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Municipal Summaries

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1 Municipal Summaries

The 34 municipalities of Miami-Dade County have already implemented various waste reduction strategies. This section examines the attributes of these municipalities, their waste collection services, and key ordinances and programs supporting Miami-Dade County's Zero Waste Master Plan. Factors such as population, land area, housing types, estimated waste generation, collection frequency, and specific local regulations or programs that advance environmental sustainability mark a starting point for advancing waste reduction locally. Population growth estimates for each municipality were derived from U.S. Census Bureau data, based on a comparison of 2020 and 2024 population figures.¹ These growth estimates were then used to project increases in MSW generation. Estimated MSW generation was calculated by applying the Miami-Dade County Department of Solid Waste Management's service-area rate of 5.68 pounds per person per day (1.04 tons per year) to each municipality's current population.

The waste collection services shown in the tables apply to the residential sector, including single-family homes and buildings with up to four dwelling units, such as duplexes, triplexes, and quadplexes. Multifamily properties with more than five dwelling units, including condominiums, are classified as part of the commercial sector and are typically served by private haulers. The information on collection service levels and haulers was gathered from the individual municipalities' websites, the Miami-Dade County's Department of Solid Waste Management's website, and through direct engagement of the municipalities and review of their respective contracts.

The Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) provides residential municipal solid waste (MSW) and/or recycling collection services through interlocal agreements (ILAs) with several municipalities and the unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County.

In 10 municipalities (Aventura, Cutler Bay, Doral, Miami Gardens, Miami Lakes, Opa-Locka, Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest, Sunny Isles Beach, and Sweetwater) as well as in the unincorporated area, DSWM collects MSW twice per week and residential trash on-call, and contracts with private haulers for recycling.

In nine municipalities (El Portal, Florida City, Medley, Miami Beach, Miami Springs, North Bay Village, South Miami, Virginia Gardens, and West Miami) DSWM contracts with private haulers for recycling collection only. In these municipalities, MSW collection is provided either by the municipality or by a private hauler.

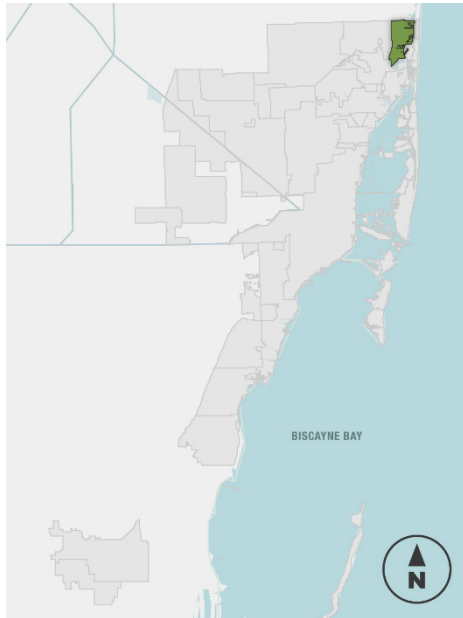
In municipalities not covered by ILAs, residential recycling, on-call residential trash collection, and all commercial-sector services are provided by private haulers under contract or by the municipality itself.



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¹ Some municipality population growth estimates were derived from other sources where census data were not available.

2 City of Aventura



The City of Aventura is located in northeastern Miami-Dade County and has a total land area of approximately 2.6 square miles. The city had a population of 40,242 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 40,500 residents. Housing in Aventura is predominantly multifamily, with condominiums and high-rise residential buildings comprising the vast majority of the housing stock, and a relatively small share of single-family homes. Population projections indicate that Aventura's population is expected to experience minimal growth, remaining relatively stable with an annual growth rate of below 1% through 2045.

The City currently generates an estimated **41,852–46,800 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	2 times per week
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (Private Contractor)	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Waste & Yard Debris	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	By appointment; 2 pickups per year, up to 25 cubic yards each

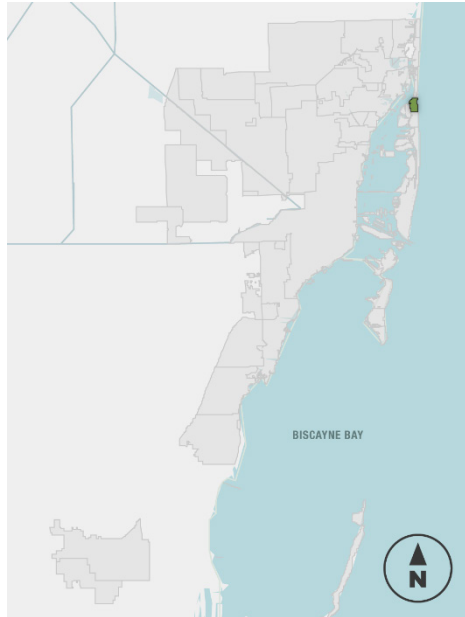
2.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Commercial & Multi-Family Solid Waste and Recycling Collection ordinance: Sec. 38-33. -

Application; issuance; insurance requirements—Requires that any entity collecting or transporting solid waste or recyclable materials from commercial establishments, multifamily residential properties, or individual residential units within the City must hold a valid solid waste franchise issued by the City. This establishes a regulated system for waste and recycling services, ensuring that only authorized providers operate, which supports consistent service delivery, regulatory oversight, and compliance with local waste management standards.

Green Building ordinance: Article VI. *Green Building Program*—Established the City's Green Building Program to promote sustainability through building and development practices that reduce environmental impacts. It defines "green development" as the use of planning and construction methods that minimize energy and water use, conserve natural and raw materials, and reduce waste generation. The ordinance's purpose is to guide development toward greater environmental responsibility while enhancing long-term community sustainability and quality of life for residents and occupants.

3 Village of Bal Harbour



The Village of Bal Harbour is located in northeastern Miami-Dade County and has a total land area of approximately 0.38 square miles. The Village had a population of 3,093 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 3,100 residents. Housing in Bal Harbour is predominantly multifamily, consisting primarily of high-rise condominiums and residential towers, with a limited number of single-family homes concentrated within the gated Bal Harbour Village neighborhood. U.S. Census Bureau population estimates indicate minimal recent population growth in the Village of Bal Harbour; given its built-out condition, future growth is assumed to remain below 1 percent annually through 2045.

The City currently generates an estimated **3,217–3,224 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

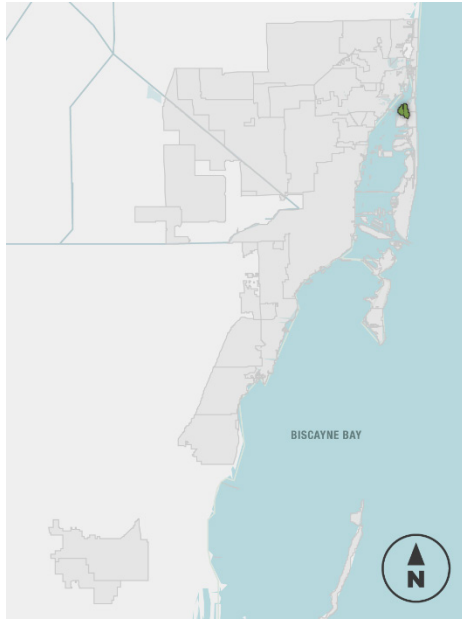
Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Village of Bal Harbour	3 times per week
Recycling	Village of Bal Harbour	1 time per week
Bulky Waste & Yard Debris	Village of Bal Harbour	1 time per week (Village-wide)

3.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Single-Use Plastics ordinance: *Sec. 9-3. - Prohibition on use, distribution or sale of Single-Use Plastics*—Prohibits the use, sale, or distribution of specified single-use plastic items, including plastic bags, plastic flatware and dinnerware, and plastic straws. These items may not be used by any commercial establishment or distributed as part of any Village-approved activity or event, whether public or private, on Village property or in Village facilities. The ordinance is intended to reduce plastic pollution and limit the environmental impacts associated with disposable plastic products although enactment and/or enforcement has been subject to state preemption considerations.

Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) ordinance: *Sec. 11-4. - Prohibitions of polystyrene*—Bans the use and distribution of EPS containers throughout the Village. It is unlawful to bring EPS containers onto Village beaches, for businesses to serve or deliver food or beverages in EPS containers on Village property, or for Village contractors and special event permittees to sell, use, or provide food in EPS containers anywhere within the Village. This ordinance targets a material that is difficult to recycle and commonly contributes to litter, particularly in coastal and public spaces.

4 Town of Bay Harbor Islands



The Town of Bay Harbor Islands is located in northeastern Miami-Dade County and has a total land area of approximately 0.40 square miles. The Town had a population of 5,922 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 5,940 residents. Housing in Bay Harbor Islands is predominantly multifamily, with high-density condominiums and apartment buildings concentrated on the East Island, while the West Island consists primarily of single-family homes. While some incremental redevelopment may occur, the limited land area of Bay Harbor Islands constrains large-scale population growth; therefore, annual growth is assumed to remain below 1 percent for planning purposes through 2045.

The Town currently generates an estimated **6,159–6,178 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Private	3 times per week
Recycling	Private	2 times per week
Bulky Waste & Yard Debris	Private	1 time per week

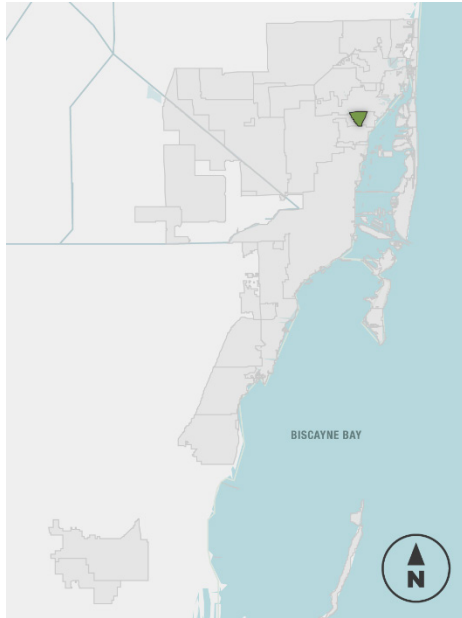
4.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Products Prohibition: *Sec. 9-27. - Prohibition of expanded polystyrene products*—Food service businesses are prohibited from selling or providing food or beverages in expanded polystyrene foam products anywhere within the Town although enactment and/or enforcement has been subject to state preemption considerations.

