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City of Fort Pierce Begins Single-Stream Cart Recycling with Grand Opening of Waste Management's New Facility

The City of Fort Pierce and Waste Management will host a "First Truck" ceremony to mark the opening of its new \$1.5 million Fort Pierce Transfer Station at 3890 Selvitz Road on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. The event will kick-off the city's new Single-Stream Cart recycling program and is open to the public.

Approximately 5,000, 64-gallon blue carts on wheels are currently being delivered to Fort Pierce households to expand recycling capacity and collection at the new facility. The Waste Management Fort Pierce Transfer Station can accept up to 150 tons of municipal solid waste, construction and demolition debris, recyclables and bulk materials for sorting and transfer.

"Our new cart recycling program gives residents expanded capacity to recycle more household items, keeping trash out of our landfills and improving the environment," said Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson. "The City of Fort Pierce is pleased to mark this expanded recycling program as well as the opening of the new transfer station. Residents currently recycle about 15% of their waste and our goal is to increase that to 45% with the new carts," added Hudson.

Fort Pierce residents can put all recyclables into the blue carts including cardboard, newspapers, mixed paper, boxboard and paper cartons, plastic bottles and containers, steel and aluminum cans, and glass bottles and jars. Remaining waste will be transported to Waste Management's Okeechobee Landfill for disposal.

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