

Is it Legal to Put Flyers in Mailboxes?

History

- The United States Postal Service, or USPS, was founded in 1775 as a division of the government, which means USPS has the right to make legal restrictions.

Payment of Postage

- Recipients should not submit any mail without postage to a mailbox, according to the USPS Recipient Services (3.1 Use for Mail). This includes items the sender places inside the mailbox, attaches to the mailbox or hangs outside the mailbox. If a letter carrier finds materials in a mailbox without postage, he can charge the recipient for it.

Fine Fee

- Distributing flyers or other forms of mail in mailboxes is against the law. In Chapter 83 of "Crimes and Criminal Procedures" on the Justia U.S. Laws website (Title 18, Section 1725), it states that a person who distributes flyers in mailboxes must pay a fine. This law gives the [U.S. Postal Service](#) ownership of mailboxes. As of 1994, the cost of the fine was \$300. This law includes the illegal distribution of bills, accounts, money, circulars and any other mail.

Sarasota County Call Center

There are several ways to contact the call center:

1

Call us:
941-861-5000

2

Email us:
contactcenter@scgov.net

3

Write us:
Sarasota County Administration
1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34236

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GENERAL MEETINGS

September 4, 2012

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Colonial Oaks Park
5300 Colonial Oaks Blvd.

Room C

Sarasota, FL 34232

BOARD MEETING

August 7, 2012 - 6:00 PM

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Get school shots updated now before school year begins

With local schools scheduled to resume on Monday, Aug. 20, Sarasota County public health and school officials remind parents to get their child's immunizations updated now. Parents of children who will be entering schools in Sarasota County for the first time must provide the school office with a completed Florida Certification of Immunization (DH 680).

Available through your health care provider or at the Health Department's locations in Sarasota and North Port, this is the official record showing that your school-age children have had all the immunizations needed for their grade level. By the time a child starts school, he/she should have already had a number of required immunizations. However, proof of updates, boosters and series completion is required to enter Sarasota County schools for the first time and to advance to some grade levels.

Students who do not have the required immunizations will be sent home from public schools on the first day, Monday, Aug. 20. In addition, they will not be able to ride the bus or participate in sports, band or other extracurricular activities until the school has the DH 680 form showing that they received the required immunizations

The Sarasota County Health Department, through the federally funded Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, offers immunizations to eligible children at no cost. No appointment is needed. A parent or legal guardian must be present, and must bring prior shot records. Immunizations for eligible children are available at the following locations and times:

Sarasota County Health Department – 941-861-2784

Adult, Children's and Travel Immunization Clinic

2200 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota

Monday- Wednesday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (No lunch closure.)

Thursday: 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. (No lunch closure.)

Friday: 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

For more information, contact your health care provider or the Sarasota County Health Department's Office of School Health at 941-927-9000, ext. 32101. For a complete shot schedule, visit the Sarasota School District's health website, <http://www.sarasota.k12.fl.us/schoolhealth>. Parents with questions about immunizations can visit <http://www.sarasotahealth.org/services/immunizations-facts.htm>.

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Sarasota County eligible for individual disaster assistance

The federal government has approved five more counties to be included in the Tropical Storm Debby declaration for Individual Assistance (IA). Sarasota County has been added to this list and is now eligible for IA.

IA makes federal and state assistance available to individuals, families and businesses that have experienced uninsured losses from declared natural disasters.

FEMA IA community relations teams will be canvassing Sarasota County beginning on Wednesday, July 18, and working through the weekend. Their mission is to talk to impacted residents and business owners who have reported uninsured losses from Tropical Storm Debby, and assist them with the initial registration process.

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in Sarasota County should begin applying for IA by registering online at www.disasterassistance.gov, or calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-467-7585 (TTY) from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. seven days a week.

To apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA), an application must be made by Aug. 16 to be eligible.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit www.scgov.net and click on the "All Hazards" link under Public Safety.

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES:

August 16TH - Brentwood Elementary Meet the Teacher Night - Recommend call the school to verify time 361-6230

August 16TH (4:00-6:30 PM) McIntosh Middle Orientation

August 20TH - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

September 3RD – Labor Day – NO SCHOOL



Trash Collection

Collection containers and other items should be placed at the curb no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before your scheduled collection day. All items must be at the curb by 6 a.m. on your collection day. Containers must be removed from the curb by 10 a.m. the day after collection and stored inside the garage, beside or behind the house.

Kids Corner

Mood Scapes

Materials

- Small piece of cardboard
- Glue
- Dried Beans (any kind)

Glue beans on one side of the cardboard. Wrap side with beans with foil paper when glue has dried.

Create various craters by pressing around the beans

