

*Monroe County Solid
Waste Recycling*



**Monroe County
Recycles**

PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION THROUGH EDUCATION



Treasure Village Montessori School



Triton Sea Center

Local Rotary, Chamber, POA and HOA presentations and participation



Library Recycling Presentation and Trap line Repurposing project



Library Recycling and Repurposing Projects



Adult Education Center Recycling Presentation and Repurposed Lobster Trap Mini-Library



Monroe County Departments Education Increases Participation



Recycle America Day
Monroe County Employees Pledge to
Recycle



Big Pine Key Community Park
Countywide Trash and recycling receptacles reviewed to increase
participation and decrease contamination

COLLABORATION- MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER



Big Pine Key Winn-Dixie Outreach-Protect the Environment
Secure recycling and Trash Receptacles



Juror Room Mini-Libraries-Monroe County Library,
Judicial System, and
Solid Waste

2024 Recycling Outreach Goals

- Monroe County Citizens Recycling Ambassador Program
- Reduce food waste through community awareness and compost programs. DEP reports 46% of landfill waste from food in MC
- Improve Multi-family Housing Participation- For 2020, DEP Reported Only 58% Participation, Single-Family Housing 72%
- Reduce Monroe County School Cafeteria Waste- Encourage Reusable Trays and Utensils or Compostable Options
- Improve Monroe County Facilities and Offices Recycling Programs
- Reduce Plastic Bag Use- Outreach to Offer Reusable Bags at the Local Grocers, discuss implementing a plastic bag fee/tax
- Increase Public School Recycling Awareness, Recycling Clubs
- Continue Monthly Articles in The News Barometer, Keys Weekly, and Free Press Covering Waste and Recycling Topics

What Happens to the Wasted Food

- *It ends up in the landfill*
- *Food does not rot quickly- lettuce takes about 25 years to decompose when NOT in the right environment, light, temp, air, moisture*
- *Decomposing food in the landfill produces harmful byproducts such as methane and carbon dioxide*
- *These byproducts effect climate change by creating a cloud of pollution that heats up the environment*



FOOD WASTE TO FLOWERS!



February 24, 2024

at 11:00 am

Key West Library

Kids can join Monroe County Recycling Coordinator and Outreach, Melody Tuschel and Monroe County Horticulture Agent, Maria Quirico to learn how to minimize their food waste, how to compost and more!

****Kids receive
a milkweed
seedling to
raise!****



*Monroe County School
lunch tray*



A wide-angle photograph of a sunset over a large body of water. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, transitioning from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The water's surface is covered in gentle ripples, reflecting the warm colors of the setting sun. In the distance, a dark silhouette of a landmass or island is visible against the horizon. On the left side, the dark silhouettes of palm trees and a rocky shore are partially visible. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Working Together to Keep the Keys Beautiful Today and Tomorrow