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Collectors Meeting

The quarterly Collectors meeting scheduled for February 2, 2017 is cancelled. The next quarterly collectors meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on May 4, 2017 in Government Center Conference Room 7. There will be an option to attend the meeting via a conference call. Details of accessing the meeting via phone will be included in the invitation letter that will be sent in April.

Fairfax Promotes Recycling Plastic Bags & Film at Grocery Stores

In an effort to elimination plastic bags from curbside recycling bins, Fairfax County's Solid Waste Management Staff are promoting a new initiative called the WRAP campaign. The public awareness campaign encourages the public to collect and drop off plastic bags and film at local grocery store chains, such as Safeway and Giant. For haulers who may also want to promote this behavior among its customers, please visit the WRAP campaign website at: <http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/s00/index.html>.

Backing Best Management Practices Toolkit

According to industry and OSHA data, backing represents approximately 25% of all injuries and accidents in the solid waste collection industry. Use SWANA's Backing Best Management Practices Guide covering the industry's best backing practices to educate employees to stay safe on the job. The Backing Best Management Practices Guide can be found by visiting: https://swana.org/Portals/0/resources/safety/Top10BackingBestManagement_guide.pdf.

Access Restrictions at the I-95 Complex

In accordance with the terms of the WD/DAs, all drivers of solid waste **collection** vehicles (front loaders, rear loaders, side loaders) transacting business at the I-95 Complex (including the Covanta facility) must enter the site via the intersection of Route 1 and Furnace Road and proceed north to the Complex access road at Mordor Drive. Drivers/trucks must exit the Complex using this same route. Trucks bound for the I-95 Complex are prohibited from using Lorton Road. If a Fairfax County employee witnesses and documents a violation of this provision of the Agreement, up to six subsequent MSW truckloads delivered by the Company may be charged at \$100.00 per ton; selection of the truckloads to be so charged will be at the County's discretion.

CTO Process Kicks Off in January

Just a reminder that letters will be sent to each collection company about 60 days prior to the expiration of its current CTO, **explaining** how the CTO process will work for the year; please be ready to respond to any changes in the process and requirements for this year. Also, it is time to begin thinking about which vehicles need to be inspected and to review your Statement of Service to ensure it is up to date and contains all the elements required in Chapter 109.1-4-2(e). Failure to show that the Statement of Service is complete and was furnished to all existing customers annually could be the basis for denial of your CTO. During vehicle inspections, vehicles designated for recyclables collection must present the sign/flag or other designation that is to be used to indicate when the vehicle is collecting recyclables.



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Obey Stop Signs While at the Complexes

Remind all employees to obey all stop signs at both complexes. Lately there have been a number of vehicles reported as not stopping at the signs. These directions are designed for operational and safety purposes. Failure to obey stop signs will result in \$100 per ton penalty violations.

Payment of BPOL

Collection and Disposal Companies are advised that Business and Professional Occupation License (BPOL) taxes must be paid and current if you operate in Fairfax County. The Department of Tax Administration is tasked with collecting any delinquent payments. Proof of BPOL payment is also required to receive a CTO or Disposal Permit. BPOLs must be paid by March 1 annually for the previous year to be considered current. Please pay attention to this requirement if you are doing business in Fairfax County.

