

At Your Disposal – Quarterly News You Can Use

Second Quarter Edition - May 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 Feb 15, 2024, included the following:

- New signage slated for I66 and I95 that will both improve orientation to/within sites and increase awareness of safety measures being put in place.
- Collectors must provide proof of 4TP materials being shared with customers.
- There are many petitions for new sanitary districts that will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on May 9. If petitions are approved, SWMP will be putting out new bids for collection services.
- Snow in January was likely reason for increased complaints.
- Collectors are required to submit their recycling data to SWMP by March 1.

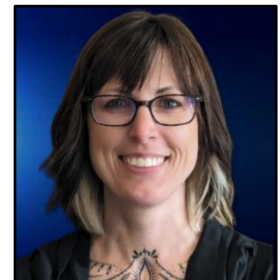
Please note our next meeting will take place via **ZOOM** on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 5 pm. Calendar invite and ZOOM Link to come. **The majority of this meeting will be an interactive discussion facilitated by RSS, a SWMP consultant, regarding updates to the next 20-year plan.**




SAFETY FIRST







🚧 Safety Alert! 🚧 Collectors have been observed not wearing, or not wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) when they are on the property in designated areas and outside their assigned vehicles. 🧑‍🚒 The minimum appropriate PPE consists of an ANSI-rated Class 2 or better safety vest (*high visibility shirts are not sufficient*), ASTM work safety shoes, and hard hats in designated areas. 🛠️

🎉 Exciting News! 🎉 Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Suzanne Watts as she joins the Health and Safety Group within Solid Waste Management, officed at the I66 Transfer Station. **🌟** Suzanne brings a wealth of experience from her background in law enforcement, operational planning, and safety. 🚚📄 We are thrilled to have Suzanne join our team and look forward to leveraging her expertise and passion for safety to



further enhance our health and safety initiatives within Solid Waste Management.  
Please join us in welcoming Suzanne as she embarks on this exciting journey with us!


 Collectors have been observed failing to yield at traffic signage, designated crosswalks, and more concerning, using handheld devices while operating vehicles. 
All vehicles must observe posted speed limits and signage when on the facility grounds.  This means not rolling through stop signs and crosswalks, no parking in traffic lanes, and no distracted driving for our safety and yours! 

OPERATIONS

Covanta has officially rebranded as Reworld™ (www.reworldwaste.com)

The rebrand extends not only to Covanta but also to several companies that Covanta has acquired, including Biologic, Miller, SGS Recovery, Buffalo Fuels, Frontier Fibers, GlobalCycle, Global Remediation, and Circon. All of these companies will now be known as Reworld™. For more information, please see the news release: <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/covanta-celebrates-its-transformation-into-reworld->

PERMITTING UPDATES

4TP 2024

2nd quarter education is due to residential customers NLT **June 30, 2024**. Collectors are welcome and encouraged to use content provided by the County to meet this requirement.

SANITARY DISTRICT UPDATES

1. Reminder that the County will be adding approximately 343 new Sanitary District customers by July 1, 2024.
2. The County plans to issue an IFB for providing service to some Sanitary District customers. Currently, the County contracts out this service for approximately 500 customers. The IFB is anticipated to have at least 1,000-1,500 customers and that number will increase as more County residents are added to County service during the life of the contract. Tentatively, the IFB will be issued in late June-Early July. The contract is tentatively intended to begin January 1, 2025.

ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

1. Collectors that provide containers can require their customers to place all waste in the container(s) for it to be collected (i.e. loose and bagged waste will be left on the curb). Customers and the Solid Waste Management Program (SWMP) must be advised of this change before it is made.
2. Collectors are free to collect waste left outside provided containers at their discretion.

OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

Fairfax County continues to work on the 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.

At the next Collectors' Meeting on **May 16**, the SWMP consultant will be facilitating a discussion to seek your feedback regarding proposed strategies for getting to Zero Waste in ways that are technically and financially feasible.

ZOOM Link and pre-meeting materials will be provided in advance of the meeting.