Plastic Straws & Stirrers Prohibition: *Sec. 9-28. - Prohibition of plastic beverage straws and plastic beverage stirrers; exceptions*—The sale or distribution of plastic beverage straws and plastic beverage stirrers is prohibited throughout the Town.

Construction & Demolition (C&D) Materials Recycling Requirement: *Sec. 5-5.5. - Construction site monitoring*—Demolition permit applicants must submit a demolition plan demonstrating that demolition materials will be recycled to the greatest extent feasible.

5 Village of Biscayne Park



The Village of Biscayne Park is located in northeastern Miami-Dade County and has a total land area of approximately 0.6 square miles. The Village had a population of approximately 3,120 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 3,100 residents. Housing in Biscayne Park is predominantly single-family, with limited multifamily development. Current projections indicate that the Village's population is expected to remain relatively stable, with an annual growth rate below 0.5% through 2045 due to limited redevelopment opportunities.

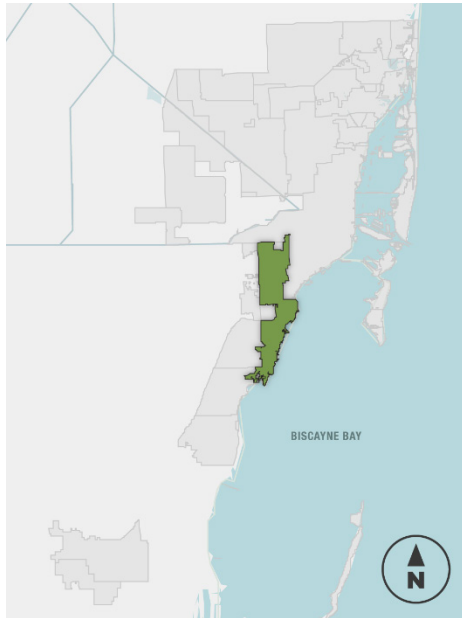
The Village currently generates an estimated **3,224–3,245 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Private	2 times per week
Recycling	Private	1 time per week
Bulky Waste & Yard Debris	Private	1 time per week
Commercial MSW & Recycling	Private	Set by Village; varies by service

5.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Municipalities are encouraged to consult the Miami-Dade County Zero Waste Master Plan for model programs and policies that can be adopted and implemented locally.

6 City of Coral Gables



The City of Coral Gables is located in south-central Miami-Dade County and encompasses approximately 37.2 square miles. The City had a population of approximately 49,250 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 50,000 residents. Housing in Coral Gables is primarily single-family, supplemented by multifamily residences concentrated in designated mixed-use and commercial corridors. Population projections indicate that the City is expected to experience modest growth, with an annual growth rate below 1% through 2045.

The City currently generates an estimated **51,220–52,000 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	City of Coral Gables	2 times per week
Recycling	City of Coral Gables	1 time per week
Yard Waste	City of Coral Gables	1 time per week
Bulky Waste & White Goods	City of Coral Gables	By appointment
Commercial & Multifamily MSW & Recycling	Private	Set by contract; varies by service

6.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Private Disposal Service Permits and Licenses: *Sec. 54-116. Required under Division 2. - Private Disposal Service Permits and Licenses*—A City permit is required for any private entity to collect, remove, transport, or dispose of municipal solid waste (MSW) from any premises within the City of Coral Gables.



Commercial and Multi-Family Recycling Requirements: *Article IV. - Recycling Program for Commercial Establishments and Multi-Family Establishments*—Commercial establishments must recycle at least three materials from a designated list, and multi-family properties must provide recycling for at least six specified materials; failure to provide a recycling program constitutes a violation subject to penalties.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Special Recycling Collection Program: The City hosts recycling drive-thru events twice per year (April and November) to collect HHW, e-waste, auto waste, plastic bags, paper for shredding, and clothing.

Single-Use Carry-Out Plastic Bag Prohibition: *Sec. 34-286. - Single-use carry out plastic bags prohibited; exceptions*—Retail establishments are prohibited from providing single-use plastic carry-out bags, with limited exceptions and the option for retailers to propose alternative sustainable bag programs although enactment and/or enforcement has been subject to state preemption considerations.

Reusable Bags Promotion: *Sec. 34-287. - Use of reusable bags*—Retail establishments are strongly encouraged to educate staff and customers and to post signage promoting the use of reusable bags.

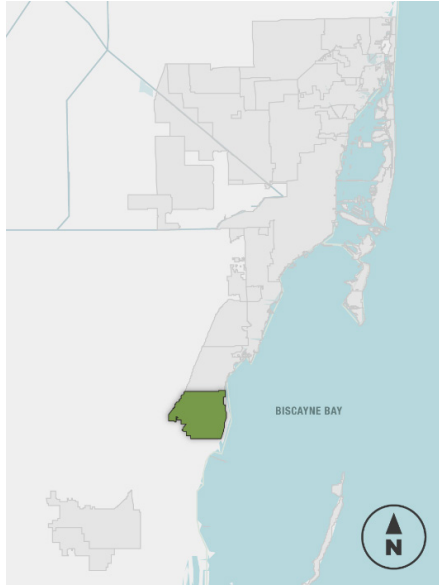
- + **Special Events and City Facilities:** *Sec. 62-262. - Prohibition on use of expanded polystyrene*—Special event permittees and their subcontractors may not sell, use, or provide food or beverages in expanded polystyrene articles in City facilities, with penalties for violations.

- + **Vendors and Contractors:** *Sec. 2-730. - Prohibition on use of expanded polystyrene by city vendors/contractor*—City vendors and contractors are prohibited from selling or using expanded polystyrene in City operations or contracts, with violations considered a contract default and limited exceptions for prepackaged goods.

Food Service Providers and Stores: *Sec. 34-264. - Prohibitions regarding the sale, use or distribution of expanded polystyrene articles by food service providers and stores; exceptions*—Food service providers and stores are prohibited from selling, using, or providing food or beverages in expanded polystyrene containers, although enactment and/or enforcement has been subject to state preemption considerations.

- + **Green Events:** *Sec. 62-264. - Prohibition on use of single-use plastic beverage straws and single-use plastic stirrers*—Special event permittees may not sell, use, or provide beverages with single-use plastic straws or stirrers in City facilities, except upon request for individuals with disabilities or medical needs.

7 Town of Cutler Bay



The Town of Cutler Bay is located in southern Miami-Dade County and has a total land area of approximately 10.2 square miles. The Town had a population of approximately 45,400 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 46,000 residents. Housing in Cutler Bay is predominantly single-family, with smaller areas of townhomes and multifamily developments. Current projections indicate that population growth is expected to remain low to moderate, with an annual growth rate below 1% through 2045 as the Town approaches build-out.

The town currently generates an estimated **47,216–47,840 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	2 times per week
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (Private Contractor)	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Waste & Yard Debris	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	By appointment; 2 pickups per year, up to 25 cubic yards each
Commercial & Multifamily MSW/ Construction Debris	Private	Varies by service; franchise required

7.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

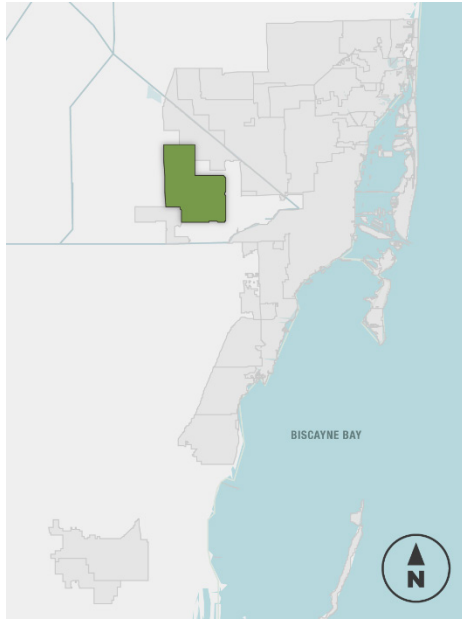
Construction & Demolition (C&D) Waste Recycling and Diversion:

Sec. 3-73. Recycling and diversion of construction and demolition waste—Requires submission of a Construction, Demolition, and Materials Management Plan (CDMMP) demonstrating compliance with a 60% waste diversion standard for construction and demolition projects.

+ **Expanded Polystyrene (EPS):** *Sec. 14-1. - Prohibitions regarding sale or use of expanded polystyrene food service articles by town contractors*—Prohibits Town contractors from selling, using, providing food in, or offering expanded polystyrene food service articles in Town facilities or on Town property.

+ **Plastic Straws Prohibition:** *Sec. 14-2. - Prohibition on distribution, sale or use of plastic straws*—Prohibits the use, sale, or distribution of plastic straws by commercial establishments, mobile vendors, and special event permittees at Town facilities, Town property, or other public property, with specified exceptions.

8 City of Doral



The City of Doral is located in northwestern Miami-Dade County and encompasses approximately 15.2 square miles. The City had a population of approximately 75,900 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 83,000 residents. Housing in Doral is largely multifamily, including condominiums and townhomes, with remaining areas of single-family neighborhoods. Current projections indicate that Doral is expected to continue experiencing moderate population growth, though at a slowing rate, remaining below 2% annually through 2045.

