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## **BEST TRASH COMPANY IN NASSAU'S READERS CHOICE 2021: MERIDIAN WASTE**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., (June 24, 2021) – Meridian Waste, an integrated, non-hazardous solid waste services company, has been voted the Nassau County Record's *Best Trash Company* for the second consecutive year.

"Once again, we've been voted as the favorite waste management firm by a majority of local newspaper readers, and we couldn't be prouder," said Meridian Waste Area President Dave Shepler. "Our team works hard for the community, and it's wonderful to be recognized for our efforts on the front lines of so many clean and healthy neighborhoods."

Meridian Waste Florida brings together a team of experts in the environmental services industry comprising 20 to 30 years of professionalism. The full Meridian Waste Florida team of 25 employees is led by:

- Dave Shepler is a 30-year industry veteran serving as the Area President for Meridian Waste Florida. He is responsible for all aspects of the solid waste collections operation which includes more than 10,000 residential customers, and 1,250 commercial and industrial customers.
- Marty Kelly, Facility Manager, brings 30 years of experience in the environmental services industry and is an expert in maintenance from maintaining facilities, fixing equipment, procurement of parts and materials, and operational management.
- Donna West, Office Manager and Customer Care team leader, brings 20 years of experience, including customer service, billing, and specializing in community and municipal relationship building. For example, Meridian Waste entries in local parades and event activities will be orchestrated by West who knowledgeably represents the company.
- Ricky Rochester, Residential Manager has nearly 13 years of experience in the industry. Rochester knows the business from his dedication as a garbageman who works closely with residential customers along his routes. He oversees all residential collections and truck routing in addition to the overall safety of his drivers and helper teams.
- Ricky Williams, Commercial Manager, has been in the industry for 25 years. Currently, he oversees all commercial business efforts including roll-off container deliveries for Duval County and Nassau County.

Meridian Waste Florida provides municipal and open-subscription residential solid waste collection, commercial solid waste collection, recycling, yard waste, bulk waste, and roll-off container rental services. Currently, the Company serves Nassau County and surrounding areas including Yulee, Hilliard, Callahan, and Amelia Island, and commercial services for Duval County. For more information, visit the website at [MeridianWaste.com/FL](https://MeridianWaste.com/FL)

**Photo 1:** Marty Kelly and Ricky Rochester proudly display the 2021 Reader's Choice certificate.



### **About Meridian Waste**

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Meridian Waste is a company defined by its commitment to servicing its customers, caring for and engaging its employees, and generating financial value for its shareholders while delivering a clean and healthy community. The company's core waste business is centered on residential, commercial, and industrial non-hazardous waste collection and disposal. Currently, the company operates in Northeast Fla., Augusta, Ga., St. Louis, Mo., Raleigh, N.C., Greenville, S.C., Knoxville, Tenn., Blacksburg, Va., Harrisonburg, Va., and Richmond, Va. servicing more than 129,905 residential, commercial, industrial, and governmental customers. In addition to a fleet of commercial, residential, and roll-off trucks, the company operates 11 hauling companies, seven transfer stations/materials recycling facilities (MRFs), three municipal solid waste landfills, and three C&D landfills in which 907,756 tons of waste are safely disposed of annually. For more information, visit [MeridianWaste.com](http://MeridianWaste.com).

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