

Safety Harbor city manager Matt Spoor's

tips on Recycling & Sanitation

Eight Helpful Tips:

1 - If you have items that will not fit in your trash can or have more trash than will fit in your can, please place at the curb on your trash day, up to 10 items on any given pickup day will be collected.

2 - When you have bulk items, place them at least 10 feet away from the trash can. It is difficult to pick up the trash can when bulk items are present. If you have a driveway, place the can on one side and the bulk items on the other.

3 - When you can, use twine to bundle wood, bulk items, yard debris, etc. It makes it safer and easier for pickup by our staff.

4 - Yard debris should be placed at the curb on Wednesdays, no other day of the week. We had several piles of yard debris mixed with bulk items. In most cases, this means the pile will not get picked up until separated by the resident.

5 - Cars parked in the road hamper Sanitation and Recycling's ability to pick-up your can. Our goal is to safely collect all material. Place your trash can away from parked cars. If staff's choice is to hit a parked car or skip a trash can, the decision will always be to skip the trash can.

6 - Breakdown cardboard boxes and place in your recycling can. We picked up over two dozen large boxes that could have easily been placed in recycling cans. The majority of these boxes were empty and placed out on bulk pickup day rather than recycled.

7 - Use trash bags and tie them before throwing your trash away. This may seem simple, but the trash cans with loose trash and no bags, had the biggest issues. Loose trash should only be for large items, use kitchen bags or grocery store bags for all waste.

8 - Your automated garbage can lid needs to close. If it doesn't, there is more likely a chance of garbage spilling on the ground. If your can is overflowing, turn your can around so that the handle faces the road. This limits the amount of debris that will fall out when dumping.