

Code Enforcement and You: Bulk Service

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The New Year is here and a new bulk and trash schedule has either been delivered or it is in the mail. The Code Enforcement Department managed by Code Services Inc. is in charge of enforcing the bulk ordinance as well as any trash related issues that were passed by the Town Council. The reason for the ordinance was to assure that the residents followed specific guidelines when it comes to the placement of the bulk for trash pickup.

There are a few things that we would like to remind you of as there are key to keeping our Town beautiful. When it comes to bulk pick up, it is picked up every other week (as reflected in the delivered schedule). There are specific areas assigned for the Town and they are Area 1 which encompasses Flamingo in the East to I-75 on the West and Griffin Road on the North to Sheridan Street on the South. Area 2 is located West of I-75 to 185 Way/186 Ave on the West and from Griffin Road on the North to Sheridan Street on the South. The last area is Area 3 from 185way/186 ave West side to State Road 27 on the West and from Griffin Road on the North to Sheridan Street on the South (with the exception of locations within the City of Pembroke Pines). The collection takes place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

As required by code the property owners are required to place bulk out for pick up starting on the Saturday before the collection week (as per the schedule), and up to 7:00 a.m. on the date of the pickup. For example, if your pick up is on Monday, you may place the bulk out for collection on the Saturday prior and no later than 7:00 a.m. on the pickup date. If you place the items after 7:00 a.m. on the pickup date, the items may be left behind as collection takes place early in the day.

Non-withstanding if an issue arises where the items have been left behind on the pickup date, then there are two possibilities: 1) the items were placed above the amount of 12 yards allowed by code (the size of a VW Car), or they are larger than the allowed length for each piece; or 4'-0", and they will be tagged by SWS to indicate such; or 2) the items were placed too late for pickup on that date or after 7:00 a.m. on the date of collection.

If the items are placed in violation of what was indicated above, then Code Enforcement is required to issue a warning notice of violation for the first time, and a civil violation notice for any other occurrence. A warning notice does not carry any penalty, but a civil violation carries a penalty of \$500.00 per occurrence plus any administrative fees that may be assessed by the Special Magistrate at a hearing. We make every effort to provide information to the residents so no civil penalties are issued, as such a schedule of pick is provided along with any warnings.

We are here to help you understand the process and get those items picked up if they were left behind by mistake. As such please contact the Town as soon as possible to resolve the issue. Code Enforcement works with all residents to make sure that all their needs are met.