SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
OF BROWARD COUNTY

Proclamation

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY 2026

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Authority of Broward County (SWA) was created to advance a long-term, environmentally sustainable, innovative, and economically efficient approach to reducing, reusing, recycling, and responsibly managing the waste generated in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, Broward County's current recycling rate stands at 41 percent, far short of the State of Florida's goal of 75 percent, representing a significant opportunity for improvement across our community; and

WHEREAS, through the work of the SWA, recycling will be standardized across all Interlocal Agreement (ILA) member communities, making recycling easier and more convenient for residents regardless of municipal boundary; and

WHEREAS, as residents, business owners, and visitors of Broward County, it is everyone's responsibility to recycle right and reduce contamination; and

WHEREAS, recycling right protects the workers on the front lines of our recycling system, who work to ensure cords and tanglers do not jam sorting machinery and that hazardous materials do not create fires or other safety hazards at Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs); and

WHEREAS, by reducing contamination and eliminating wish-cycling behaviors, placing items in the recycling cart out of hope rather than certainty, we can help ensure that recyclable materials are actually recycled; and

WHEREAS, by placing recyclable materials in our recycling carts instead of our garbage carts, we are removing valuable items from our waste stream and diverting them from the landfill and waste-to-energy facility; and

WHEREAS, the SWA supports the continued development of a strong domestic market for commodities made from recycled materials, strengthening the economic viability of recycling both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, America Recycles Day provides an opportunity for the Broward County community to recognize that individual actions, multiplied across two million residents and thousands of businesses and institutions, can meaningfully improve our recycling rate and strengthen our solid waste system;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Solid Waste Authority of Broward County hereby calls on municipalities, to celebrate November 15, 2026, as America Recycles Day, and encourage residents, businesses, schools, nonprofits, and community partners throughout Broward County to recycle right and take practical steps toward a cleaner, more sustainable future.

By working together to recycle right, we can reduce contamination, protect the workers who keep our recycling system running safely, support a stronger domestic recycling economy, and move Broward County closer to the State's 75 percent recycling goal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Solid Waste Authority of Broward County proclaims America Recycles Day 2026 in Broward County on this 15th day of November 2026.

Mayor Mike Ryan
Chair, Solid Waste Authority of Broward County