

## 2.5 SOLID WASTE

**Goal: Provide an environmentally safe and cost effective system for solid waste collection, transfer and disposal.**

***Objective 1** There are no solid waste facility deficiencies at this time, and none are foreseen throughout the planning time frame; however, it is the County's objective to ensure no future deficiencies through cost accountability, reduction of waste stream, continued well monitoring in landfill facilities, and closure of public or private solid waste transfer/disposal facilities if deemed necessary.*

**Policy 1.1** The recycling program initiated in Okaloosa County with the cooperation of most municipalities within the County shall be continued so State waste reduction goals are met. Further, the County shall continue to provide for the disposal of organic matter (trees, construction debris, yard trimmings, etc.) through a variety of techniques including, on-site composting and mulching.

**Policy 1.2** The County shall remain in compliance with FDEP-required water quality monitoring at operational transfer stations and landfills and at locations that have been closed to provide reasonable assurance of detection of water quality violations if they occur.

***Objective 2** The County will maximize the use of existing and future facilities and will coordinate the extension of or increase in capacity of solid waste disposal facilities to meet future needs by continued cooperation with applicable agencies and regional authorities and by development of a County Solid Waste Master Plan by the year 2001.*

**Policy 2.1** The County will continue to coordinate with the Regional Utility Authority in the consideration of future regional solid waste disposal alternatives.

**Policy 2.2** By 2000 the County will hire a consultant to prepare an RFP for the comprehensive collection, transfer and disposal of solid waste including recyclables, waste tires and white goods, and hazardous wastes, and will make the decision to negotiate a contract with one or more private contractors and/or to assume County responsibility for some or all aspects of solid waste management.

**Policy 2.3** Until the solid waste contract is finalized in 2000, the County shall continue to utilize its franchised solid waste collection and transfer program and dispose of solid waste at the regional landfill in Jackson County.

**Policy 2.4** The County will provide facilities as scheduled in the Capital Improvements Element.

**Policy 2.5** The LOS standard for solid waste collection and disposal shall be six (6) pounds per capita per day.

**Policy 2.6** The County will monitor growth to ensure that the solid waste level of service standard is maintained concurrent with development.