

# ODED'S WEEKLY REPORT

04-10-2026

**ENTRY MONUMENT WATERFALL SURVEY** - The following is an important message and request by your dedicated Board of Directors. Please take a moment to read in participate in this survey.

The Board of Directors is asking for your input as we consider the future of our entry monument waterfall.

We invite the owner of each lot to complete a short survey. It should take about two minutes and can be completed on a smartphone, tablet, or computer.

The purpose of the survey is simple. We would like to better understand whether owners prefer to retain the current waterfall or explore other options.

Because this invitation is being distributed broadly, some households may receive it more than once through email, Engage, or e-Notification. That is intentional, as we want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to participate. Even so, we respectfully ask that only one response be submitted per lot. If more than one response is received for the same lot, the Board will screen for duplicates during the review process. To help us do that, the survey asks for your name and lot address. That information will be used only for internal verification purposes. Individual responses and private information will not be publicly disclosed.

For anyone who prefers a paper copy, printed surveys will also be available at the clubhouse or upon request in PDF form.

You may access the survey by:

- Clicking [HERE](#)
- Scanning the QR code on the right, or
- Using one of the two web address below:
  - 1. <https://tinyurl.com/Waterfall-Survey>
  - 2. <https://forms.office.com/r/Y8hTrEYBBX>



Survey's QR

The survey will remain available through noon on Monday, April 20, 2026. The Board expects to compile and share the survey results no later than Friday, April 24, 2026.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact any Board member.

Thank you for taking a few moments to participate. Your input is important and appreciated.

Sincerely,

Your LakeRidge Falls Board of Directors

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**BULK COLLECTION PILOT PROGRAM** – As you all know, Manatee County launched last year a new program which consolidated all pick-up dates into one day while utilizing a 96-gallon gray garbage bin, which was designed, per Manatee County to “...accommodate increased waste volumes, reduce litter, and support the County waste haulers as they transition to more efficient, automated collection systems.” After the new bin, which is three times the size of an average garbage bin, proved to be problematic due to its size, Manatee County amended the program by exchanging, at no cost, the large 96-gallon bin with a smaller one for those who requested it.

With the above in mind, this week, a couple of long-time members of this community shared with us yet another important piece of information regarding this subject matter: a new pilot program Manatee County is launching, starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. After the new Big Bin Advantage was launched last year, residents who want to dispose of bulk items, which used to be picked up at no charge, had to arrange, for a \$59 fee, of course, for a pickup day with Manatee County Utilities Dept. As a result, complaints from residents led County Officials to reevaluate the subject matter.

On its [website](#), Manatee County advised on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, that:

***“The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners has approved the launch of a Bulk Collection Pilot Program by Manatee County Utilities beginning May 1, 2026, expanding curbside bulk pickup service for residents while collecting data to help evaluate future service options. Under the pilot program, residential customers will be able to have two bulk items picked up at the curb on a predetermined scheduled regular service day once per month, for a total of 12 collections per year, with no rate changes at this time. The program will also include one annual bulk collection per property (of up to 10 cubic yards) of the same material... Certain items, including tires and white goods (appliances), as well as the annual large-bulk pickup, will require advance scheduling through the***

***County’s Customer Self-Service Portal at [mymanatee.org/css](#). Household hazardous waste and electronic scrap services will not change as part of the pilot program and will continue to not be collected curbside. Manatee County residents may continue to drop off these materials free of charge at the Lena Road Landfill, and the County will continue offering four remote household hazardous waste drop-off events each year. More information is available at [mymanatee.org/hhw](#).”***

We hope you find this information helpful and thank all residents who share such information with the rest of the community.”





**BULK COLLECTION OPTIONS NOW AVAILABLE**  
Pilot Program for Bulk Collection Begins May 1

Monthly Bulk Collection

Residents can put two (2) bulk items at the curbside for disposal once per month on their designated day.

Residents will have a scheduled bulk collection day, by zone. This information will be available on the [Resident Information Tool](#) prior to May 1.



Annual Bulk Collection

Residents can schedule one (1) bulk collection once per year via their Customer Self-Service Portal ([mymanatee.org/css](#)) or calling 311. Bulk items can take up no more than 10 cubic yards. Find program specifics for material type, such as tires and white goods, at [mymanatee.org/bigbin](#).

NOTE: Do NOT dispose of rechargeable batteries in regular or bulk collection. Visit [mymanatee.org/hhw](#) to learn more.

\*For residential properties in Unincorporated Manatee County only



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**COYOTES SIGHTING** – This week received a report of a wildlife sighting. This time around it was a coyote that was roaming near residential lanais along the south side of the Mitigation Area. Therefore, this is a great opportunity to remind residents about life in LakeRidge Falls alongside wildlife.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) advises that *“[c]oyotes are not large animals and rarely pose a threat to people, especially adults. They can be curious but are also timid and generally run away if challenged. If a coyote approaches too closely, there are methods you can use to deter and frighten it away. Hazing the animal by making loud noises and acting aggressively will typically cause a coyote to leave an area, but you may need to increase and continue hazing efforts until the coyote is effectively deterred and leaves the area for good.”*

As before, we encourage all to visit the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's website to read more about coyotes in Florida. You can also gain access to the website by clicking [here](#). Thank you in advance for your attention and consideration regarding this important matter.



Have a quiet and safe weekend,

Oded Neeman, LakeRidge Falls Community Manager