The City currently generates an estimated **78,936–86,320 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	2 times per week
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (Private Contractor)	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Waste & Yard Debris	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	By appointment; 2 pickups per year (up to 25 cubic yards per pickup)
Commercial & Multifamily MSW & Recycling	Private	Varies by service; franchise required

8.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Commercial & Multi-Family Solid Waste and Recycling Collection:

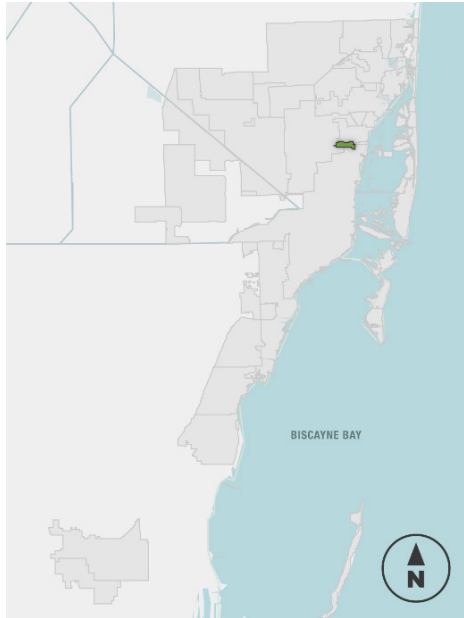
Article II. - Collection Franchise. Sec. 32-20 Required—Any person or company collecting or transporting solid waste or recyclable materials from commercial or multifamily properties must obtain an appropriate solid waste collection franchise from the City.



Multifamily Recycling Requirement: *Sec. 32-101. - Recycling program and separation of recyclable materials from solid waste stream required for multifamily residences of four dwelling units or more; owner/association liability; recycling contractors' assistance*—Multifamily residential properties with four or more dwelling units must provide single-stream recycling and collect at least five materials—newspaper, glass, metal food and beverage containers, other metal containers, and plastics—with property owners or associations responsible for compliance.

- ⊕ **Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) – Parks and Park Property:** *Sec. 29-60. - Prohibition regarding sale or use of polystyrene food-service articles in parks and park property*—The sale, use, or possession of polystyrene food-service articles (e.g., cups, plates, containers, ice chests) is prohibited on all park property, including by park vendors and contractors.
 - ⊕ **Single-Use Plastics Resolution (Plastic-Free 305):** *Resolution No. 24-09*—The City supports Miami-Dade County’s voluntary “Plastic-Free 305” certification program, encouraging businesses to reduce and eliminate single-use plastics from daily operations.
 - ⊕ **Composting Program:** The City partners with the University of Florida to offer composting training workshops and seminars for residents to promote organic waste diversion.
- Citywide Integrated Sustainability Plan (CISP):** *Resolution No. 24-222*—Adopted in September 2024, the CISP provides a framework for integrating sustainability into City planning and decision-making across seven focus areas, with waste management being a key focus area.

9 Village of El Portal



The Village of El Portal is located in north-central Miami-Dade County and has a land area of approximately 0.4 square miles. The Village had a population of approximately 2,000 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 1,980 residents. Housing in El Portal is primarily single-family, with limited multifamily housing. Population projections indicate that the Village's population is expected to remain stable or slightly decline, with an annual change near zero through 2045.

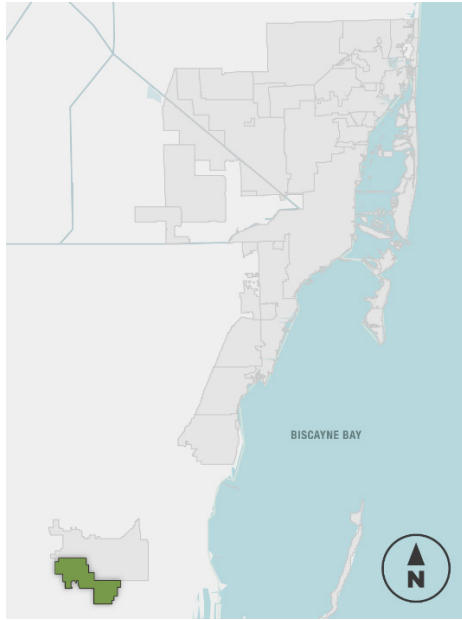
The Village currently generates an estimated **2,059–2,080 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Private	2 times per week
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (Private Contractor)	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Waste & Yard Debris	(Private)	Quarterly (4th week of each quarter)

9.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Municipalities are encouraged to consult the Miami-Dade County Zero Waste Master Plan for model programs and policies that can be adopted and implemented locally.

10 Florida City



Florida City is located in southern Miami-Dade County and encompasses approximately 10.4 square miles. The City had a population of approximately 13,100 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 13,200 residents. Housing in Florida City is predominantly single-family, with some multifamily and mobile home developments. Despite a recent moderate growth in population, current projections indicate that population growth will be modest, with an overall annual growth rate averaging about 1% through 2045.

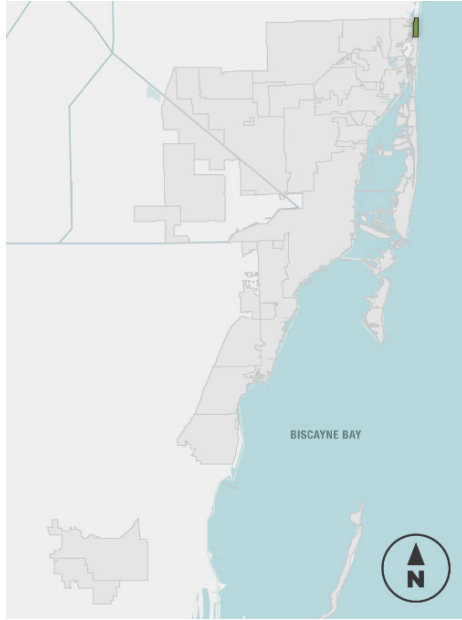
The City currently generates an estimated **13,624–13,728 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Private	2 times per week
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (Private Contractor)	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Waste & Yard Debris	Private	Weekly; up to 2 cubic yards per pickup

10.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Commercial Solid Waste Collection Frequency: Sec. 42-32. - *Frequency of collection*—All commercial solid waste generated within the City must be collected at least once per week.

11 Town of Golden Beach



The Town of Golden Beach is located in northeastern Miami-Dade County and has a land area of approximately 0.3 square miles. The Town had a population of approximately 960 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 1,000 residents. Housing in Golden Beach is exclusively single-family, consisting of low-density residential development. Population projections indicate that the Town's population is expected to remain stable, with negligible growth through 2045 due to strict zoning and full build-out.

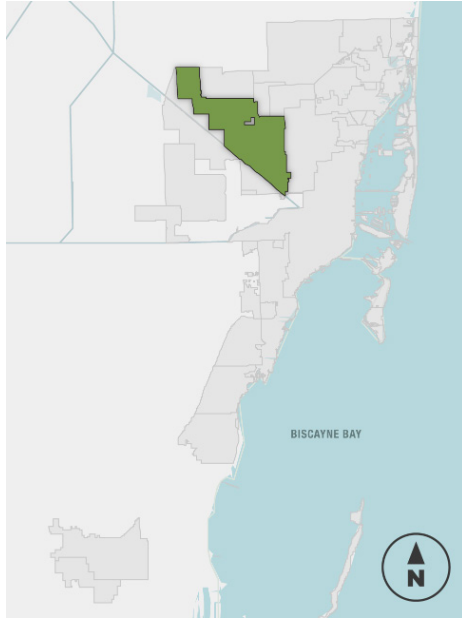
The town currently generates an estimated **998–1,040 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Town of Golden Beach	2 times per week
Recycling	Town of Golden Beach	1 time per week
Bulky Waste & Yard Debris	Town of Golden Beach	By appointment

11.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Municipalities are encouraged to consult the Miami-Dade County Zero Waste Master Plan for model programs and policies that can be adopted and implemented locally.

12 City of Hialeah



The City of Hialeah is located in north-central Miami-Dade County and encompasses approximately 21.5 square miles. The City had a population of approximately 223,100 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 235,000 residents. Housing in Hialeah is predominantly single-family, with substantial areas of multifamily and mixed-use development. Population projections indicate continued moderate growth, though at a slowing rate, through 2045.

The city currently generates an estimated **232,024–244,400 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Private	2 times per week
Recycling	Private	2 times per month
Bulky Waste & Yard Debris	City of Hialeah (Private Contractor)	1 time per month (every other month)

12.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

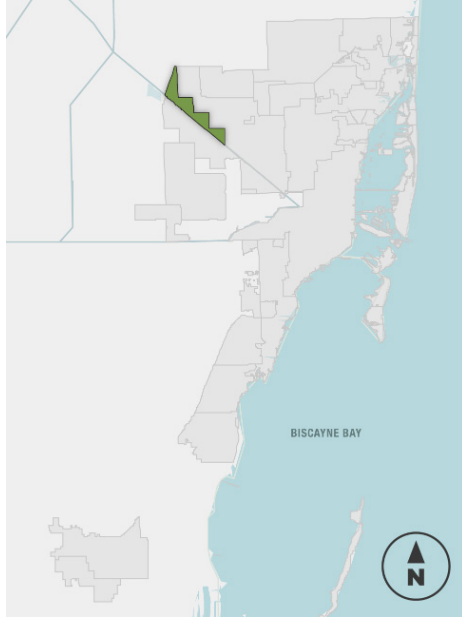
Commercial Solid Waste and Recycling Collection (Non-Exclusive Franchise): *Article VI. - Collection services by private collectors authorized through non-exclusive franchises*—Authorizes private Haulers to provide commercial solid waste and recycling collection services within the City through non-exclusive franchises approved by the City.

Hotel and Residential Recycling Requirement (Non-City Service Areas): *Sec. 78-64. - Recycling program required for all residential occupancies not serviced by the city including hotels and motels*—Residential buildings not serviced by the City, including hotels and motels, must contract for recycling collection at least twice per month and provide sufficient container capacity to store at least 35 pounds of recyclable material per residential unit between pickups.



