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**Trash Collection Service Changes Coming Soon**

On January 2, 2012, Republic Services, Inc., also known as Seaside Sanitation will begin providing trash collection services for all subscribing Hernando County residents. Republic Services will replace Central Carting, Inc. (Choice Environmental) and Waste Management, Inc.

All existing solid waste collection franchises expired September 30, 2011. After advertising for sealed bids, on June 22, 2011, the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners awarded the term contract to the lowest, responsible and responsive bidder – Republic Services, Inc., also known as Seaside Sanitation. Seaside Sanitation has provided trash collection services in the northwestern part of Hernando County since 1979.

Both Waste Management and Choice Environmental agreed to extend their services from September 30th to December 31, 2011, with Republic Services taking over on January 2, 2012.

Hernando County staff has been working closely with Republic Services to ensure an efficient transition and to notify residents of the change. Fliers and *Frequently Asked Questions* information sheets will be mailed or delivered to all customers by Republic Services in December. The information is also available now at [http://www.hernandocounty.us/utis/SolidWaste\\_Recycling/franchise.htm](http://www.hernandocounty.us/utis/SolidWaste_Recycling/franchise.htm)

**Four public information meetings** have been scheduled where residents may ask questions and obtain more information about the transition.

**Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

**2:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Knights of Columbus  
10470 Spring Hill Drive  
Spring Hill, FL**

**Monday, December 12, 2011**

**6:00 pm – Trash Collection Q and A  
7:00 pm - Meeting  
Ridge Manor Property Owners Association Meeting  
Ridge Manor Community Center  
34240 Cortez Blvd.  
Ridge Manor, FL**

**Tuesday, December 13, 2011**

**5:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
County Commission Meeting Room  
Hernando County Government Center  
20 N. Main St,  
Brooksville, FL**

**Thursday, January 5, 2012**

**6:00 pm  
Hernando Beach Homeowners Association  
Coast Guard Auxiliary Building  
4340 Calienta St.  
Hernando Beach, FL**

Below is a summary of the changes customers may expect:

- Weekly curbside recycling instead of every other week
- Yard waste pick up twice a month versus no separate pick up
- Blue trucks instead of green
- Garbage pick up remains twice a week, either Monday & Thursday or Tuesday & Friday - those with Wednesday & Saturday collections will be notified of their new days

For additional information about the upcoming change in trash collection services, call the Hernando County Solid Waste Division at (352) 754-4112.

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