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What is a Transfer Station:

Waste transfer stations are facilities where municipal (residential and commercial) solid waste and recyclables are unloaded from smaller capacity collection vehicles and briefly held while being “transferred” into larger more efficient long-distance transport vehicles for shipment to further processing and disposal facilities. Authority transfer stations also provide residents a convenient drop off location for all household hazardous materials.

By combining the loads of several smaller waste collection trucks into a larger capacity transfer trailer, communities save money on the labor, capital and operating costs of collecting waste from within their community. Transfer Stations reduce the total number of vehicular trips traveling to and from the processing or disposal site. Waste transfer stations reduce hauling costs by enabling collection crews to spend less time traveling to distant facilities and more time collecting waste. Transfer stations ultimately result in the reduction of gross miles driven, fuel consumed, reduced traffic congestion on our roadways, less road wear, less overall air emissions and improved waste system efficiency resulting in lower overall collection costs.

Typically a modern transfer station is an enclosed building approximately 50 feet high allowing sufficient height for collection vehicles to tip the truck to unload their waste onto a concrete tipping floor. Equipment inside the building load the waste into much larger capacity trailers parked below on the first floor of the transfer station where the waste is compacted and evenly distributed in the trailer. The load is then tarped to prevent littering, weighed and then safely transported to final processing site.

At the end of the day, to keep conditions sanitary, all garbage is removed from the floor. Floors are washed on a routine basis. Waste water from transfer stations is generally collected and treated at publically owned wastewater treatment facilities. All waste is removed on a first in first out basis which mitigates the potential of odor. It is important to note that a transfer station is not a “disposal” facility but a “collection” point designed for the efficient transfer of waste and recyclables to the next processing area.
Who operates and is responsible for Transfer Stations?
The Solid Waste Authority of Palm beach County (SWA) is a dependent special taxing district established in 1974 by Special Act of the Florida State Legislature. Under this act the SWA is responsible for developing and implementing plans for an integrated countywide solid waste management system comprised of the following: source reduction, recycling, composting, combustion and land filling to serve Palm Beach County. The SWA owns and operates six (6) transfer stations strategically located in Palm Beach County.
The SWA Waste Transfer System:
The Authority has developed one of the most state of the art and sophisticated transfer systems recognized in the waste industry. Our award winning transfer system blends aesthetics (facility design and landscaping) with the ability to efficiently and cost effectively transfer waste and recyclables.

In Palm Beach County the Authority operates six (6) waste transfer stations centrally located near urban population bases within Palm Beach County (see attached map). Typically, SWA transfer stations receive about 70% of all waste generated within the Authority system. In normal operations there is one outgoing transfer load for every 5 incoming waste loads to an Authority transfer station. During a normal year the Authority transfer system transports 60,000 trips amounting to over 1.2 million tons of transported waste.

All SWA Transfer Stations provide for the convenient drop off of all residential and commercial solid waste, recyclables, vegetation and also allow for residents to conveniently drop off all household hazardous waste materials.

SWA is committed to excellence in our operations and we understand that excellence starts with our staff. We employ highly trained and skilled staff to operate the transfer stations. Each facility employs Certified Transfer Station Operators and also trained waste spotters to ensure that operations are conducted in a manner to prevent any adverse impacts. The Authority employs well qualified Commercial Drivers with demonstrated experience and proven safe driving records. Transfer Station Supervisors are all professionals with extensive experience operating and maintaining waste transfer systems.

To schedule a tour of any of our SWA facilities please call 561-640-4000 (ext 4409 or 4322)
Authority Transfer Stations utilize different architectural elements which are incorporated into the design to allow the facility to blend in with the surrounding community.

All Solid Waste Authority transfer stations are well managed and landscaped with native Florida vegetation. Our goal has always been to ensure that our transfer facilities are built and operated in a manner to blend in with surrounding communities with no adverse impacts to our neighbors.
South County Transfer Station (Delray Beach)
1901 SW 4th Avenue
Delray Beach, FL 33444
M-F 7:00 AM to 5:00PM
Sat: 7:00 AM to 3:00PM
Sun: Closed

West Central Transfer Station (Royal Palm Beach)
9743 Process Drive
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411
M-F 7:00 AM to 5:00PM
Sat: 7:00 AM to 3:00PM
Sun: Closed

North County Transfer Station (Jupiter)
14185 N. Military trail
Jupiter, FL 33458
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