Commercial and Multi-Family Collection Container Requirements: *Sec. 78-164. - Supplemental requirements for collection service from commercial property and multi-family dwellings*—Requires each commercial property and multi-family dwelling to maintain at least one container for garbage/trash and one container for recyclable materials to ensure proper separation and collection.

13 City of Hialeah Gardens



The City of Hialeah Gardens is located in northwestern Miami-Dade County and has a land area of approximately 6.4 square miles. The City had a population of approximately 23,100 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 23,500 residents. Housing is primarily single-family, with pockets of townhomes and multifamily development. Population growth is expected to remain low, with limited expansion capacity through 2045.

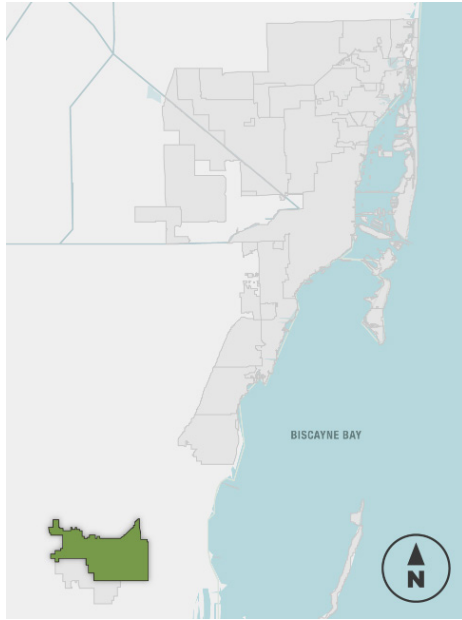
The city currently generates an estimated **24,024–24,440 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Private	2 times per week
Recycling	Private	Every other week (EOW)
Bulky Household Items & Yard Debris	City of Hialeah Gardens	1 time per month

13.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

C.L.E.A.N. Hialeah Gardens: A City-led outreach and education program for commercial customers that promotes cleanliness and waste reduction, including assistance from the service provider with right-sizing containers and adjusting service levels to meet business needs.

14 City of Homestead



The City of Homestead is located in southern Miami-Dade County and encompasses approximately 15.6 square miles. The City had a population of approximately 80,700 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 86,000 residents. Housing in Homestead is largely single-family, with expanding multifamily and mixed-use development. Population projections indicate continued moderate growth through 2045.

The city currently generates an estimated **83,928–89,440 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Homestead Public Services	2 times per week
Recycling	Homestead Public Services	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Waste / Trash	Homestead Public Services	1 time every other week (EOW); up to 10 cubic yards per collection

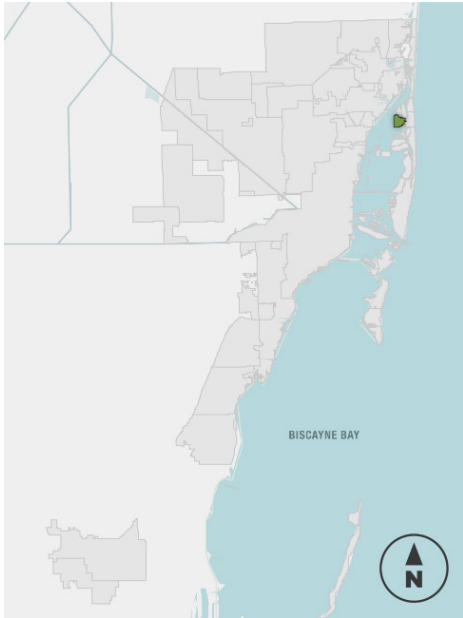
14.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Commercial and Residential Solid Waste Collection Frequency: *Sec. 23.5-7. - Frequency of emptying of containers and disposal of contents*—Requires all commercial establishments and residences to have garbage containers emptied and contents disposed of at least twice per week.

- + **Multifamily Solid Waste and Recycling Requirement:** *Sec. 23.5-2. - Mandatory and exclusive collection and disposal service and storage of garbage and trash*—Residential multifamily developments with 12 or more dwelling units must subscribe to City recycling services, pay applicable fees, and recycle a minimum of five materials as prescribed by Miami-Dade County ordinances.

- + **Commercial Recycling Requirement:** *Sec. 23.5-2. - Mandatory and exclusive collection and disposal service and storage of garbage and trash*—Commercial establishments are required to recycle a minimum of three materials in accordance with Miami-Dade County recycling requirements.

15 Indian Creek Village



Indian Creek is located in northeastern Miami-Dade County and has a land area of approximately 0.4 square miles. The Village had a population of approximately 85 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 90 residents. Housing is exclusively single-family, consisting of very low-density residential estates. Population is expected to remain stable through 2045 due to strict zoning and full build-out.

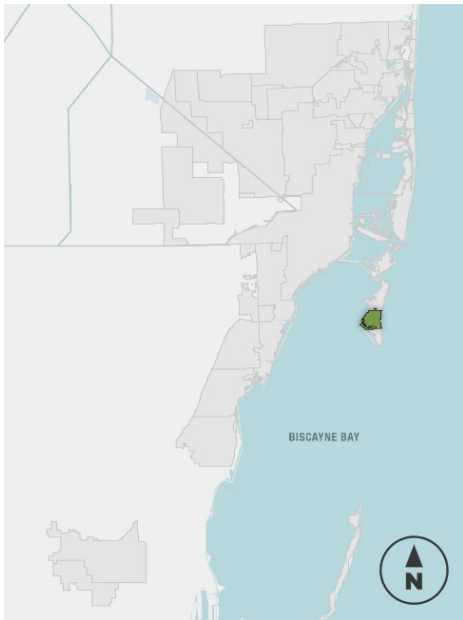
The village currently generates an estimated **88–94 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Private	3 times per week
Recycling	Private	1 time per week
Yard Waste	Private	3 times per week

15.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Municipalities are encouraged to consult the Miami-Dade County Zero Waste Master Plan for model programs and policies that can be adopted and implemented locally.

16 Village of Key Biscayne



The Village of Key Biscayne is located in eastern Miami-Dade County and has a land area of approximately 1.4 square miles. The Village had a population of approximately 14,800 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 15,100 residents. Housing consists of a mix of multifamily and single-family development. Population growth is expected to remain minimal through 2045 due to limited developable land.

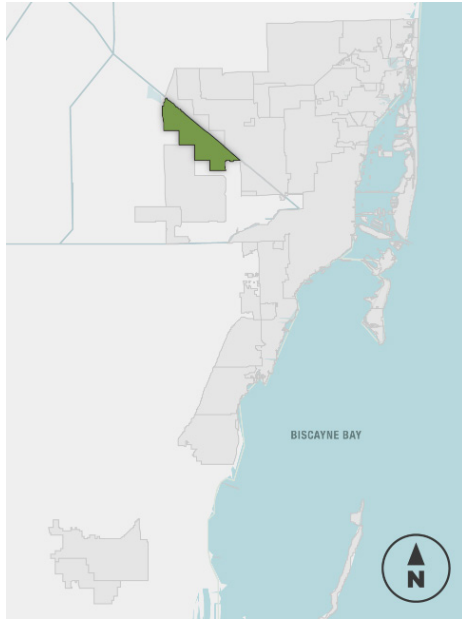
The village currently generates an estimated **15,392–15,704 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Private	2 times per week
Recycling	Private	1 time per week
Bulky Waste & Yard Waste	Private	1 time per month (yard waste included)
White Goods	Private	By appointment

16.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Plastic-Free KB: Prohibits the use of single-use plastic products in all Village facilities, including Village Hall, Police and Fire Rescue Stations, the Community Center and parks, effective June 1, 2025. The policy is also applied to all Village-sponsored events and by Village-affiliated vendors. This initiative reinforces the Village’s commitment to environmental stewardship and supports broader efforts to reduce pollution.

17 Town of Medley



The Town of Medley is located in north-central Miami-Dade County and encompasses approximately 4.3 square miles. The Town had a population of approximately 1,060 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 1,100 residents. Land use is primarily industrial and commercial, with limited residential housing including single-family homes and mobile homes. Population is expected to remain stable through 2045.

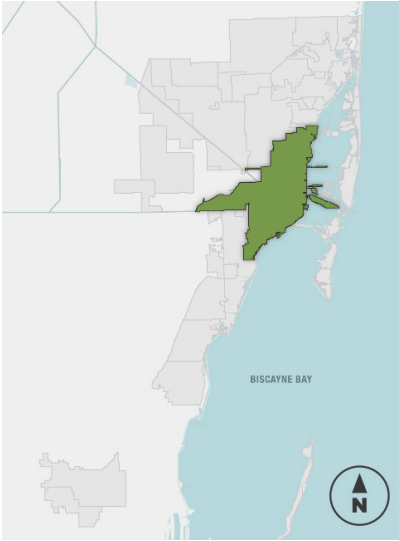
The town currently generates an estimated **1,102–1,144 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Town of Medley	2 times per week
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (Private Contractor)	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Waste	Town of Medley	2 times per month

17.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Municipalities are encouraged to consult the Miami-Dade County Zero Waste Master Plan for model programs and policies that can be adopted and implemented locally.

18 City of Miami



The City of Miami is located in central Miami-Dade County and encompasses approximately 55.3 square miles. The City had a population of approximately 442,200 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 485,000 residents. Housing is predominantly multifamily, with dense urban residential development. Population projections indicate continued moderate growth through 2045.

The city currently generates an estimated **459,888–504,400 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	City of Miami	2 times per week
Recycling	City of Miami	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Items & Yard Debris*	City of Miami	Scheduled pickup per City route

*Residents may also drop off bulky items and yard debris at the City's Mini Dump located at 1290 NW 20th Street.

18.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Pet Waste / “No Dumping” and “Curb Your Pet” Program: The City provides signage in the public right-of-way to deter illegal dumping and encourage proper pet waste disposal, supporting enforcement and neighborhood cleanliness.

