



# WHY IS THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY IMPORTANT?

## 1. What can we accomplish as one unified Authority?

- Expand access to waste diversion programs
- Direct how and where our waste is processed
- Standardize recycling programs to make it easier for residents and businesses to participate
- Negotiate collectively for better pricing over time
- Plan long-term capacity more efficiently

## 2. How will the Authority implement the new programs?

Implementation will be phased in as existing municipal collection contracts expire. By 2031, the Authority expects to direct roughly 1 million tons per year of residential waste, plus commercial volumes added through new policies, programs, and services.

## 3. What will happen once the Master Plan is approved?

The Solid Waste Authority, in partnership with member communities, will begin developing and implementing new outreach campaigns and diversion programs to send less waste to the landfill and empower residents to better manage the waste they generate.

## 4. What facilities will be developed or expanded?

Per the Master Plan, there are no new landfills or waste-to-energy facilities, also known as burning non-recyclable waste, planned in Broward County. The Master Plan advocates for initially using existing waste and recycling facilities already in the County, while planning to build three new transfer stations and eight permanent drop-off centers to collect things like electronics, household hazardous waste, and bulk items.

## 5. How will the Authority secure disposal capacity in the meantime?

Initially through long-term contracts with existing private facilities. Over time, the Authority will explore public development of new facilities, potentially on brownfields or redeveloped industrial properties, to ensure capacity as demand grows.

## 6. How important is public education and outreach?

Public outreach is a critical early step that has already begun. A connected, countywide communications platform will deliver consistent messaging about waste reduction, recycling, and organics programs across all member cities to help reduce confusion and make it easier to participate.

## 7. How will the Authority reach Florida's 75% recycling goal?

By implementing mandatory residential and commercial recycling, new organics processing capacity, and innovative waste diversion programs. The Master Plan emphasizes collaboration, data reporting, and continuous education to change disposal habits and increase diversion over time.

## 8. How can residents and businesses support this effort?

- Follow new recycling and waste-sorting guidelines as they roll out;
- Use drop-off and organics programs when available;
- Support local ordinances that align with Authority policies; and
- Stay informed through the Authority's communications platforms.



## Tentative Schedule

### January 2026

- Draft Facilities Amendment and Financial Modeling (January 5, 2026)
- Complete Final Master Plan and Facilities Amendment sent to Executive Committee (January 9, 2026)
- Executive Committee review of Master Plan and Facilities Amendment along with Financial Modeling (January 16, 2026)

### February 2026

- Executive Committee recommends Master Plan and Facilities Amendment (February 20, 2026)

### March 2026

- Governing Board votes to adopt Master Plan (March 20, 2026)
- Governing Board recommends Facilities Amendment (March 20, 2026)
- Adopted Master Plan and Recommended Facilities Amendment sent to cities (March 23, 2026)

### April-June 2026

- Outreach to cities

### July 2026

- Deadline for cities to approve Facilities Amendment 120 Days (July 21, 2026)

### August 2026

- Deadline for adoption to Continue ILA (August 14, 2026)