

Questions and Answers Regarding Amendments to Ordinance 94 – Solid Waste

1. Why do I need an account?

- a. If you haul waste to any of the Brevard County Solid Waste Management facilities as part of your business activities (must have a valid Business Tax Receipt and an “Active” status on Sunbiz), you need to establish what is called a Gate Account to dispose of solid waste. This allows for efficiencies in scaling into the waste facilities and invoicing.

2. What is proof of origin?

- a. Providing proof of origin of the waste to be disposed will prove where your waste is coming from. As per Florida Statute and the Brevard County Code of Ordinances, Brevard County Solid Waste Management facilities can only accept waste generated within Brevard County. Providing proof of origin of the waste also ensures that the waste is coming from the address given to the scale-house attendant and ensures the waste is properly categorized and charged.
- b. Per the amended Ordinance: Proof of origin means documentation of the location of generation of the waste to be disposed. For property owners or tenants bringing waste to the County solid waste management facilities, proof of origin shall consist of a valid driver’s license or other valid form of ID showing the property address, and additional documentation showing ownership or tenancy. For commercial haulers, proof of origin shall consist of a work order or invoice showing the name, address, and contact information of the owner of the property where the waste was generated.

3. Why will I have to pay to drop off yard waste at CDF or Sarno?

- a. If you have a company that hauls yard waste, landclearing debris, or other construction and demolition debris to a Brevard County Solid Waste Management Facility as part of your commercial business activities, you will be charged the posted gate charges. An owner or tenant of a residential property bringing yard waste or construction and demolition debris in their personal vehicles from their property will not be charged for their personal quantities. Landclearing debris will incur gate charges regardless of residential, commercial, or government property origin.
- b. *Landclearing debris* means rocks, soils, tree remains, trees, large branches, stumps, root balls, palms, shrubs, and other vegetative matter which typically result from land clearing or land development operations, although not limited to those activities. This also includes large quantities of sod, gravel, coquina, sand, rock, soils, and/or other materials requiring special handling. Land clearing debris does not include vegetative matter from residential lawn maintenance or residential landscape maintenance when brought to a solid waste management facility by the Collector under the Collection Contract or personally by the property owner or tenant, or right-of-way or easement maintenance.
- c. *Yard waste* means any vegetative matter generated from improved residential real property such as leaves, grass clippings, palm fronds, or small shrubbery cuttings resulting from the care of lawns or landscape maintenance and brought to the County solid waste management facility by the Collector under the Collection Contract or by the property owner or tenant. This may include tree trimmings or limited tree removal, if performed by the owner of the residence and must meet the preparation guidelines set forth in Section 94-49, as amended (set out for collection by the contracted Collector).

4. Why do I have to pay for construction waste from a house?

- a. Because you paid a hauler to bring it to our facility or you are a private company hauling waste, which makes it commercial waste and not residential waste. The non-ad valorem Solid Waste Disposal Assessment is an annual fee for the disposal of waste set out at the curb for collection by the contracted waste collector during weekly service or from special bulk pickup request.

5. What if the home is owned by my corporation or LLC?

- a. If a residential property is owned by a company: The person bringing in the waste must show their driver's license to the scale-house attendant. If the address where the waste is coming does not match that of the person's license who is disposing of waste, the scale-house attendant can look up the address on the Property Appraisers website and determine the owner of the property, or the owner can also have that information readily available to the attendant. If the owner is a corporation, the person bringing in the waste must show Sunbiz information that shows they are a Managing Partner of that company. If they can provide that documentation the waste is not charged. Otherwise, the waste receives a gate charge at the scales. This includes if the person bringing in the waste is an employee of the company. If their name is not on the Sunbiz documentation, then the waste gets charged.

6. The lines are long at CDF, why do I have to wait?

- a. There has been an increase in the number of vehicles coming to CDF as a result of the combination of the Mockingbird Way Mulching Facility in Titusville no longer accepting certain waste due to ongoing construction upgrades and additional traffic from the Sarno Road Class III Landfill. We are finding ways to reduce wait times. However, having your proof of origin documentation, account information, and driver's license available will make things move smoothly for everyone.

7. Roll offs: do they need to be registered with WM or Brevard?

- a. Companies utilizing roll-off containers must have a roll-off permit issued by the Brevard County Solid Waste Management Department.

8. Do we need to register each roll off if they are the same and all owned by one company?

- a. All roll-off containers utilized must be listed on the roll-off permit application.

9. Do we have to scale in and scale out all the roll offs that have been permitted?

- a. You will always have to come up to the scale house window when entering the landfill or transfer station with a roll-off. You will only have to cross the outbound scale twice a year to update the "empty", or tare, weight to your registered vehicle. This applies to each size roll-off container the vehicle is carrying.

10. Why are rates for tipping going up?

- a. The gate charges for waste are approved by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners and increase annually according to the Consumer Price Index for Garbage and Trash averaged March through February of the previous 12 months to the upcoming Fiscal Year (CPI G&T). The new rate schedule will be released after approval by the Board in late August. Revised gate charges will be posted here under Rate Resolutions after approval by the Board: <https://www.brevardfl.gov/SolidWaste/BillingServices>

11. Why am I charged for Landclearing Debris when I brought in a tree?

- a. *Landclearing debris* means rocks, soils, tree remains, trees, large branches, stumps, root balls, palms, shrubs, and other vegetative matter which typically result from land clearing or land development operations, although not limited to those activities. This also includes large quantities of sod, gravel, coquina, sand, rock, soils, and/or other materials requiring special handling. Landclearing debris has never been exempted from gate charges regardless of the nature of the property it originated from.