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**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGE –
NO GARBAGE, YARD WASTE, AND RECYCLING
COLLECTIONS ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW
YEARS HOLIDAY**

FORT MYERS, Fla. (December 17, 2008) – All GARBAGE, RECYCLING, and YARD WASTE COLLECTIONS in unincorporated Lee County, the City of Bonita Springs and Town of Fort Myers Beach are performed ONE DAY AFTER THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED COLLECTION DAY in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Day holiday. This schedule starts December 25th, 2008 for the remainder of the week and again January 1, 2009 for the remainder of the week. Regular collection schedules will resume Monday, January 5th, 2009.

Please recycle all gift boxes and wrapping paper. Dispose of live Christmas trees curbside for pick up on the yard waste collection day. Residents in multi-family units please contact the Management Company for details. Please remove lights, ornaments, and tree stand. Thank you.

Holiday Schedule for the Household Chemical Waste Collection Facility on Topaz Court:

This facility is closed on 12/25, open from 8 - 5 on Friday 12/26, closed 12/27 and 12/28, open 12/29 through 12/31, closed 1/1 and 1/2, and open from 8 - Noon on Saturday 1/3/2009. Regular schedule resumes 1/5/2009.

Recycling: During the holiday season we tend to generate much more garbage than usual. A substantial portion, between 20% and 25%, of it is recyclable. Aluminum pie tins, plastic and glass bottles, aluminum beverage cans, mayo and relish jars, plastic whipped topping tubs, all **cardboard including gift and shoe boxes, wrapping paper, tissue paper**, as well as **sales fliers and catalogs, can be recycled.** Cardboard boxes need to be flattened (very large boxes need to be broken down to 4 ft x 6 ft). Should customers find that they have more recyclable material than usual and the blue bin is already at capacity, a paper grocery bag may be used to accommodate the excess material. Cardboard can be neatly placed next to the recycling container. Please do not use plastic bags for containers of recyclable material!

The Solid Waste Division thanks the residents for participating in the Lee County Recycling Program and for ultimately preserving precious natural resources.

For a complete list of recyclable items and material accepted at our household chemical waste and electronics recycling program visit our website at www.leegov.com/solidwaste.

We wish all Lee County residents safe holiday season and look forward to serving you in 2009.