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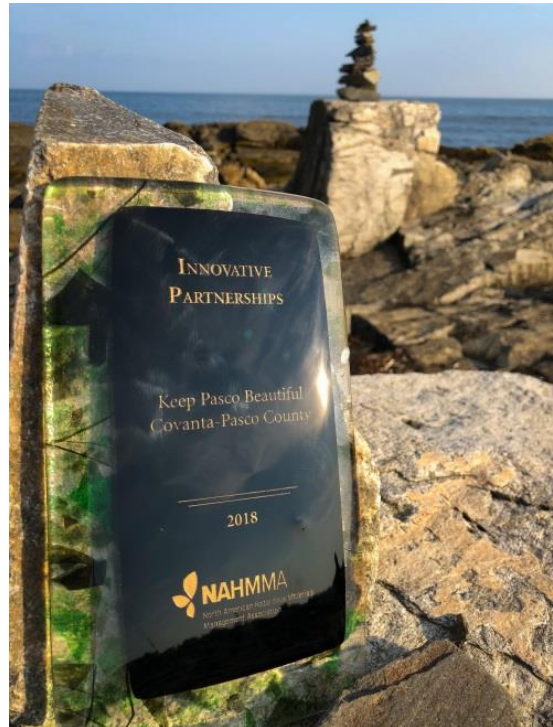
## **Pasco County Receives National Award for Earth Day Celebration** *~~Keep Pasco Beautiful recognized for innovative partnerships~~*

**PASCO COUNTY, FL** ---- The North American Hazardous Materials Management Association ([NAHMMA](#)) awarded Keep Pasco Beautiful the **National Innovative Partnerships Award** for its Earth Day Celebration. The award recognizes the collaboration between Keep Pasco Beautiful, Covanta Pasco and Pasco County Utilities Environmental Services.

“We are honored to receive this national award,” said Keep Pasco Beautiful Coordinator Kristen King. “Lottie Kelley of Covanta Pasco has chaired the Earth Day Celebration for 20 years. It is her passion for the environment and community that makes the event such a success.”

The Innovative Partnerships Award recognizes partnerships between companies, government agencies, non-profit groups and political entities that have worked together to accomplish a goal supportive of the [NAHMMA mission](#). It is the strength and diversity of the Pasco collaboration that impressed the national organization.

Now in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, the Pasco County [Earth Day Celebration](#) provides fun environmental activities for families, while educating participants about waste reduction, pollution prevention and water conservation. Onsite household waste and recycling services collected 6,585 lbs. of electronics, as well as hundreds of pounds of hazardous household materials at the 2018 event.



*For more information on Keep Pasco Beautiful, please visit: [keepascobeautiful.org](http://keepascobeautiful.org)*

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