



THEY DESERVE BETTER (AND SO DO WE!)

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

Yes. The waste-to-energy facility (where waste that is not recycled is burned) 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 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