

## CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL

# SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

### Statement for Release:

The City met with JJ's Waste & Recycling to review issues that have surfaced from both parties. We had a lengthy discussion regarding proper procedures, plus searching for answers to questions that many residents still have regarding solid waste and recycling. After reading this release and reviewing the FAQs that have recently been posted to Facebook pages and the City's website, much, if not all, of the confusion, should be cleared up.

JJ's Waste & Recycling is responsible for collecting set-out materials. A set-out is defined as materials placed by the curb by the customer (homeowner) for collection. An Unacceptable set-out is a set-out that does not comply with the requirements of the contract, which has caused problems.

As part of the contract, JJ's is **NOT** responsible for hauling away waste that is a result of significant home renovations or generated by contractors who live in the City and bring home that waste to put out for JJ's to pick up. This has happened on more than one occasion. *See pic 1 for a recent example.*



Pic 1 example

Licensed contractors are required to haul away their trash at their expense, not the City's. If this was from a do-it-yourself (DIY) project, it is considered bulk waste and is picked up on Friday, **not to exceed two (2) cubic yards**. If this was a DIY project with over two (2) cubic yards, then the owner should call the City to arrange for a special pickup.

It is also a problem when landscapers and tree services leave their debris piled up at the curb, like these examples:



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### Moving forward

After reviewing the issues from both the City and JJ's, it appears that a lot of the problems are with yard waste, how it is to be set-out, and how much.

**The City and JJ's have agreed to allow for approximately two cubic yards of yard debris to be put out on Monday. Two cubic yards would enable you to set-out ten (10) bundles with limbs cut 4 feet in length OR ten (10) 35-gallon cans OR any combination that total TEN (10).**

In review, yard waste must be in cans, tied up in bundles 4-feet or less, or put in compostable paper waste bags. **Plastic bags are not acceptable lawn waste bags.**

The City and JJ's understands that there will be times when homeowners may have more than two (2) cubic yards of debris. For example, some residents leave the community for long periods, and when they return, they have much yard work to catch up on. When it is apparent that you have more than two (2) cubic yards, call the City so we can arrange for a special pick up.

We hope that this clears up any questions you may have. If not, then please call the City at (407) 851-7730 or email the City at [hpeacock@belleislefl.gov](mailto:hpeacock@belleislefl.gov). Please visit the City's website at [www.cityofbelleisle.org](http://www.cityofbelleisle.org) to review the FAQs related to solid waste and recycling. Thank you.

May 7, 2020



**Landscapers and tree services are required to remove the debris from your property.**

**Your green cart is ONLY for recyclables, not yard waste or trash.**

We understand some residents view the yellow and green bin the same as any other container. This is not the case. The yellow bin should only be used to store approved recyclables for collection on Wednesday. If used for other purposes, the container may contaminate recyclables causing the Recycling Center to reject the entire truckload. *See pic 2 and 3 for a recent example*



Pic 2: Tree Limbs



Pic 3: Tile Scraps

Another problem is how residents dispose of lake debris. Often the debris is bagged wet, with sand, making it very heavy. The contract states that this is an "unacceptable set-out" because dirt, sand, and rocks are not to be disposed of into the trash. In speaking with many who live on the lake, they have suggested that lake debris be dried first in a container that allows for water to drip out the bottom before putting it out on Monday for yard waste pickup. When dry, the sand will also fall off. Again, if the contents are over 50 pounds, it will **NOT** be picked up. ■

## Solid Waste Committee

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