



TrashTalk 2020-21

Recycling and Trash Disposal at Antigua

RECYCLE IN ANTIGUA BINS -- Most but not all recyclables

- Plastic bottles & containers numbers 1-5 and 7– clean
- Glass bottles and jars – clean
- Dairy & juice cartons – clean
- “Tetra Pak” containers (you bought them with bone broth or chicken stock inside) – empty & clean
- Tin, steel & aluminum cans - clean; and **EMPTY** metal aerosol cans
- Paper – clean & dry: newspapers, magazines, office paper, cards, junk mail
- Cardboard, cartons & boxes – clean and **FLATTENED**, in pieces less than 3x3 feet

NOTE: Put the above items in our bins “naked” – not in plastic bags. Plastic bags are not recyclable here, plus they wind up using more space than the "naked" items, and they cause problems in the recycling process.

NOT RECYCLABLE HERE – Please put in the trash (or recycle elsewhere)

- #6 plastic (white plastic lids/tops for coffee cups, some yogurt containers)
- Soda straws – they came with your drink in the recyclable cup, but they are not recyclable
- Foam polystyrene packaging (**CAN be recycled – see below for where**)
- Wood or fiberboard packing materials that accompanied shipments/packages you received



- Insulation packaging that accompanied the food shipment you received
- Some aluminum you would think COULD be recycled – foil, pans and any product NOT shaped like a can; **NOTE: these things CAN be recycled at the North Collier Recycling Center (see below)**
- Plastic bags* and plastic sheeting
- Plastic items not marked #1-7, such as wrappers and most plastic toys
- Foam packing “peanuts”; **NOTE:** there are STARCH “peanuts” that dissolve in water
- Containers with food residue, such as pizza boxes
- Mirrors, ceramics, silk flowers (donate these items if in good condition)

* can be recycled at some local stores - see below

***SPECIALIZED RECYCLING at local businesses**

- Clean plastic grocery bags, dry cleaning bags, other plastic bags, bubble wrap, and the plastic film packaging that toilet paper and paper towels are wrapped in – Bins are outside Publix groceries
- Clean foam egg cartons, meat trays, coffee cups, food service containers, etc. – Bins outside Publix
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs can be recycled – Bins inside Home Depot

DISPOSAL OF LARGE ITEMS: such as furniture, appliances, carpet, mattresses, or large numbers of items

- ♦ **Alert! Require your furniture, appliance, or delivery company to take away all boxes, packaging, and trash. These items may not be dumped in the Antigua trash-recycling area.**
- ♦ Companies such as Junkluggers of Collier and Lee Counties, <https://www.junkluggers.com/> (239) 237-3272 will remove items, first donate if possible, then recycle if possible, and finally dispose of what remains. They have served other residents at The Dunes. Charge is according to volume, minimum \$120. They pick up items in your condo, so no need to move items downstairs or outside.
- ♦ Call Dunes Site Management at (239) 593-8060 to arrange for our hauler, Waste Management, to make a special pick up. Cost is \$42 for first item, \$12 for additional ones. You must take items outside for pick up.

DISPOSE OF MEDICAL WASTE SECURELY, not in trash or down the drain

Avoid having medicine get into the wrong hands or contaminate our water supply.

- Drop off medicines at Walgreens (8900 Tamiami North, corner of U.S. 41 and Vanderbilt Beach Rd.) or lobby of Sheriff’s Office (776 Vanderbilt Beach Road, next to the library).
- Drop off "sharps" (needles, syringes, lancets) in approved containers at North Collier Recycling Center (9950 Goodlette Frank Road, just south of Immokalee Road).



TRASH ETIQUETTE AT ANTIGUA

- Put all trash in kitchen-sized (13 gallon) plastic bags before dropping them down the trash chute.
- Tie trash bags tightly closed so they do not spill into the chute or dumpster.
- For odd-sized items or ones that might get stuck in the chute, bring them to the trash room where the dumpster is located, in the garage. Do not put them in the recycle bins – those bins are not garbage cans.
- Do not put hazardous materials in the trash (e.g., cleaning fluids, batteries, medicines).
- **Our dumpster is for owners' everyday household trash only, not debris left by contractors, installers, plumbers, painters, handymen, delivery persons, etc. They must haul their trash away**

Please alert anyone doing work for you of this Dunes-wide policy. Then check to see that they have complied.

RECYCLE ELSEWHERE -- Many things cannot be put in Antigua recycling bins OR trash

DROP OFF at North Collier Recycling Center (also hazardous waste disposal/recycling)

9950 Goodlette Frank Road, just south of Immokalee Road. (239) 252-7575

Monday - Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Newly recyclable! Foam polystyrene packaging [also known as “Styrofoam,” (which is a brand name)]

- ◆ Styrofoam blocks used to cushion TVs and other valuable items during shipping
- ◆ Foam egg cartons, meat trays, coffee cups, food service containers, etc. Must be empty and clean! (can also be recycled at Publix)
- Regular recyclables: plastics #1-5 and 7, glass jars, tin cans, paper
- Scrap metal (e.g., aluminum foil and food service pans, ironing boards, drapery rods, towel bars)
- Latex paint (free up to 200 pounds/day)
- Fluorescent bulbs (free up to 20 per visit)
- Batteries, all types
- Chemicals, e.g., household cleaners, insecticides, fire extinguishers
- Antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive and boat supplies
- Electronics, including TVs, cell phones, computers, etc. (free up to three TVs per visit)
- Tires (small charge, currently \$3-\$9 depending on tire size)
- Refrigerators (small charge, currently \$7)
- Some small appliances or parts of them (e.g., base of blender)
- Donations: clothes, books, shoes, housewares (Goodwill containers are located at recycling center)



DONATE TO A CHARITY RESALE SHOP

If this is an item you would share with your family, friends or neighbors, a local charity could probably sell it for their benefit.

Check websites or phone to verify what kinds of goods each accepts, as they vary. Ask for a receipt to use for a possible tax deduction. Most charities accept the following:

- Furniture in reasonably good condition
- Clothes and shoes, reusable
- Household goods, reusable, e.g., china, glassware, pans, draperies, rugs, bedspreads, lamps, toys, games, and books in good condition
- Appliances and electronics, in working order
- Holiday decorations in good condition

Some charities will send a truck to pick up large items. Call to schedule.

Nearby charity resale shops include the following:

- St. Vincent de Paul, 3725 Bonita Beach Rd., take Vanderbilt Dr. to Bonita Beach, turn right. (239) 992-1899
- Guadalupe Resale Shop, 12980 Tamiami Trail N., just off Imperial Golf Club Blvd. (239) 594-2696
- Habitat ReStore, 9080 Bonita Beach Rd., just east of U.S. 41 in Sunshine Plaza near Ace Hardware. Takes building materials as well as furniture and home goods. 239) 949-4409
- Goodwill, 1687 Pine Ridge Rd., between Jaeger and Taylor Streets. on north side of Pine Ridge. Several other stores in Naples and Bonita Springs. Easiest option: Just use drop-off boxes at North Collier Recycling Center, 9950 Goodlette Frank Road, just south of Immokalee Rd. (239) 592-1586
- St. Matthew's House, 2601 Airport Road South. Has 10 trucks, to schedule pickup call (239) 774-3315 or email dispatch@stmatthewshouse.org. General Info: (239) 774-0500
- FREecycle is an online system where you can offer or request free items. The recipient must pick it up. <https://groups.freecycle.org/group/NaplesFL>. This is one of the few ways to donate mattresses.