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Waste Collection Companies Meeting Notes February 2, 2012

Companies with Attendees: AAA Recycling and Disposal/Republic Services, American Disposal Services, Con-Serv Industries, Greenway Disposal, IDS/Broad Run Recycling, KMG Hauling, Mclean Trash, Nightingale Trucking, Potomac Disposal Services/ESI Waste, Reston Trash, Trash Away, VHI, Inc., Waste Management

County Staff: Joyce Doughty, Pamela Gratton, Dennis Batts, Don Green, Marion Plummer, Linda Boone

The meeting began at 5:05 p.m.

Introductions/Welcome

Joyce Doughty, Director, Division of Solid Waste Disposal and Resource Recovery introduced County staff and welcomed everyone.

Announcements/Updates

Jeff Smithberger previous Director of the Division of Solid Waste Collection and Recycling has retired. As part of that, staff is looking at the organization to see if we are structured in the most effective and efficient manner. Amarjit Riat is also retiring in the next few months. Charlie Forbes has been designated the Complex Manager at the I-95 Complex.

Events Calendar is on the website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling>. Please refer your customers to it for relevant information. Highlights of the next few months include:

Event	Date	Time	Location
TV & Computer Recycling (Electric Sunday)	February 26, 2012	10 am – 3 pm	I-66 Transfer Station 4618 West Ox Road Fairfax, VA 22030
Remote Household Hazardous Waste Event	March 24, 2012	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	South County Government Center 8350 Richmond Highway Alexandria, VA 22309
TV & Computer Recycling (Electric Sunday)	March 25, 2012	10 am – 3 pm	I-95 Landfill 9850 Furnace Road Lorton, VA 22079
Document Shredding Event	March 31, 2012	8 am – 12 pm	South County Center 8350 Richmond Highway Alexandria, VA

Electric Sundays have been very successful. During the last one in January 2012, over 1950 customers were served during the event. It was a record day for the program. These events are held monthly, except December, with some events held at the I-66 Transfer Station and other at the I-95 Complex.



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Collector Questions

- Q: What materials can actually be recycled now? County staff has said it would publish a new document showing what materials can be recycled. When will the document be available for use?
- A: Collection and Recycling staff has worked with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government (MWCOG) to list locations and materials. The document is at the MWCOG for final approval. Once approved, staff will publish the list on the County's website so companies can use the information.

The MRFs are not accepting some materials that were announced as being acceptable for recycling. Markets change all the time. In the County Code, we require what must be recycled. Companies can collect and recycle anything they want beyond the minimum list of required materials. The discussion continued about allowing companies to recycle more and different materials. Additional materials are able to be recycled now including gable top containers (milk and juice containers), various types of foil products, and empty aerosol containers. More information will be coming.

Recycling Program Updates

Pamela Gratton, Recycling Coordinator, introduced Marion Plummer who discussed the upcoming requirement to submit annual recycling tonnage reports. Marion advised that waste tonnage reports, which serve as one of the factors in the recycling calculation, have already been mailed or faxed to collectors. A few companies have completed their recycling reports which are due by midnight March 1, 2012. County staff is available to help if there are questions. She gave her business cards and offered to help any companies that contacted her.

Q: Is cardboard required to be recycled?

A: Yes, cardboard in dumpsters must be collected from all non-residential customers as well as from residential curbside customers.

Yard waste exemptions can be granted to homeowners associations (HOAs) with townhomes that have grounds maintenance contracts. Call Pamela Gratton (703-324-5230) if companies want to know the names of exempted HOAs.

Pamela offered to provide training about Code requirements to any company if requested.

