



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Waste Collection Companies Meeting Notes May 6, 2010

Companies with Attendees: AAA Recycling and Disposal, American Disposal Services, Con-Serv Industries, Charlie and Son, KMG Hauling, Potomac Disposal Services, Trash Away, Waste Management, 1-800-Got Junk

County staff: Joyce Doughty, Jeff Smithberger, Robert Scott, Pamela Gratton, Dynita Glenn, Linda Boone, and Don Green

Introductions/Welcome

Joyce Doughty, Director, Division of Solid Waste Disposal and Resource Recovery welcomed everyone at 5:02 p.m.

Announcements/Updates

SWMP Events calendar

Collectors were reminded to check the hauler newsletter and the County's website for upcoming events such as Electric Sundays. Please share these events with your customers. Document shredding and Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) events are listed also.

Q: Are the recycling events such as Electric Sundays open for Fairfax County residents only?

A: Yes.

Solid Waste Advisories are listed on the County's website. County staff has issued these for several years. The advisories are formal notices to companies about changes in County policies.

Budget for FY2011

The budget was signed. Disposal rates will remain the same for FY2011; the system fee is \$60, with a contract rate of \$55 per ton.

Solid Waste Public Forum

The meeting, open to the public, is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on May 18, at the Government Center, Room 2/3. Please attend and invite any of your customers to attend who have interest in the integrated solid waste management system in the County.

Collector Questions

None

Recycling Program Updates

Pamela Gratton, Recycling Manager, thanked all the companies for submitting recycling reports on time. It was very helpful to have the reports timely when the county was reporting to the State. The County's recycling rate is 39%; part of this is due to the overall decrease in waste. No glass recycling was reported this year as an individual commodity. Paper tons were down considerably. Pamela will provide a copy of the report, if requested. If the county did not require yard waste recycling, we would be close to the 25% recycling mandated by the State.

Q: Are there any enforcement fines for companies/buildings that do not recycle?

A: We work with any property managers who need to improve their programs. Businesses only have to recycle paper, and 2 companies are in “compliance assistance” at this time. Once contacted by enforcement staff, businesses usually come into compliance. If there are customers that need the County’s assistance, ask them to contact Pamela’s office.

DSWDRR Items and Discussion

Enforcement Issues

Don Green discussed enforcement concerns:

- Many customer calls deal with their calls not being returned from the company. Collectors could save yourselves problems by promptly returning calls from customers.
- Mixing trash and recyclables remains a concern. Either companies are not identifying a collection vehicle as performing a recycling task or customers still do not understand single stream recycling or drivers are actually collecting waste and recycling together for disposal. You need to communicate with your customers about how you do your waste collection and recycling.
- Early collections complaints are increasing also. Please remind your drivers that there can be no residential collection before 6:00 a.m.

CTO Permit Process and Feedback

Linda Boone discussed the CTO renewal process and identified items that caused County staff concerns:

- Inadequate Statements of Service and attention to detail
- No proof of BPOL for companies located in Fairfax County
- Corporations not listing SCC number and registered agent
- Incorrect bond amounts
- Failure to include payment of permit fees (\$120 per vehicle).
- Delays in scheduling vehicle inspections (registration that does not match truck being inspected)

Companies were asked for their feedback about what went well during the permit process:

- All companies got permitted.
- County information was straightforward.

Companies were asked for their feedback about what did not go well:

- No concerns were mentioned by attendees from their operational or administrative people.

Companies were asked to consider these questions and let Linda know if other comments arose.

Waste Delivery/Disposal Agreements

Joyce discussed a new restriction on how to access the I-95 Landfill Complex. No collection vehicle traffic will be allowed to access the site via Lorton Road. The County will use the WD/DA as a way to control the access to the facility. There is increasing pressure from residents in the area about truck traffic. This is one method to reduce some of the traffic. Trucks must enter the I-95 Complex from Route 1 to Furnace Road and use Mordor Road (Landfill Access Road). If trucks use Route 123, then the trucks should go to Route 1 and enter the I-95 location from the south as well.

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The WD/DAs will be ready to be mailed out next week. The only other change to the WD/DA is to allow six loads to be assessed at a penalty rate for access or facility rules/code violations.

Operational Issues

I-66 Construction Updates

The workers' facility will be located on the west end of the parking lot adjacent to the current trailer parking. Hopefully, there will be minimal interference with operations of delivering waste as construction progresses. However, yard waste deliveries may be affected. It is a 15-18 month project with construction to begin later this summer.

Less Frequent Collection Pilot

This is a commercial waste pilot project to allow individual sites to have less frequent collection of waste if the waste is in compactors. County staff is finalizing comments now with the County Attorney to allow only compactor units, at location where there is no food served or grocery stores. This is a public health policy change. The process will involve an onsite inspection and a fee for the County inspection and approval of the application. The approval must be renewed annually. It should be useful to some of your customers, but we do not expect many to apply since it is a rigorous approval process.

Sanitary Districts Announcements

Roughly 40 homes have asked to be added to existing sanitary districts; some are for leaf collection only. Customers have to be in a sanitary district before leaf collection can be added.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 5, 2010 - Government Center, Room 2/3