



City of Indian Rocks Beach

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Administration

City Manager	Brently Gregg Mims
City Attorney	Jay Daigneault, Esq.
City Clerk	Deanne B. O'Reilly

1507 Bay Palm Boulevard
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2015 CALENDAR

Fri	07/03		Independence Day-City Hall CLOSED
Tue	07/14	4:00p - 6:00p	City Commission Work Session (CIP)
Tue	07/14	7:00p	City Commission Meeting
Thu	07/16	6:00p	Planning & Zoning Meeting
Tue	07/21	7:00p	Board of Adjustments & Appeals
Wed	07/22	5:00p - 6:00p	Finance & Budget Review Committee
Thu	07/30	4:00p - 7:00p	City Commission Workshop- BUDGET
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M-W	08/10-08/12		Community Clean Up
Tue	08/11	7:00p	City Commission Meeting
Tue	08/18	7:00p	Board of Adjustments & Appeals
Thu	08/20	6:00p	Planning & Zoning Board

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

Residential garbage collection is twice per week. Residential collection days are either Monday and Thursday or Tuesday and Friday - depending on your address. Please have trash curbside in your city-issued can by 7:00 a.m. on pick-up day.

Larger bulk items, such as furniture, appliances, etc., can be picked up as well but may incur a service fee. This can be arranged by contacting the Public Services Department at 727/595-6889. There are also four **FREE** pick-ups per year of bulk items.

Please do not place paints, chemicals, electronics or other hazardous wastes in the trash. These items are to be disposed of properly at Pinellas County's HEC3 Center, phone: 727/464-7500, or access the website: pinellascounty.org/recycle.

Pick up of recycling and yard waste is on Wednesdays. Single family homes and multi-family dwellings of less than ten units

should have their recycling bins curbside by 7:00 a.m. Multi-family dwellings of ten units or more should also have their 96-gallon carts curbside or accessible by 7:00 a.m. Materials do not need to be separated in your bin. The City's processing contractor utilizes a "Single Stream" process whereby the materials are sorted upon arriving at the Materials Recovery Facility.

Yard waste should be placed curbside, cut in four foot lengths, in piles not to exceed four feet in height and eight feet in width. Loose yard waste, such as leaves and grass clippings, should be containerized but not bagged. Only vegetative matter should be included as the City transports this material to a mulching facility.

STORM PREPAREDNESS GUIDELINES

Once A Storm Has Been Named

- Do not cut down trees or do major yard work.
- Do not begin construction projects that produce this type of debris.

- Once a storm watch or warning has been issued, do not trim vegetation of any kind.
- Do not take materials to the curb, transfer stations or landfill during a watch or warning period. Services may be suspended and facilities closed early to prepare for the storm.

After The Storm Has Passed Please be patient!

- Keep household garbage, recycling, vegetative and/or construction storm debris in separate piles.
- The number one priority is the collection of household garbage.
- Securely containerize all household garbage in the city-provided cans on your scheduled pickup day.
- Do not place any debris near or on a fence, mailbox, power line equipment, poles, transformers, downed electrical wiring, water meters or storm drains.



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- Be prepared to repair possible damage to yard areas from the specialized equipment used to collect storm debris.
- Re-establishing normal household garbage and commercial waste collection is our first priority.
- It may be several weeks before the first collection of storm debris (vegetation and building material) is provided depending on the severity of the storm.

STORMWATER POLLUTION GUIDELINES

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Untreated stormwater flows into wetlands, the coastal watershed and into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings and automotive fluids off the ground and out of the stormwater.

Vehicle and Garage

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local water body.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills.
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.

- Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain.

Lawn and Garden

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain; otherwise, chemicals will be washed into your local stream.
- Select native plants and grasses that are drought and pest resistant.
- Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.

Home Repair and Improvement

- Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drains and protect them from debris and other materials.
- Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar.
- Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents, and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible, and follow the directions on the label. Clean up spills immediately, and dispose of the waste safely.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Filter and re-use paint thinner when using oil-based paints. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collec-

tion program, or donate unused paint to local organizations.

- Reduce the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard. Use native plants in your landscaping to reduce the need for watering during dry periods.
- Consider directing downspouts away from paved surfaces onto lawns and other measures to increase infiltration and reduce polluted runoff.

Pet Care

- Remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local water bodies.

Swimming Pool and Spa

- Drain your swimming pool only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels.
- Whenever possible, drain your pool or spa into the sanitary sewer system.
- Properly store pool and spa chemicals to prevent leaks and spills, preferably in a covered area to avoid exposure to stormwater.

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