Enforcement Issues

Dennis Batts, Enforcement Chief, distributed a copy of Solid Waste Advisory 06-004 dated October 5, 2006, which expanded recycling requirements for non-residential and multi-family properties. Collectors must offer separate collection of refuse and recyclables—at least once per week—as the baseline service. If a customer does not want the collector to provide recycling service, the collector is responsible for securing from that customer, a written and signed statement that it has another process (e.g., self-hauling or contracting with another company) for managing its recyclables. If the County becomes aware of a property/business that does not have a system for separately collecting recyclable materials and the collector has, in its files, the statement from its customer, the County will then address the issue with the customer. If, on the other hand, the collector does not have the statement, the County may charge the collector with a violation of Chapter 109.1 of the County Code. *NOTE - Properties/businesses may also request an exemption to have less frequent collection services. The County offers a pilot program for non-residential facilities that have recycling, want to have less frequent than weekly collections of refuse or recycling, and who meet certain conditions. Contact Ed

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McGivern (703-324-5230) to learn more about reduced collection frequency waivers. If a property manager does not want to recycle, County staff can conduct a compliance assistance visit with the company. Collectors need to let staff know if there is a customer who is unwilling to recycle or refuses to recycle per the Code requirements.

Q: Is there mandatory signage about recycling required on dumpsters and on collection vehicles?

A: Commercial companies' dumpsters need to be labeled if they accept recycling and what materials are accepted. Containers that are 2 cu yards or larger must have a designation of the types of materials that may be recycled in them.

If collection vehicles (rear-loader, front loader) are used to collect recyclables then the vehicle needs to have a sign when it is used to collect recyclables. The sign must be at least 24 inches by 24 inches and removable, because it should not be used when the vehicle is collecting or transporting waste.

Various jurisdictions may set other standards for how single stream collection is conducted. Fairfax County Code is the standard we use.

Dennis provided a reminder that waste cannot be collected or transported in open-top roll-offs. Construction/demolition/debris and yard waste or other recycling can be collected or transported in open-tops but not waste.

Operational issues

Construction at the I-66 Transfer Station is almost complete. The new Operations Center is open. Paving projects have been held up during the winter but will be completed in the spring.

- New projects will begin next fiscal year that include: repairing the retaining wall under the Transfer Station, where the County trucks load waste; renovating the Transfer Station building; and updating the Permit Office.
- The second Landfill Gas project that involved heating the bus maintenance building is operational. The Truck Wash Building is already heated by landfill gas.

A new ash cell project is ready to begin at the I-95 Complex. Construction will start in the spring as soon as weather permits.

A Request for Expression of Interest (REI) will be issued asking for interest in developing a public/private green energy project on the closed section of the I-95 Landfill. Projects could include solar or other green energy ones. We will keep you posted when the REI is published.

DSWDRR Items and Discussion

CTO Permit Guidance

Linda Boone, Branch Chief advised the companies about the following:

- DSWDRR can email copies of your monthly invoices if you request them. Contact Gail Debell at 703-324-5230 if you want to get emailed invoices.
- Statements of Service need to comply with County Code 109.1, Article 4-2 (c)(17).

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- Company names should match on the CTO application, bond, W-9, SCC Registration and on the Statement of Service.
- Truck inspections can be completed at your site. There is a cost for County employees' time. If you are interested, arrange the date with the Permit Office.
- ACH is working well and allows companies to contact their banks and arrange for electronic payment of invoices. Once the process is established with the bank, all the company needs to do is contact the bank monthly with the amount to be paid and the electronic payment will be sent to the County. Getting the ACH started can take as long as a week. However after that, the company should ask for the payment to be made 2 days before the due date to allow the bank processing time to get the payment to the County by the due date. If a company is interested in using ACH as a payment method, contact Gail Debell at 703-324-3250 for further details.
- Companies sign a copy of the current Rules and Regulations for each of the disposal sites. However, when drivers are stopped for violations, they invariably state they did not know about the possible violations. Please ensure your drivers are familiar with the Rules and Regs and abide by them; most are there to encourage safe operations.
- Scale #3 at the Covanta facility has been replaced and is now open for use.
- Ensure drivers maintain posted speed when leaving the Covanta facility. Radar signs are being deployed to measure speeds exiting the facility. Drivers could receive speeding tickets. Speed is a safety issue now that landfill construction is being done adjacent to the road leaving the facility.

Sanitary Districts

Nine customers have been added to the sanitary district in McLean area.

Announcements

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm. Several attendees remained to chat informally with County staff.

Next Meeting: May 3, 2012 - Government Center, Room 2/3