



# Customer Pipeline

**Emerald Coast Utilities Authority**

## Main Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Property Goes 'Back to the Future'



On August 9, 2012, ECUA officials laid sod and uncovered a "For Sale" sign to officially announce the availability of the 19-acre downtown parcel and site of the former Main Street Wastewater Treatment Plant (MSWWTP), for redevelopment opportunities.

ECUA Board members - Chairman Elvin McCorvey (District 3); Dale Perkins

(District 4); and Dr. Larry Walker (District 5), along with ECUA Executive Director Stephen E. Sorrell, Charles Carlan, of Hatch Mott MacDonald, and of Fred Donovan, Baskerville Donovan, Inc., were on hand to provide a brief recap of the Main Street Replacement Project and to ceremoniously present the site "Back to the Future" of our community.

Originally designed and constructed in 1937, the MSWWTP underwent numerous expansions in the 1970s and mid-1990s. The plant was officially taken off-line on April 28, 2011 and the bid for the MSWWTP demolition was issued the following month. Seven competitive bids were received and on June 23, 2011, in a vote of 4-0, ECUA Board members selected Cross Environmental Services (CES), Inc., of Crystal Springs, Florida. CES submitted the winning bid of \$734,617.00, saving the Authority \$2,765,383.00 in demolition costs over initial estimates for the work. CES began demolition activities on August 15, 2011, with a focus on ECUA's concerns for environmental considerations. The demolition process emerged as an environmental success story with the inclusion of a defined effort to reduce the project's impact by reusing and recycling materials recovered from the former plant.



## RecycleMania at Pensacola Beach

Come join us on **Saturday, October 13, 2012 from 8:00 am to noon at Casino Beach** (Via DeLuna and Fort Pickens Road) for **RecycleMania Pensacola Beach**.

Learn about our many environmental initiatives: the Household Hazardous Waste Program, Bulky Waste Pick-up; Fats Oils & Grease (FOG); and even the Pharmaceutical Round-Up Program. It'll also be a chance to see our new ECUA Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and "Clean-Green ECO-Machine" Hybrid sanitation trucks. We'll also announce the winners of the Pensacola Beach Elementary School's recycling coloring contest.

Once there, you can pick up a "What Can I Recycle?" magnet, browse the yard sale and take advantage of on-site shredding services for up to 50 lbs. of paper, which will naturally be recycled!

All in all, it will be an information-fest for island residents, condo owners, and beach businesses about Pensacola Beach Recycling.

The event is sponsored by the Pensacola Beach Advocates' Beachkeepers group. It will be a great day -- See you there!



**Save the DATE:** The next Pharmaceutical Take-Back Program in Escambia County will be on Saturday, October 27, 2012. Use this opportunity to safely dispose of medications that are out-of-date or no longer needed. Look for full details in next month's issue of the *Customer PipeLine*.

## ECUA Sanitation Services Keep Getting Better & Better

We're proud of our recycling programs at ECUA, but we like to think that our other Sanitation programs and services are as noteworthy, and we are always looking for ways to enhance them. We believe in continuous process improvement to provide better value and convenience to all of our customers. Our imminent transition to a natural gas vehicle (NGV) Sanitation fleet is one such example. Savings from this effort will allow us to enhance the following services without a rate impact on our customers:



### Bulky Waste Program

Our regular Bulky Waste Program is designed for the pick-up of furniture, appliances and other household items that are too large to fit in the green automated can. This free service was previously offered as a one bulky waste pick-up per calendar month. **On August 1, this became a regular weekly service with no call-in requirement.** All you need to do is place your bulky waste item(s) at the curb by 5:30 a.m. on your regular pick-up day, and the items will be collected. No fuss, no muss!

### Yard Waste Service

Yard waste service is provided weekly as part of residential sanitation service for pick-up of vegetative debris such as: leaves, pine straw, grass clippings and small prunings. As with our other residential services, our crews get an early start every day, so please have your yard trash at the curb prior to 5:30 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Also, remember to separate your yard trash from any other items you are placing at the curb for collection.

As of **August 1**, we have significantly increased the amount of yard waste that can be put out for collection weekly. That's right, we now accept two 6' W x 6' D x 6' H piles, and up to 20 plastic yard trash bags or cans.

**Please keep in mind that anything left in the right-of-way on your regular collection day may be mistaken for a bulky waste item or a yard trash bag.** Always

be mindful to not place items that are not meant for disposal in the right-of-way to avoid inadvertent pick-ups. For a complete list of guidelines for the yard and bulky waste programs, and a list of eligible recycling items, please visit our website at [www.ecua.fl.gov](http://www.ecua.fl.gov), or call ECUA Customer Service at 476-0480.



## Ensuring Your Home is a 'No Fly Zone'

Flies and maggots are a common, naturally-occurring problem for many municipal sanitation collection programs. Maggots are fly larvae and occur when flies lay eggs on organic waste. They typically have a 7-day life cycle with fluctuations depending on temperatures and other conditions such as moisture. Maggots are more common in warmer climates. To prevent maggots from developing, we have to prevent mature flies from laying eggs in the garbage can by eliminating odors and reducing their access to the inside of the can. The following tips can help you establish your "No Fly Zone."

Remember to:

- Seal food waste in bags before placing in a larger garbage bag.
- Place bagged organic waste (shrimp shells, chicken bones, etc.) in the freezer. Discard these wastes in your garbage can the night before your scheduled pick-up.
- Seal garbage bags as tightly as possible before placing in the garbage can.
- Keep the garbage can's lid closed as much as possible.
- Put your green can out for collection every week, even if it isn't full.
- When cleaning out your refrigerator, wait until the day before your collection day, rather than the day after.
- Diatomaceous Earth is a natural fossil product that kills maggots, slugs, etc. Check garden centers and nurseries for availability.
- Store your garbage can in a well-ventilated area.

Finally, sanitation is important to reducing odors. Your green can should be cleaned regularly using a solution of bleach and water, or vinegar and water. Mild soaps can also be used to clean your can. Hose it off, inside and out, and be sure to dry the can thoroughly before use.