

# C-NEWS

## Waste Collection

Saturday, Nov. 11 commercial collections will be made on Friday, Nov. 10.

Thanksgiving Collection Schedule: *Residential garbage, recycling and commercial:* Wednesday & Thursday collections will be made on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

*Trash, junk and yard waste:* Thursday and Friday collections will be made on Friday, Nov. 24.

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## SPECIAL EDITION: Ford Ironman World Championship 70.3 on Nov. 11

Traffic hotline: 562-INFO

Web site: [myclearwater.com/ironman](http://myclearwater.com/ironman)

Watch the race online: [Ironman.com](http://Ironman.com)

## What is Ironman 70.3?

The Ford Ironman World Championship 70.3 showcases half the distance of the signature Ironman World Championship event that takes place in Kona, Hawaii each year. The inaugural event will start and finish at Pier 60 on Clearwater Beach. Triathletes will swim 1.2-miles in the Gulf of Mexico, bike 56-miles throughout Clearwater and surrounding communities, and run 13.1-miles from the beach, across the Memorial Causeway Bridge, and into downtown. This race is the culmination of 17 Ironman 70.3 qualifying events held around the world.



## How to Get Around

Traffic and parking will be impacted on race day.

Traffic cones will be laid along the race route starting Friday at midnight. Lane and road closures begin at 5 a.m. on race day. Drivers will not be allowed to go south of the roundabout, but will have access to areas north of the roundabout. Cars will be allowed to exit the north end of the beach via the roundabout, but traffic delays are expected. Throughout the race route, one lane will remain open for traffic, except where there are full road closures.

**Full road closures** for Friday and Saturday include:

- South Gulfview Boulevard from Coronado Drive to 1st Street, 8 a.m., Friday, Nov. 10.
- South Gulfview Boulevard from the roundabout to 5th Street, 6 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11
- Coronado Drive from the roundabout to 1st Street/Devon Drive, 6 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11
- Village Drive from Countryside Boulevard to Enterprise Road, 7 a.m. – 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11
- Bayside Bridge northbound from Ulmerton Road to Drew Street, 7 a.m. – 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11
- Bay Avenue from Druid Road to Turner Street, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11
- Oak Avenue from Turner Street to Chestnut Street, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11

**Parking** lots for Pier 60, South Gulfview Boulevard (north lot), and Marina will be closed on race day. The Sand Key lot is open but expected to fill up early on race day. Volunteers and spectators are encouraged to park in downtown Clearwater and take the shuttles. Downtown parking lots are marked on the map adjacent to this article.

**Shuttles** are the best way to get around. They will run continuously from 4 a.m. until 6 p.m. on race day from the following locations (and are starred on the map):

- Municipal Services Garage, East Avenue and Pierce Street
- Court House, South Osceola Avenue and Court Street
- North Garden Avenue Garage, 28 N. Garden Ave.
- Mandalay Avenue, Papaya Street and the roundabout
- Sand Key Park
- Hamden Drive and Devon Drive
- Island Estates: disembarking PSTA passengers will be taken to the North Beach from here

**Bus service** will be disrupted on a number of routes including Suncoast Beach Trolley. Service should return to normal by 4 p.m. Rt. 80 will not serve the beach until 7 p.m. For PSTA, call 540-1900. The Jolley Trolley will not be running anywhere in the city until 5 p.m. on race day.

**More things to know:** Drivers must use the Belleair Causeway and Sand Key Bridge to get to locations south of the roundabout and will need to use the Belleair Causeway to get back to the mainland from South Beach. Since the race route does not affect U.S. 19, it is the main north-south route on race day. Anyone north of the roundabout should plan to leave the beach before 6:30 a.m. The Courtney Campbell Causeway is part of the bike route and will have one lane of traffic in each direction for bikes and one for cars. Bikes will have the right-of-way throughout the course. Comprehensive race course and event-related information can be found at [myclearwater.com/ironman](http://myclearwater.com/ironman) or call the hotline at 562-INFO (4636).

### Parking Locations

1. City Hall, 112 S. Osceola Ave.
2. Municipal Services Garage, 640 Pierce St.
3. Large Courthouse Lot, 315 Court St.
4. Court Street and Osceola Avenue
5. Oak Avenue between Osceola Avenue & Chestnut Street
6. 420 S. Ft. Harrison Avenue
7. Garden Avenue Garage, 28 N. Garden Ave.

### Shuttle Locations ★

All downtown shuttles will drop off people on North Beach at Mandalay Avenue between Papaya Street and the roundabout. Shuttles will go from Sand Key Park to South Beach at Hamden Drive and Devon Drive



## Spectating 101

Best views are on Clearwater Beach, south of Pier 60:

- 7:20 - 8:45 a.m. - Athletes will exit the water and change into cycling gear
- 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. - Watch the race on the JumboTron
- 9:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. - The NBC helicopter and Ford pace vehicle will bring the leaders back to Pier 60. Age group athletes will follow for the next several hours.
- 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Walk a half mile east of Pier 60 to see athletes begin their second run lap
- 10:45 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Cheer on the finishers and be there when we crown the champion

Come out Thursday and Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. to the Gatorade practice swim at Pier 60.

Watch the race March 31 on NBC



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