Pay Your Disposal Invoice Online

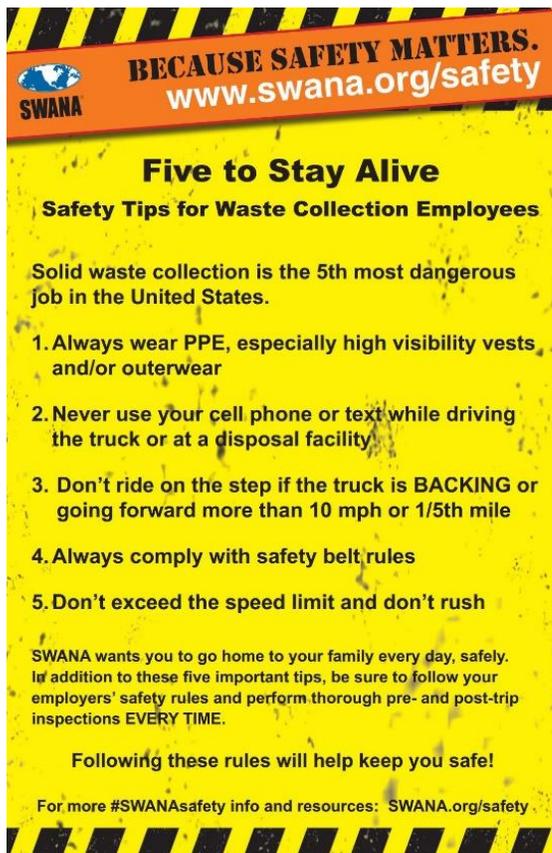
Save time and pay disposal invoices online. Please have your invoice **at hand** when you are making a payment. You will need to input your Company Name **EXACTLY** as it appears on your invoice and your Account Number to make a payment. The amount shown online is your total account balance due. If there are any discrepancies, please contact the LIS Team at 703-324-5230 or email at DPWES-SWMPLIS@fairfaxcounty.gov. To make an ACH payment using your personal or corporate checking account, go to: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/recycling>.

Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG's)

Please remind your commercial customers that businesses that generate small quantities of hazardous waste may qualify for a special county-managed CESQG program that provides a legal and affordable solution for proper hazardous waste disposal. The benefit of the CESQG program is that it offers prices **well-below** the normal cost of disposing with a licensed hazardous waste contractor. Additionally, the program eliminates the burden of certain stringent Federal and State recordkeeping requirements.

For 2017, we've expanded the number of CESQG events from three to six; twice as many opportunities to safely dispose of hazardous material! Wastes can be delivered from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, at the I-66 Transfer Station Complex on March 15, May 10, July 12, September 13 and November 15, 2017, unless the facility is closed due to severe inclement weather or an emergency.

For more information on the CESQG program, please contact Daniel Brooks at (703) 324-5068.



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Five to Stay Alive
Safety Tips for Waste Collection Employees

Solid waste collection is the 5th most dangerous job in the United States.

1. Always wear PPE, especially high visibility vests and/or outerwear
2. Never use your cell phone or text while driving the truck or at a disposal facility
3. Don't ride on the step if the truck is BACKING or going forward more than 10 mph or 1/5th mile
4. Always comply with safety belt rules
5. Don't exceed the speed limit and don't rush

SWANA wants you to go home to your family every day, safely. In addition to these five important tips, be sure to follow your employers' safety rules and perform thorough pre- and post-trip inspections EVERY TIME.

Following these rules will help keep you safe!

For more #SWANAsafety info and resources: SWANA.org/safety



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TOP 10 BACKING BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

According to industry and OSHA data, backing represents approximately 25% of all injuries and accidents in the solid waste collection industry. Use these tips to stay safe on the job.

1. **Determine you are fit to drive**
Make sure that you are mentally and physically prepared to drive, and that you are properly trained to operate the vehicle.
2. **Conduct a thorough pre-trip inspection**
Take 10 to 15 minutes to check the vehicle for proper operation. Ensure windows and mirrors are clear and are adjusted for maximum visibility. Know where blind spots are located.
3. **Plan ahead and avoid backing whenever possible**
Do not put yourself into unnecessary backing situations and choose easy-to-exit spaces. If you must back-up, situate the vehicle appropriately so as to make the turn on the driver's side.
4. **No helpers on the riding step**
Never back up your vehicle when someone is riding the rear step. Helpers should be in the cab or standing in a location visible to the driver.
5. **Get Out And Look (GOAL)**
Leave the cab to check what lies between you and your backing destination, and recheck when backing long distances. Measure distances vertically and horizontally and look up for obstacles.
6. **Start backing within a few seconds after check**
When you must spot for yourself without a guide, return to the vehicle quickly.
7. **Use a guide or spotter**
Use a reliable, well-trained guide or spotter whenever possible to assist when backing.
8. **Blow the horn**
Blow the vehicle's horn before backing to alert everyone in the vicinity when appropriate.
9. **Utilize technology**
Be sure to use your cameras, 4-way flashers, radar, back-up alarm and any other detection devices, if equipped.
10. **Back slowly and cautiously**
Use the lowest possible gear or idle speed and do not accelerate. Back slowly. Use all side mirrors to constantly check and visually clear your path.

Visit SWANA.org/safety for more backing tips, and additional safety information.

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