

The City of Ocala generates biosolids sludge at its two (2) Water Reclamation Facilities. Only Class I landfills can accept these biosolids. Under our current contract we travel 45 minutes one-way to the A.C.M.S. Heart of Florida landfill in Lake Panasoffkee in Sumter County. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) lists forty-one (41) Class I landfills in Florida. Landfills located within three hours driving distance one-way were contacted.

- Inverness Accepts Citrus County only. Their price for their own WWTP biosolids is \$ 110.00 per ton.
- Tomoka Farms, Port Orange No biosolids accepted. Hazardous waste is \$ 200.00 per ton.
- Winfield Waste, Lake City Columbia County only. No biosolids accepted.
- Palatka, Putnam County Putnam County only.
- Union County New River Baker, Bradford, and Union County only. Their price for their own WWTP biosolids is \$ 58.00 per ton.
- Pasco County Pasco County only.
- Hernando County Hernando County only. No commercial waste accepted.
- Lake County, Tavares Lake County only. No biosolids accepted.
- Manatee County, Bradenton Outside Manatee County biosolids 'Triple-Charged' at \$ 183.00 per ton.
- Brevard County Brevard County only.
- Hillsborough County No biosolids accepted.
- Orange County Orange County only. \$ 43.26 per ton.
- Seminole County Cannot guarantee daily access for outside counties.
- Aucilla, Greenville No outside county accepted.
- Sarasota Non-responsive.
- Hardee County, Wauchula No biosolids taken.
- Lithia No outside county accepted.
- Pinellas County, St. Pete No outside county accepted.
- Polk County, Winter Haven No biosolids accepted.
- Bartow Not accepting biosolids. At capacity.
- Merrell Brothers Non-responsive.

Approving our new contract with A.C.M.S. at \$ 62.00 per ton is currently our best option and will allow us time to investigate other possibilities in the future, including working with consulting Engineers and examining potential capital improvements at the Treatment Facilities.

Additionally, our contact at A.C.M.S. informed me that we have been profiting the last five years from our original contract price of approximately \$ 35.00 per ton. They honored our Agreement while quoting higher rates to new customers these past five years. First quarter A.C.M.S. 2025 rates now start at \$ 65.00 per ton and go up to \$ 80.00 per ton for biosolids.