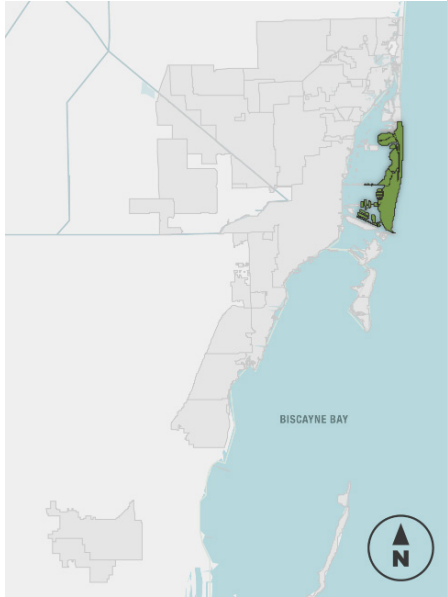
- + **Multi-Family Recycling Requirement:** *Sec. 22-19. - Recycling programs required for multi-family residences of four units or more*—Multi-family residential properties with four or more units must provide a recycling program serviced by a permitted franchisee and collect, at minimum, five materials: mixed paper and cardboard, glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, and plastics coded 1–7.

- + **Commercial Recycling Requirement:** *Sec. 22-20. - Recycling programs required for commercial property; joint and several liability*—All commercial properties must provide a recycling program serviced by a franchisee and recycle at least three materials selected from a prescribed list, with joint and several liability for compliance and allowances for modified recycling programs.

Handbills (Paper Litter Control): *Article VIII – Handbills*—Prohibits throwing or discarding handbills and restricts the distribution of commercial handbills during certain events to reduce litter.

- + **Environmentally Preferable Purchasing:** *Article III – Environmentally Preferable Purchasing*—Requires City departments to prioritize environmentally preferable products and services, emphasizing recycled content, waste reduction, life-cycle cost analysis, durability, reuse, and support for recycling markets.

19 City of Miami Beach



The City of Miami Beach is located in eastern Miami-Dade County and encompasses approximately 7.1 square miles of land. The City had a population of approximately 82,900 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 83,500 residents. Although there are some single-family homes, housing is primarily multifamily, including high-rise residential buildings. Population is expected to remain relatively stable through 2045.

The city currently generates an estimated **86,216–86,840 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Private	2 times per week (back- or side-yard service)
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (Private Contractor)	1 time per week
Bulky Items & Yard Debris	City of Miami Beach (Private Contractor)	By appointment; up to 5 free pickups per year

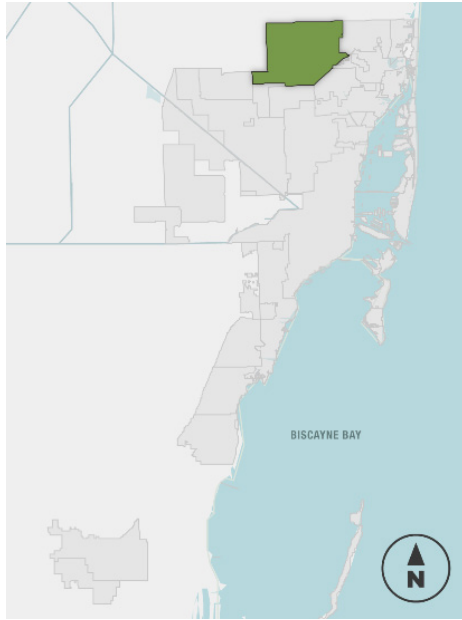
19.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

- + **Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) – City Contractors and Special Events:** *Sec. 82-7. - Prohibitions regarding sale or use of expanded polystyrene food service articles by city contractors and special event permittees*—Prohibits City contractors and special event permittees from selling, using, or providing food or beverages in expanded polystyrene food-service articles in City facilities or on City property.
- + **Green Events:** *Sec. 82-8. - Prohibitions regarding sale or use of single-use plastic beverage straws and single-use plastic stirrers by city contractors and special event permittees*—Prohibits City contractors and special event permittees from selling, using, or providing beverages with single-use plastic straws or plastic stirrers in City facilities or on City property.

Textile Recycling Program: Provides designated textile recycling drop-off bins at select City facilities, including fire stations and youth centers, for residents to recycle unwanted clothing, shoes, and household textiles.

Plastic Free MB: A voluntary certification program that encourages Miami Beach businesses and organizations to reduce single-use plastics. Participating businesses can receive City recognition and marketing support as they eliminate items such as plastic bags, straws, stirrers, utensils, cups, lids, and takeout containers, supporting local litter prevention and broader plastic waste reduction goals.

20 City of Miami Gardens



The City of Miami Gardens is located in north-central Miami-Dade County and encompasses approximately 20 square miles. The City had a population of approximately 111,600 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 116,000 residents. Housing is predominantly single-family, with limited multifamily development. Population growth is expected to be moderate through 2045.

The city currently generates an estimated **116,064–120,640 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

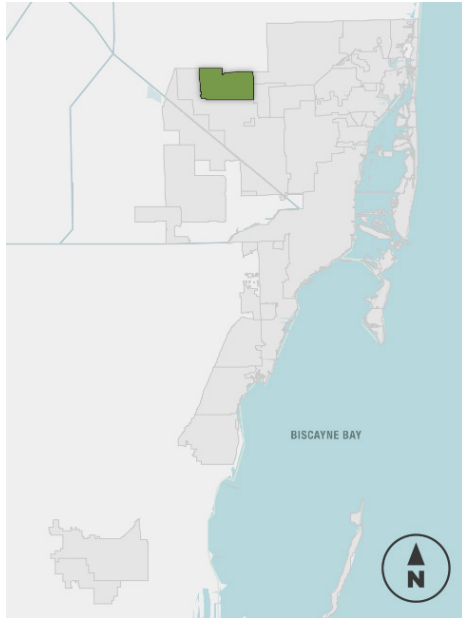
Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	2 times per week
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (Private Contractor)	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Items & Yard Debris	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	By appointment; 2 pickups per year, up to 25 cubic yards each

20.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Parks and Recreation Sanitation and Recycling Controls: *Sec. 18-208. - Refuse, trash, and destruction of park property*—Prohibits littering and improper disposal of refuse in parks, bans glass beverage containers on public park property, and restricts use of recycling bins to designated materials to prevent contamination.

Keep Miami Gardens Beautiful (KMGB): A community education and engagement program aimed at reducing litter, promoting recycling, conserving natural resources, and fostering civic pride through positive behavioral change.

21 Town of Miami Lakes



The Town of Miami Lakes is located in northwestern Miami-Dade County and has a land area of approximately 6.5 square miles. The Town had a population of approximately 30,500 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 33,000 residents. Housing is primarily single-family, with some townhomes and multifamily units. Population growth is expected to remain low through 2045.

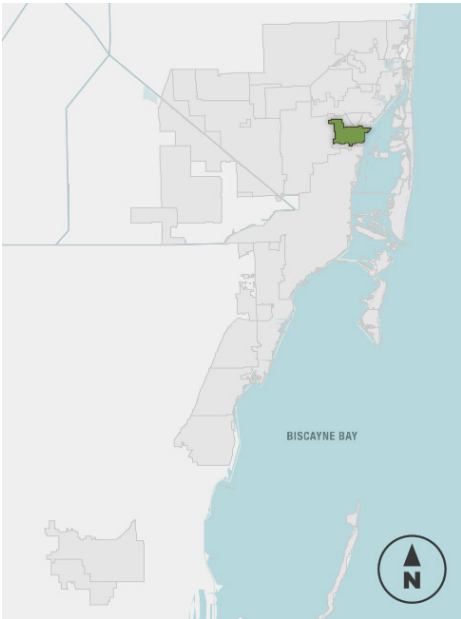
The town currently generates an estimated **31,720–34,320 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	2 times per week
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (Private Contractor)	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Items & Yard Debris	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	By appointment; 2 pickups per year, up to 25 cubic yards each

21.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Town of Miami Lakes Green Building Program: *Sec. 13-1704. - Town of Miami Lakes Green Building Program*—Establishes a green building program to minimize waste and promote efficient use and conservation of natural resources, with mandatory participation for Town buildings and voluntary participation for private residential, commercial, and industrial buildings.

22 Village of Miami Shores



The Village of Miami Shores is located in northeastern Miami-Dade County and encompasses approximately 3.8 square miles. The Village had a population of approximately 11,600 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 11,900 residents. Housing is predominantly single-family, with limited multifamily development. Population is expected to remain stable through 2045.

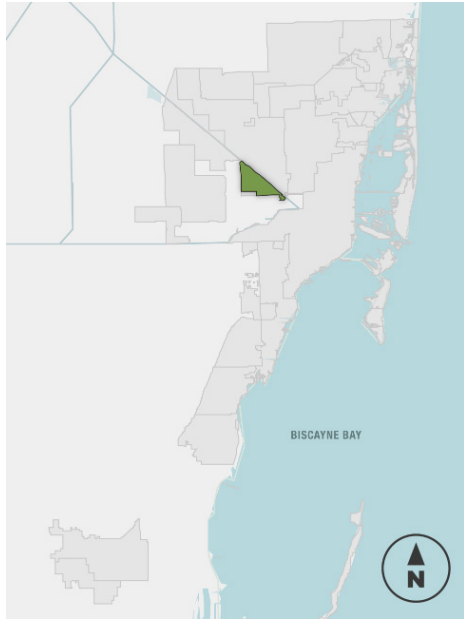
The village currently generates an estimated **12,064–12,376 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Village of Miami Shores	2 times per week
Recycling	Village of Miami Shores	1 time per week
Bulky Items & Yard Debris	Village of Miami Shores	Every 2–3 weeks (route-based, by service area)

22.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Bulk (Yard Debris & Household Items) Collection Program: Provides scheduled bulk collection of yard debris and household items every two to three weeks, with service areas organized by a color-coded map available on the Village website.

