



Cover Memorandum/Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
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THROUGH: Terrence R. Moore, ICMA-CM
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PROCLAMATION - AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City of Delray Beach proclaim and recognize November 15, 2025, as America Recycles Day and encourage all residents to continue to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink their waste whether they are at work, home, school or play, and to Recycle Right every day by putting the correct items in their blue and yellow recycle bins!

Background:

Recycling is a process that allows materials that would otherwise be wasted to be manufactured into new materials and used again. By decreasing landfill waste and conserving important natural resources, recycling can mitigate pollution, save energy, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Common items such as paper, cardboard, food and beverage containers made from plastics, aluminum, and glass are known to be recyclables, but so are many other household products, such as cleaners, pesticides, rechargeable batteries, paints and electronics.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency released the 2020 Recycling Economic Information Report, which showed that recycling and reuse activities in the United States accounted for: 681,000 jobs, \$37.8 billion in wages, and \$5.5 billion in tax revenues. This equated to 1.17 jobs for every 1,000 tons of materials recycled.

Using plastic and aluminum recycled materials in manufacturing reduces the energy required for processing by more than 75%, leading to significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Palm Beach county residents and businesses "Recycled Right," and with the inclusion of Renewable Energy Credits, had a recycling rate of 90% in 2024, the highest rate among all counties in the state for three years in a row.

The City of Delray Beach recycled 2,722.84 tons of material in FY24-25 and continues efforts to increase that rate through education of residents and businesses.

