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We all breathed a sigh of relief when the storm took a wobble to the east and spared our county devastating hurricane force winds. Even though we were not declared a disaster area, there are still local recovery efforts going on.

All of the fallen trees, branches, palm fronds and other yard waste generated by Hurricane Matthew have created a lot more yard waste than usual. In addition, residents appear to be throwing away larger items from their garages and yards they may have moved or stored during their storm preparation, but may now feel they don't need or want any longer.

The volume of waste is also higher because regular waste collection service was cancelled on Thursday and Friday last week

The comparison of Monday collection weights the past few weeks is:

- Oct. 10 – 9,313 tons
- Oct. 3 – 6,938 tons
- Sept. 26 – 6,664 tons

The comparison of Tuesday collection weights the past few weeks is:

- Oct. 11 – 8,599 tons
- Oct. 4 – 6,930 tons
- Sept. 27 – 6,027 tons

With this increase of almost 40 percent in the amount of waste on Monday, the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County and the municipalities are working to assure that garbage, recyclables and yard waste collection is occurring as quickly and efficiently as possible. It is expected that garbage and recycling collection services will be back to normal next week but yard waste collections may take a week or two longer.

Should residents have any questions or concerns on a possible missed collection, please call SWA Customer Service at 561-697-2700; toll-free from southern and western Palm Beach County at 866-792-4636, or email them at <mailto:contactCIS@swa.org>.

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The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County is a Dependent Special District that was created by the Florida Legislature in 1975. Since then, the SWA has developed an award-winning integrated solid waste management system to handle the county's waste and recyclables. We call ourselves AWAY: whether you throw it, recycle it or flush it AWAY, we put your waste to work. Each year, we:

- Process approximately 100,000 tons of recyclables<<http://www.swa.org/RecycleRight>> each year
- Burn approximately 1.6 million tons of trash each year to generate electricity at two renewable energy facilities<<http://swa.org/364/Renewable-Energy-Facilities>>
- Produce enough electricity to power approximately 74,000 homes
- Recycle 150,000 tons of wastewater treatment residuals<<http://swa.org/353/Biosolids-Processing-Facility>> (sludge from flushes) into environmentally-friendly fertilizer
- Safely dispose of more than 3.2 million pounds of home hazards<<http://swa.org/171/Home-Chemical-Disposal>> a year
- Collect water off of the roofs of Renewable Energy Facility 2<<http://swa.org/375/Palm-Beach-Renewable-Energy-Facility-2>> and store it in a 2 million gallon cistern, which is used as part of the energy making process

With the recent changes to the SWA's website, anyone can now sign up to receive SWA news, calendar updates, jobs, or other Web postings of interest by signing up online<<http://www.swa.org/list.aspx>>. Should you sign up online to receive SWA's news releases, we can remove you from this distribution by sending a REMOVE reply to this email.

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