23 City of Miami Springs



The City of Miami Springs is located in north-central Miami-Dade County and has a land area of approximately 3.0 square miles. The City had a population of approximately 13,900 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 14,000 residents. Housing is primarily single-family, with some multifamily units. Population growth is expected to remain minimal through 2045.

The city currently generates an estimated **14,456–14,560 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

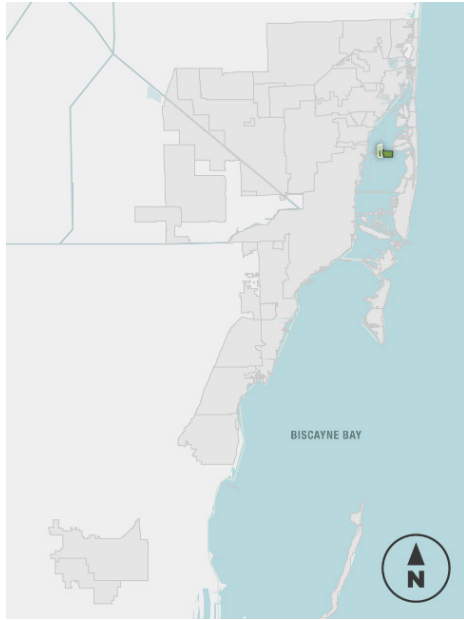
Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	City of Miami Springs	2 times per week
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (Private Contractor)	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Items & Yard Debris	City of Miami Springs	1 time per week

23.1 Key Ordinances and Programs



Multifamily Residential Recycling Program: *Sec. 93-15. - Multifamily residential recycling program—* Establishes a City-administered recycling program for all multifamily residential properties to ensure compliance with Miami-Dade County recycling requirements while minimizing traffic impacts and providing an efficient, cost-effective recycling service.

24 North Bay Village



North Bay Village is located in northeastern Miami-Dade County and encompasses approximately 0.8 square miles of land. The Village had a population of approximately 8,160 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 8,300 residents. Housing is predominantly multifamily, consisting of high-density residential buildings. Population growth is expected to remain limited through 2045.

The city currently generates an estimated **8,486–8,632 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	North Bay Village	2 times per week
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (Private Contractor)	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Items & Yard Debris	North Bay Village	1 time per week (multifamily: 1 time per month)

24.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Multi-Family and Commercial Recycling Collection: Multi-family buildings and commercial establishments receive weekly recycling service on Thursdays and Fridays, provided by Waste Connections of Florida.

Bulk Items Collection Program: Provides bulk collection services, with no charge for single-family homes and fees assessed per item and per pile for commercial and multi-family properties.

Household Chemicals and Electronics Program: Offers weekday drop-off for electronics, batteries, automotive products, household cleaning products, fertilizers, poisons, and paints to ensure safe disposal.



Expanded Polystyrene on Public Property: 94.21 - Prohibition regarding sale or use of expanded polystyrene food service articles by village contractors, food service providers and stores—Prohibits Village contractors from selling, using, or providing food in expanded polystyrene food service articles on Village property, with violations treated as contract defaults and limited exceptions for prepackaged foods.

Expanded Polystyrene Prohibition: *Sec. 94.22. - Prohibition regarding the sale or use of expanded polystyrene food service articles by food service providers and stores: exemptions*—Prohibits food service providers and stores from selling or using expanded polystyrene food service articles, with specific exemptions, enforcement penalties, and hardship waivers for qualifying small businesses, although enactment and/or enforcement has been subject to state preemption considerations..

Special Events Recycling Requirement: *Sec. 94.25 - Special events recycling*—Requires special event applicants using public property to provide properly placed, color-coded recycling receptacles for separated recyclable and nonrecyclable materials.

Plastic Straws Prohibition: *Sec. 94.26 - Prohibition on distribution, sale or use of plastic straws*—Prohibits the use, sale, or distribution of plastic straws in commercial establishments, on Village property, and by special event permittees, with enforcement and penalties, although enactment and/or enforcement has been subject to state preemption considerations.

Balloon Release Prohibition: *Sec. 103.5.01 - Release of balloons prohibited*—Prohibits the intentional or organized release of balloons and balloon debris to protect the environment².

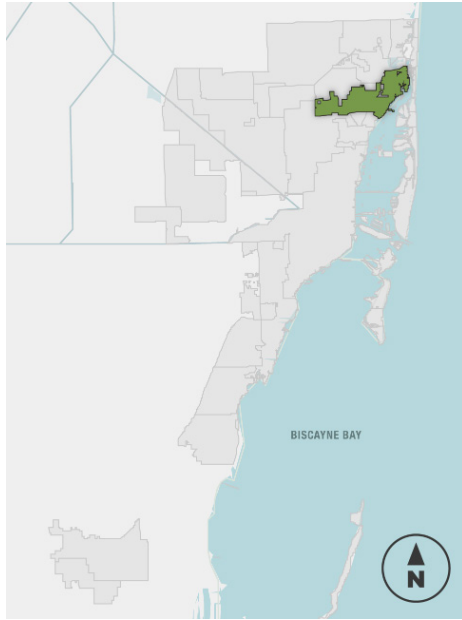
Construction Site Waste Receptacle Requirement: *Sec. 104.01 - Standards for maintenance and appearance of construction sites*—Requires construction sites to maintain trash receptacles throughout the construction process, though recycling is not mandated.

Special Events Ordinance: *Chapter 106 - Special Events*—Allows the Village Manager to impose permit conditions to minimize pollution impacts, including restrictions on balloons, confetti, lanterns, fireworks, and expanded polystyrene on Village property.

NBV100 Master Plan: A long-term sustainability and resilience plan guiding North Bay Village toward climate adaptation and environmental improvement, including recommendations to ban harmful fertilizers, reduce single-use plastics, and expand recycling and waste-reduction campaigns.

² Intentional balloon prohibition is a statewide mandate Florida Statute [§ 379.233](#), enacted as part of House Bill 321 taken effect July 1, 2024.

25 City of North Miami



The City of North Miami is located in northeastern Miami-Dade County and encompasses approximately 10 square miles. The City had a population of approximately 60,200 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 62,000 residents. Housing includes a mix of single-family and multifamily development. Population growth is expected to remain modest through 2045.

The city currently generates an estimated **62,608–64,480 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Private	2 times per week
Recycling	Private	1 time per week
Bulky Items & Yard Debris	Private	1 time per week
Commercial & Multifamily MSW	Private	Varies by service level

25.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

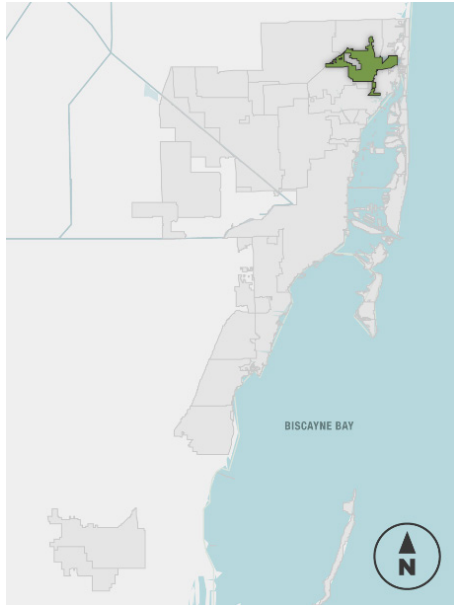
Household Hazardous Waste Prohibition: *Sec. 9-25. - Disposal or commingling of inherently dangerous materials or hazardous waste with garbage; prohibited*—Prohibits the disposal or commingling of inherently dangerous materials or household hazardous waste with regular garbage.



Expanded Polystyrene and Single-Use Plastic Straws – City Contractors and Special Events: *Sec. 7-201. - Prohibitions on sale or use of expanded polystyrene food service articles and single-use plastic beverage straws by city contractors and special event permittees*—Prohibits city contractors and special event permittees from selling, using, or providing food in expanded polystyrene food service articles or using single-use plastic beverage straws.

2035–2045 Comprehensive Plan: Commits the City to pursuing source reduction, reuse, recycling, and recovery to meet state recycling goals and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, environmental toxins, and landfill disposal.

26 City of North Miami Beach



The City of North Miami Beach is located in northeastern Miami-Dade County and has a land area of approximately 5.3 square miles. The City had a population of approximately 43,700 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 46,000 residents. Housing is a mix of single-family and multifamily development. Population growth is expected to be limited through 2045.

The city currently generates an estimated **45,448–47,840 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Private	2 times per week
Recycling	Private	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Items & Yard Debris	Private	1 time per month

26.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Special Commercial and Industrial Hauling (Tires, Pallets, Metals): Allows commercial establishments and multi-unit residential buildings to request special collection of tires, wood pallets, and metal items that cannot be placed in standard containers, subject to a hauling fee.

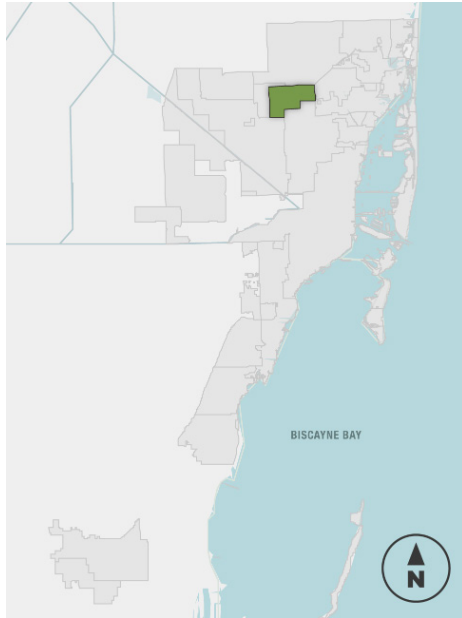
Electronics Recycling: Promotes participation in Miami-Dade County's electronics recycling program and encourages use of retailer take-back programs through education and awareness efforts.

Reuse of Packing Materials: Encourages residents to reuse shipping and packing materials such as boxes, bubble wrap, and Styrofoam peanuts to reduce waste.

