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Lee County's recycling numbers climb at year's end

FORT MYERS, FL (Jan. 22, 2015) – Lee County residents recycled 1,500 tons more material in the last two months of 2014 than in the same period a year ago.

Thanks to active participation by both residents and businesses, recycling tonnage in December climbed to 7,942 tons, up from 7,073 tons in 2013. All material received is sorted, baled and sent to secondary markets for reuse. Aluminum and high-density polyethylene – those plastics marked with #2 on the bottom – continue to be the most valuable commodities for resale. Revenue generated from selling the commodities goes back into the Solid Waste system to help keep collection rates stable.

The Lee County Solid Waste Department is a nationally-recognized enterprise system providing residents and businesses safe, affordable waste disposal and recycling services. The system utilizes an energy-from-waste combustion process to create clean, renewable energy and single-stream recycling for material recovery. For more information visit our website at leegov.com/solidwaste.