



# THEY DESERVE BETTER (AND SO DO WE!)

## 1. Are we running out of space for our waste?

Yes. The waste-to-energy facility, also known as burning non-recyclable waste, is at capacity and the in-county landfill is nearing capacity. Per the Master Plan, there are no new landfills or waste-to-energy facilities planned in Broward County. Our waste has to go somewhere.

## 2. What's the solution?

We all need to work together to:

- Reduce the amount of waste we are generating (about 20,000 lbs per minute), and
- Separate materials at the curb that have value so they don't end up in the landfill or waste-to-energy facility
- We must recycle correctly

## 3. How does recycling right help my community?

- Keeps our communities clean and healthy
- Mitigates flooding
- Waste has value; we are throwing away valuable materials that we could use locally, and create jobs here at home

**The Master Plan warns that inaction today will leave future generations with higher costs and fewer local solutions.**

## 4. What can I do?

Everyone can do something to help reduce how much waste we are sending to the landfill and waste-to-energy facility.

- Correctly recycle what you can (aluminum cans, cardboard, jugs, tubs, plastic bottles)
- Consider buying used items before purchasing something new
- Reuse or repurpose furniture and other bulk items
- Donate what you can
- Check [browardrecycles.org](http://browardrecycles.org) for more info

## 5. What if nothing changes?

Our waste has to go somewhere. The cost to solve this crisis will only increase as time goes on.

## 6. Why will the cost increase the longer we wait?

- Relying heavily on out-of-county facilities comes at a higher cost
- We lose bargaining power with private operators by not pooling our collective tons to attract preferred pricing and economies of scale
- We lose control over where our waste goes (waste has value!)

Postponing would trigger:

- Higher hauling and tipping fees
- Greater fuel use and emissions from longer transport
- And increased contamination because local recycling standards remain inconsistent