Reusable Shopping Bags Promotion: Encourages residents to use reusable cloth grocery bags instead of single-use plastic shopping bags through public education.

North Miami Beach Comprehensive Plan: Commits the City to continuing efforts to divert recyclables from the solid waste stream in coordination with County officials to help achieve the State's recycling goals.

27 City of Opa-locka



The City of Opa-locka is located in north-central Miami-Dade County and encompasses approximately 4.2 square miles. The City had a population of approximately 16,500 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 16,800 residents. Housing is primarily single-family, with some multifamily development. Population growth is expected to remain minimal through 2045.

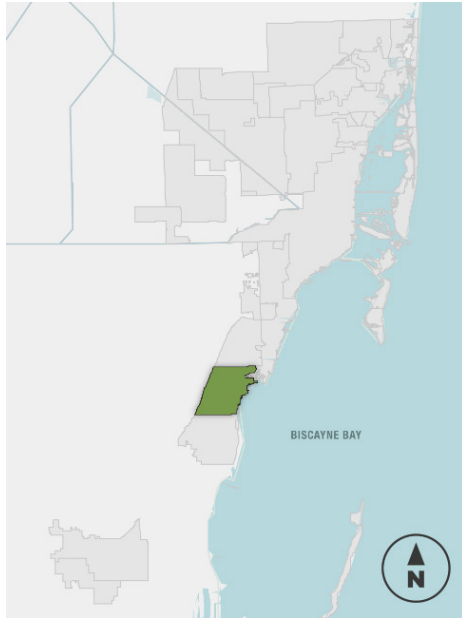
The city currently generates an estimated **17,160–17,472 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	2 times per week
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (Private Contractor)	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Items & Yard Debris	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	By appointment; 2 pickups per year, up to 25 cubic yards each

27.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Recycled Materials License Ordinance: *Article III-B. - Recycled materials*—Requires private companies hauling or disposing of recovered materials from commercial establishments, manufacturing plants, and other non-residential generators within the City to register with and be regulated by the City through a recycled materials license.

28 Village of Palmetto Bay



The Village of Palmetto Bay is located in southern Miami-Dade County and encompasses approximately 8.8 square miles. The Village had a population of approximately 24,400 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 25,400 residents. Housing is predominantly single-family. Population growth is expected to remain low through 2045.

The village currently generates an estimated **25,376–26,520 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	2 times per week
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (Private Contractor)	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Items & Yard Debris	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	By appointment; 2 pickups per year, up to 25 cubic yards each

28.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

- + Expanded Polystyrene and Plastic Bag Restrictions:** *Article V. - Expanded Polystyrene "Styrofoam" Food Service And Plastic Bag Articles*—Prohibits Village contractors from selling, using, or providing food in expanded polystyrene food-service articles or plastic shopping bags in Village facilities or on Village property, with the goal of reducing single-use materials and promoting reusable, recyclable, or compostable alternatives.
- + Plastic Straws Prohibition:** *Article VI. - Prohibition On Distribution Or Use Of Plastic Straws*—Prohibits the use, sale, or distribution of plastic straws by commercial establishments, mobile vendors, special event permittees, and at Village facilities or public property.

Community Recycling Drives: Hosts bi-annual recycling drive-thru events allowing residents to dispose of household hazardous waste, electronics, universal waste, shred documents, and donate clothing to local nonprofits.

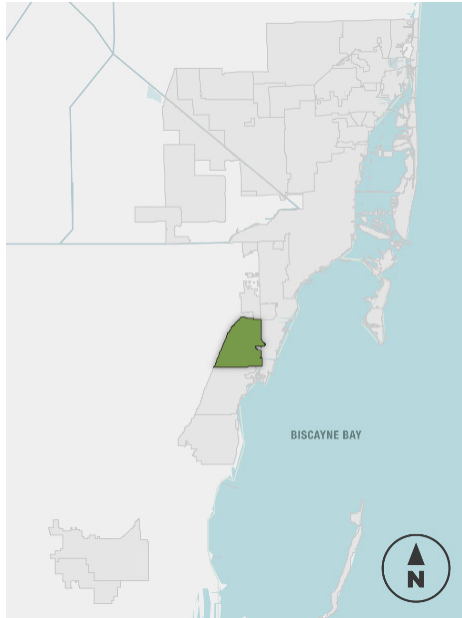
Sustainable Building Standards: *Article II. - Sustainable Building Standards*—Requires commercial construction projects to comply with LEED rating systems to encourage resource conservation and reduce construction-generated waste although enactment and/or enforcement has been subject to state preemption considerations.

Construction and Demolition Waste Management: Requires construction projects to prepare and implement a LEED-compliant construction waste management plan outlining recycling, reuse, reprocessing, or disposal destinations, with documentation from receiving facilities although enactment and/or enforcement has been subject to state preemption considerations.

Plastic Film Recycling Challenge: Allows residents and businesses to drop off plastic film materials at Village Hall for recycling through NexTrex, which repurposes the materials into durable outdoor products.

Sustainability and Resiliency in Palmetto Bay: A Village-wide initiative responsible for implementing the policies, programs, and projects that expand collection of hard-to-recycle material and recycling.

29 Village of Pinecrest



The Village of Pinecrest is located in south-central Miami-Dade County and has a land area of approximately 7.6 square miles. The Village had a population of approximately 18,400 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 19,000 residents. Housing is primarily single-family, with very limited multifamily development. Population is expected to remain stable through 2045.

The village currently generates an estimated **19,136–19,760 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	2 times per week
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (Private Contractor)	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Items & Yard Debris	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	By appointment; 2 pickups per year, up to 25 cubic yards each

29.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

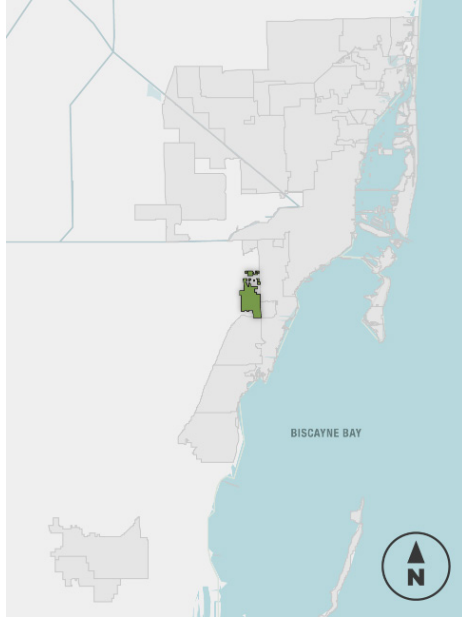


Sustainable Building Program: *Div. 6.14. - Sustainable building program*—Establishes a sustainable building program to promote green buildings, resource education, recycling, and environmentally sound solid-waste services, with compliance measured using recognized standards such as LEED, FGBC, Green Globes, Energy Star, or similar certifications.

2025 Strategic Plan – Waste Reduction and Composting: Identifies environmental and economic sustainability priorities, including solid waste reduction and diversion and the expansion and improvement of composting programs for Village residents.

Pilot Composting Program: Implements a pilot composting initiative to support organics diversion and inform future expansion of composting services within the Village.

30 City of South Miami



The City of South Miami is located in south-central Miami-Dade County and encompasses approximately 2.3 square miles. The City had a population of approximately 12,000 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 13,200 residents. Housing includes a mix of single-family and multifamily development. Population growth is expected to remain modest through 2045.

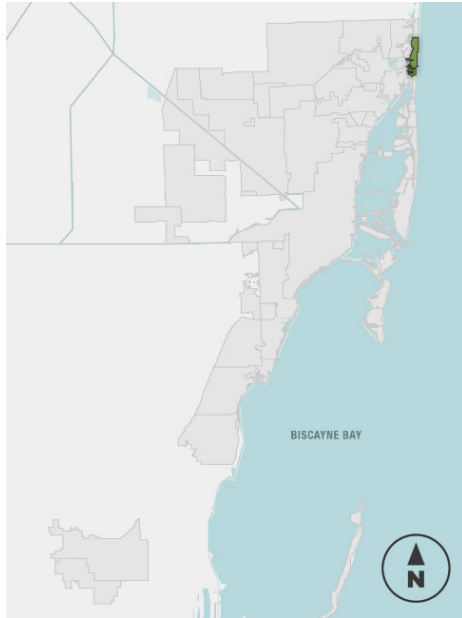
The city currently generates an estimated **12,480–13,728 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	City of South Miami	2 times per week
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	1 time per week
Bulky Items	City of South Miami	1 time per week (scheduled route)

30.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

- + Commercial Recycling Requirement:** Sec. 11-16 - Requires all commercial establishments to provide a recycling program, with joint and several liability for compliance among property owners, tenants, and occupants.
 - + Mandatory Recycling and Separation:** Sec. 11-28 - Establishes a citywide requirement for the mandatory separation of recyclable materials from the solid waste stream.
- Demolition Standards and Recycling Plan:** Requires submission of a site management plan prior to issuance of a demolition permit, including provisions for recycling demolition materials.

31 City of Sunny Isles Beach



The City of Sunny Isles Beach is located in northeastern Miami-Dade County and has a land area of approximately 1.8 square miles. The City had a population of approximately 22,300 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 23,000 residents. Housing is predominantly high-density multifamily, although there are some single-family homes. Population growth is expected to remain limited through 2045.

The city currently generates an estimated **23,192–23,920 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	2 times per week
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (Private Contractor)	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Items & Yard Debris	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	By appointment; 2 pickups per year, up to 25 cubic yards each

31.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

- + Mandatory Multi-Family / Condominium Recycling:** Requires all multi-family and condominium units to recycle specified materials, including glass food and beverage containers, aluminum cans, newspapers (without plastic bags), household plastic containers, and steel cans.
- + Mandatory Commercial Business Recycling:** Requires commercial establishments to implement a recycling program that includes at least three materials from an approved list, allows use of private haulers or modified recycling programs, and imposes daily fines for noncompliance based on business size.
- + Yard Debris Separation Requirement:** Prohibits commingling yard trash with other solid waste and establishes joint and several liability for violations.

