of plastic film to a customer; prohibiting a food service business from selling or providing a single-use plastic straw to a customer, etc.
- SB 588 Single use Plastic Straws. Preemption of Local Regulations; Prohibiting local government entities from adopting or enforcing local ordinances or regulations relating to single-use plastic straws before a specified date; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection, or an entity designated by the department, to conduct a study evaluating the environmental impact of single-use plastic straws; providing penalties for violations of the moratorium by a local government entity; preempting the regulation of over-the-counter proprietary drugs or cosmetics to the state, etc.
- SB 672 Beverage Container Deposit. Bottle Bill.
- **House Bill 157: Fertilizers**
GENERAL BILL by Thompson
Fertilizers; Requires county & municipal governments to adopt & enforce Model Ordinance for Florida-Friendly Fertilizer Use on Urban Landscapes; specifies that county & municipal governments must require use of specified slow-release fertilizers; provides additional requirements for counties & municipalities within estuary runoff areas; authorizes county & municipal governments to adopt additional standards if certain criteria are met.
- **House Bill 405: St. Johns River Upper Basin Watershed Pollutant Control Program**
GENERAL BILL by Grall
St. Johns River Upper Basin Watershed Pollutant Control Program; Provides that St. Johns River Upper Basin Watershed Pollutant Control Program consists of St. Johns River Upper Basin Watershed Basin Management Action Plan; requires implementation of specified regulations, best management practices, & alternative technologies for pollutant reduction; provides that certain projects are eligible for grants; requires plan to include certain assessments & recommendations; prohibits DEP from authorizing disposal of domestic wastewater biosolids within watershed; directs DOH to require certain entities to develop & submit agricultural use plans; direct DACS & St. Johns River Water Management District to initiate specified rulemaking.