

## Recommended Solid Waste Policy Statement

To develop an environmentally and economically sustainable solid waste management system that maximizes waste diversion and minimizes waste disposal, the City Commission of Key West hereby adopts the following policies and directs staff to implement these policies:



1. Hire a full-time Recycling Program Manager to provide the technical, educational, and oversight support necessary to implement effective recycling programs.
2. Adopt a tiered recycling goal starting at 25%, followed by 40%, and then 75%.
3. Establish a program to collect and process yard waste separate from other solid waste.
4. Receive compensation for City recyclables that are resources having value.
5. Become a Green City through programs that lead by example, including waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and environmentally preferable procurement (EPP) programs.
6. Establish public-private partnerships with companies that will help carry out these policies.
7. Provide periodic updates to City Commissioners and the public regarding the status of activities and accomplishments toward meeting these policies.

PROGRAMS		
	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL
PHASE 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Carted collection of recyclables</b> – convert to carted curbside collection of recyclables; add materials to the program, such as rigid mixed plastics.</li> <li>2. <b>Separate yard waste collection; weekly collection of garbage (1-1-1)</b> – implement separate yard waste collection in place of one of the garbage collection days each week (i.e., 1-1-1 collection in which garbage, yard waste, and recyclables are each collected once per week separate from each other).</li> <li>3. <b>Multi-family recycling</b> – implement a comprehensive multi-family recycling program; residents pay for this service, which they should be receiving.</li> <li>4. <b>Comprehensive public outreach</b> – implement a strategic, comprehensive public outreach program.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Lower cost recycling service</b> – set commercial recycling collection fees that are equal to or less than waste fees (collection only, not including disposal).</li> <li>2. <b>Expanded recycling service</b> – require collection of full range of recyclables, commingled fibers and containers (i.e., single stream).</li> <li>3. <b>Monitor commercial recycling</b> – require contractor to provide monthly reports.</li> <li>4. <b>Green City Program</b> – lead by example by ensuring all City facilities and public schools have effective waste reduction, reuse, recycling and EPP programs.</li> <li>5. <b>Business outreach</b> – implement an outreach program to businesses.</li> <li>6. <b>City Ordinance</b> – amend to require new developments to provide for recycling as required by State law.</li> <li>7. <b>Local use of glass</b> – continue to investigate opportunities to utilize source-separated commercial glass in the Lower Keys.</li> </ol>