Balloon Release Prohibition: *Ordinance No. 2022-578*—Prohibits the intentional release of balloons to protect public health and the environment, with enforcement provisions and penalties³.

Plastic Beverage Straws Prohibition and “Skip the Straw” Program: *Ordinance No. 2019-543*—Prohibits food and beverage providers from distributing plastic beverage straws unless requested, coupled with a City-led public education campaign to promote alternatives.

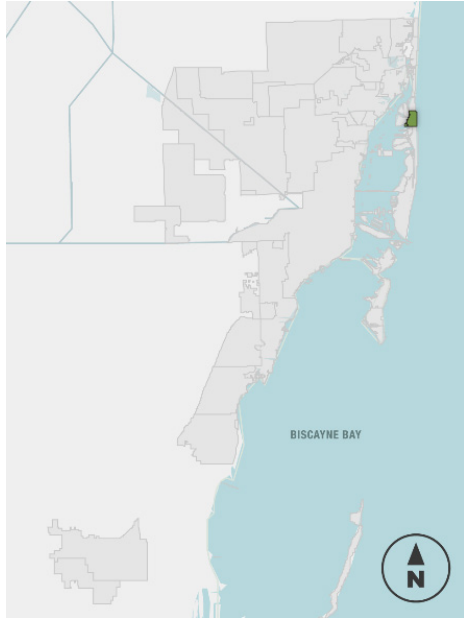


Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Products Prohibition: *Article IV – Polystyrene Products*—Prohibits individuals, temporary vendors, city contractors, and special event permittees from using expanded polystyrene food service articles on City property or in City facilities to reduce environmental hazards.

Fill A Bag Beach Litter Program: Installs beachside stations with reusable bags and buckets to encourage residents and visitors to collect and properly dispose of litter during beach walks.

³ Intentional balloon prohibition is a statewide mandate Florida Statute [§ 379.233](#), enacted as part of House Bill 321 taken effect July 1, 2024.

32 Town of Surfside



The Town of Surfside is located in northeastern Miami-Dade County and encompasses approximately 0.4 square miles. The Town had a population of approximately 5,700 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 5,800 residents. Housing is primarily multifamily, with limited single-family development. Population is expected to remain stable through 2045.

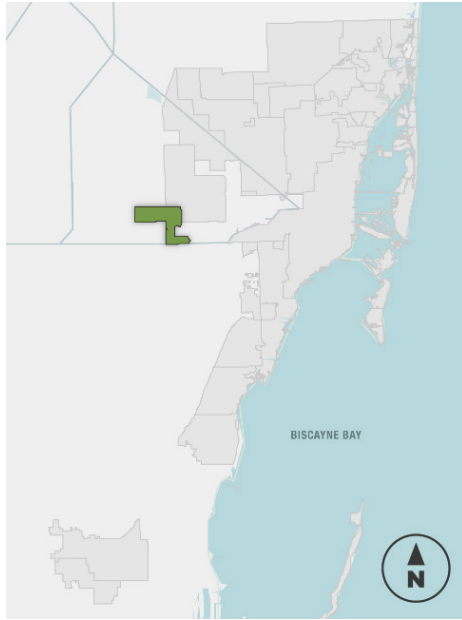
The town currently generates an estimated **5,928–6,032 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Town of Surfside	2 times per week
Recycling	Town of Surfside	1 time per week
Bulky Items & Yard Debris	Town of Surfside	1 time per week

32.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

- + **Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Articles Prohibition:** *Sec. 34-9. - Prohibitions regarding sale or use of expanded polystyrene food service articles by town contractors and special event permittees—* Prohibits food service providers and stores from selling, using, or providing food in expanded polystyrene food service articles, with specified exemptions.
- + **Plastic Straws Prohibition:** *Sec. 34-11. - Prohibition on distribution, sale or use of plastic straws—* Prohibits the use, sale, or distribution of plastic straws by commercial establishments, at Town facilities or property, and by special event permittees.

33 City of Sweetwater



The City of Sweetwater is located in west-central Miami-Dade County and encompasses approximately 1.7 square miles. The City had a population of approximately 19,400 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 21,000 residents. Housing is predominantly multifamily. Population growth is expected to remain modest through 2045.

The city currently generates an estimated **20,176–21,840 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	2 times per week
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (Private Contractor)	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Items & Yard Debris	Miami-Dade County (DSWM)	By appointment; 2 pickups per year, up to 25 cubic yards each

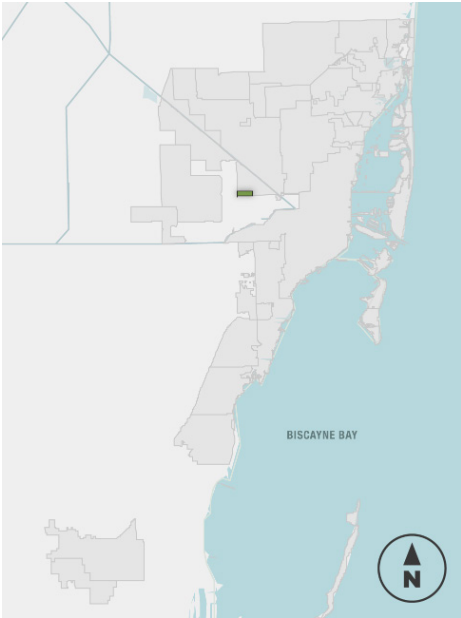
33.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Industrial and Commercial Recycling Requirement: *Sec. 34-106. - Recycling for existing commercial and industrial properties*—Requires all new and existing commercial and industrial properties to deposit designated materials—including concrete, bricks, glass, wood, gypsum, metals, plastics, asphalt, salvaged building materials, and natural debris—into approved recycling containers.



Household Bulk Trash Collection Program: *Division 3. - Household Bulk Trash Collection Program*—Provides each household with up to two bulk trash pickups per year, available by appointment and requiring scheduling at least 48 hours in advance.

34 Village of Virginia Gardens



The Village of Virginia Gardens is located in north-central Miami-Dade County and has a land area of approximately 0.6 square miles. The Village had a population of approximately 2,360 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 2,400 residents. Housing is primarily single-family, with limited multifamily development. Population is expected to remain stable through 2045.

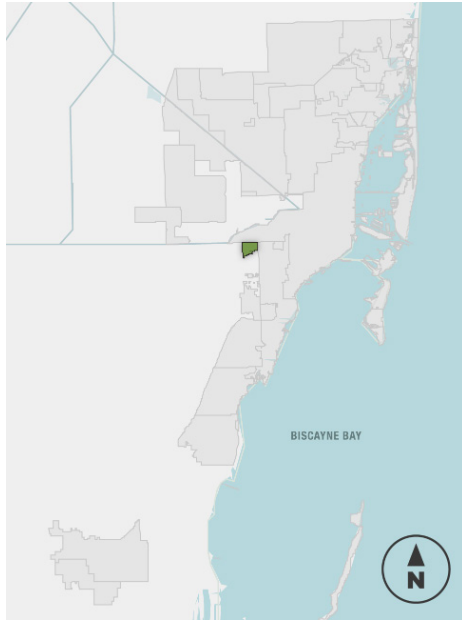
The village currently generates an estimated **2,454–2,496 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Village of Virginia Gardens	2 times per week
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (Private Contractor)	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Items/Trash	Village of Virginia Gardens	Quarterly (every 3 months, 3rd Tuesday)

34.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Municipalities are encouraged to consult the Miami-Dade County Zero Waste Master Plan for model programs and policies that can be adopted and implemented locally.

35 City of West Miami



The City of West Miami is located in west-central Miami-Dade County and encompasses approximately 0.9 square miles. The City had a population of approximately 7,200 residents according to the 2020 Census and is currently estimated to have approximately 7,400 residents. Housing includes a mix of single-family and multifamily development. Population growth is expected to remain minimal through 2045.

The city currently generates an estimated **7,488–7,696 tons** of municipal solid waste per year.

Waste Type	Hauler	Frequency
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	City of West Miami	2 times per week
Recycling	Miami-Dade County (Private Contractor)	1 time every other week (EOW)
Bulky Items/Trash	City of West Miami	Upon request; up to 3 pickups per year

35.1 Key Ordinances and Programs

Garbage and Trash Storage Capacity Requirement: *Sec. 8-2. - Storage facilities required*—Requires residential, commercial, and industrial properties to provide sufficient garbage and trash containers to hold four days of waste for residences and one week of waste for businesses and industrial uses.

Used Tire Disposal Prohibition: *Sec. 8-46. - Dumping or disposal of used tires within City limits unlawful*—Prohibits the dumping or disposal of used tires on any property within the City limits.

36 Conclusion

The municipal summaries demonstrate that Miami-Dade County's 34 municipalities vary widely in population, housing composition, collection service arrangements, collection frequencies, and locally adopted waste reduction policies and programs. While many municipalities already support recycling, bulky waste management, construction and demolition debris diversion, special collection events, and restrictions or voluntary programs addressing single-use materials, the level of implementation is uneven across the County. These existing programs provide an important foundation for advancing the County's Zero Waste Master Plan, particularly where local ordinances, procurement practices, education campaigns, and collection services can be aligned with countywide goals.

Moving forward, continued coordination between Miami-Dade County, DSWM, municipalities, private haulers, residents, and businesses will be essential to expand diversion, reduce contamination, improve access to recycling and organics programs, and strengthen local implementation capacity. Municipalities can build on the programs identified in this appendix by adopting model policies, standardizing service information, expanding public education, and prioritizing initiatives that support waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting, and sustainable materials management. Together, these actions can help create a more consistent and effective countywide approach to waste reduction while allowing each municipality to tailor implementation to its local conditions and community needs.