

## **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT Fiscal Year 2010-2011**

The Alachua County solid waste management programs are funded through a non-ad valorem assessment in both incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county. This assessment first took effect October 1, 1997.

Alachua, Archer, Gainesville, Hawthorne, High Springs, Micanopy, Newberry and Waldo adopted ordinances allowing the assessment inside their municipal limits, all of which expire September 30, 2010. LaCrosse did not pass the ordinance and is currently paying a per ton surcharge at the Transfer Station.

The Solid Waste Management Assessment covers the cost of the:

1. Waste Alternatives program,
2. Environmental Protection program, and
3. Approximately 36% of the Rural Collection Center program.

The Waste Alternatives program provides public information on source reduction and separation, recycling, composting, household hazardous waste and litter prevention through an advertising campaign targeting all residents of the County and conducts special recycling events for all residents. This program also provides educational programs for kindergarten through post secondary students, and coordinates and manages the State Recycling and Education grants. All activities are county-wide and include all municipalities. **This program is a benefit to Residential and Commercial Property.**

The Environmental Protection program provides collection, recycling and disposal of household hazardous waste through the Hazardous Waste Collection Center as well as through appointment-based household hazardous waste collection. In addition, the program provides hazardous waste clean-up project management, field inspections for environmental regulatory compliance and technical assistance to the County's Office of Waste Management. All activities are countywide and include all municipalities. **Approximately 32 percent of the cost of this program is a benefit to Commercial Property, and approximately 68 percent is a benefit to Residential Property.**

The Rural Collection Centers provide drop-off sites for residential solid waste, recycling and non-toxic household hazardous waste. The Rural Collection Centers are funded through two sources. Approximately 64 percent of the funds come from the Rural Collection Center assessment (assessed to rural residents of the County) and about 36 percent from the Solid Waste Management assessment (assessed to all residents of the County except for rural residents). The proportion from each funding source is based upon surveys of users of the collection centers to determine what percentage are rural residents as compared to municipal and County mandatory residents. All activities are countywide and include all municipalities. **This program is a benefit to Residential Property.**