

WHAT IS FLOW CONTROL?

1. What is “flow control?”

Flow control is the ability to direct where our waste is taken after it leaves the curb. It’s the ability to ensure recyclables, yard waste, construction debris, or other materials get delivered to specific facilities instead of being taken to a landfill or waste-to-energy facility (where waste that is not recycled is burned).

2. Why is flow control important?

In short, it improves efficiency. It allows us to share resources, equipment, and facilities, across municipal boundaries, reducing duplication and lowering costs over time.

- **Protects Future Capacity:** By knowing where waste goes, the Authority can plan new recycling centers and composting facilities as needed.
- **Improves Recycling & Reuse:** Waste can be routed to facilities that sort and recover valuable materials, keeping them out of the landfill and helping us reach the state’s 75% recycling goal.
- **Keeps Rates Fair:** When the Authority manages waste as a single system, it can negotiate better contracts and more stable disposal costs for residents and businesses.

- **Builds Trust:** Residents can trust that what’s collected in Broward County is managed safely and responsibly.

3. How will the Authority establish flow control to help solve our waste crisis?

The Master Plan offers five different paths, or scenarios, we could take. The Authority is recommending Scenario A. On this path the Authority will use existing waste and recycling facilities that are already in the County, while planning to build eight new permanent drop-off centers to collect things like electronics, household hazardous waste, and bulk items.

4. What new programs will be rolled out?

- Countywide curbside recycling services
- Separated curbside yard waste collection
- Food waste drop-off events
- Permanent household hazardous waste/electronics/recycling drop-off sites
- Reduction, reuse, and diversion programs and policies