

At Your Disposal – Quarterly News You Can Use

First Quarter Edition - Feb 2024

COLLECTORS' MEETINGS



The Solid Waste Management Program (SWMP) invites all licensed waste collectors to join us in regular and timely discussions about safety, compliance, customer communications, and any topical issues that come up throughout the year.

Highlights from our last meeting on Nov 2, 2023, included the following:

- SWMP announced the addition of 12 new Sanitary District areas totaling almost 500 new customers as of Jan 1, 2024.
- Collectors were asked their preference regarding the timing of bond adjustments.
- SWMP presented results from an informal online survey on the 4TP initiative and sought to generate discussion on ways collectors can ensure their Fairfax County residential customers are actually receiving the recycling information being shared each quarter.
- **Please note our next meeting will take place via TEAMS on Thursday, Feb 15, 2024, at 5 pm. Calendar invite and Teams Link to come.**

SAFETY FIRST






Exciting News!

The SWMP Health and Safety Group is thrilled to announce the launch of our new health and safety program starting January 8, 2024!   For those eager to get a copy of the existing program in PDF format, feel free to reach out to us at:

dpwesswmpsafetycouncil@fairfaxcounty.gov. Here's to a safer and healthier future!

  #SafetyFirst #SWMPHealthAndSafety

Safety Alert!

As a key part of our initiative, all visitors to our facilities will now be greeted by a new lead-in monument sign.  This sign outlines essential site safety rules and PPE requirements for everyone visiting the facility.    Check out a draft of the sign attached under separate cover for your awareness.  Let's prioritize safety together!

#SafetyFirst #NewSign #FacilitySafety  

📢 Safety Reminder! 🚦

Attention to all visitors and collectors! Despite our ongoing efforts, we've noticed instances of drivers and passengers exiting trucks while on the scales at I-66. 🚧 This is strictly prohibited by the Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program's Site Rules and Regulations (Section 2.5). 🔒 Applicable to all personnel – employees, contracted waste haulers, and visiting carriers – this rule is in place to boost safety at the I-66 Transfer Station and I-95 facility. It's crucial to adhere to this regulation, aligning with our guidelines and ensuring a safe environment. 🌐 Let's work together to prevent accidents and prioritize safety! #SafetyFirst #VisitorManagement #CollectorSafety 🚚💙

OPERATIONS



I-95 Traffic Rules

It is **ILLEGAL** to make a U-Turn at the corner of Mordor Dr. and Furnace Rd.

Drivers **MUST** follow the stated signs for Large Trucks.

The first offense is a penalty of \$132/ton. Multiple offenses may be penalized up to 6 loads at \$132/ton.



PERMITTING UPDATES

- **Trending**

The deadline for accepting completed petitions for Sanitary District service took place on January 30, 2024. The County continues to see an uptick in petition inquiries, primarily due to resident concerns to limit truck traffic in their neighborhoods.

- **Renewal Deadlines**

Group 2 CTO Renewals - due Feb 29

Group 3 CTO Renewals - due Mar 31

Group 4 CTO Renewals - due Apr 30

- **4TP 2024**

1st quarter education is due to residential customers NLT March 31, 2024.

Collectors are welcome and encouraged to use content provided by the County to meet this requirement.

ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

Recycling Collection During Weeks with Holidays

If your customers' regularly scheduled recycling collection day falls on a holiday when your company does not collect, recycling collection **must be provided** on another day during that same week. Chapter 109.1 requires weekly collection of recycling as well as refuse; therefore, plans must be made to provide recycling on an alternate day during the same week. Additionally, customers whose regularly scheduled collection day for recyclables falls on a holiday must be notified in advance as to which day the recyclables will be collected. For more information, contact our office at (703) 324-5230.

OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

Please note that all companies that manage municipal solid waste or recyclable materials generated in Fairfax County must submit an **annual recycling report** to the Solid Waste Management Program ([Chapter 109.1-2-4 of the Code of the County of Fairfax](#)). **This includes those companies collecting refuse and recycling with a Certificate-to-Operate (CTO).** Fairfax County compiles this information in compliance with the Code of Virginia, Section 10.1-1411, which requires the County to recycle at least 25% of municipal solid waste generated within its boundaries. The County must report this information to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality by April 30 of each year. As such, we require the submission of your recycling information by **March 1** of each year.

All CTOs should have received a request for this information on Jan 5, 2024. Reminders were sent out on Jan 22, 2024. If you believe you have not received either of our messages regarding the Annual Recycling Report for CY2023, please write ASAP to Kirsten.Buchner@fairfaxcounty.gov.

GENERAL SWMP UPDATES

Fairfax County is developing an update to the 20-year [Solid Waste Management Plan](#) (Zero Waste SWMP 2025). In addition to complying with the requirements under [Virginia Law Administrative Code 9VAC20-130-120 Planning Requirements](#), the update represents a unique opportunity to incorporate strategies that will establish the path to a sustainable zero-waste future by the target date of 2040.

The Solid Waste Management Program recognizes the technical, economic, social, and marketing challenges the collector community may face when integrating these strategies. The overall goal is to ensure that recommended approaches are technically and financially feasible, while also considering local waste projections and risk across key sectors and leveraging new technologies. At the next Collectors' Meeting in May, County staff will share additional information on Zero Waste SWMP 2025 and seek your feedback. Please stay tuned for more details this spring.