



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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## Waste Collection Companies Meeting Notes May 5, 2011

**Companies with Attendees:** AAA Recycling and Disposal/Republic Services, American Disposal Services, Charlie and Son Trash Service, Con-Serv Industries, Cunningham Trash Service, Greenway Disposal, KMG Hauling, Potomac Disposal Services/ESI Waste, Reston Trash, Trash Away, VHI Inc., Waste Management, 1-800-Got Junk, Inc.

**County Staff:** Joyce Doughty, Jeff Smithberger, Charlie Forbes, Don Green, Kate Vasquez, Dynita Glenn, Linda Boone

The meeting began at 5:02 p.m.

### Introductions/Welcome

Jeff Smithberger, Director, Division of Solid Waste Collection and Recycling introduced County staff and welcomed everyone.

### Announcements/Updates

Joyce Doughty, Director, Division of Solid Waste Disposal and Resource Recovery identified new events and referred to the County's website for additional events that are planned. Please notify your customers about these events.

Jeff asked companies to advertise our household waste events on their websites. These programs provide benefits to your workers as well as to the environment. Your employees will not run the risk of having harsh chemicals spill on them during collection. The more of these chemicals and e-waste we remove from the incineration process, the less pollution we have.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 14	HHW Remote Event	Mason District
May 21	Document Shredding	Mason District
May 22	Electric Sunday	I-66 Transfer Station
June 10-12	Celebrate Fairfax	Fairfax Government Center
June 25	HHW Remote Event	Langley High School
June 26	Electric Sunday	I-95 Landfill Complex
July 6	CESQG Collection	I-66 Transfer Station
July 23	Document Shredding	South County Government Ctr
July 24	Electric Sunday	I-66 Transfer Station

### Extension of Service Agreement with Covanta

Following an exploration of the possibility of purchasing the Covanta facility, the Board of Supervisors decided to pursue an extension of the Service Agreement with Covanta. However, during the last Board meeting, the Board advised that Covanta appeared to be negotiating additional terms to the agreement. The County has ceased its negotiations with Covanta at this time. The County has time during the last 5 years of the Service Agreement to explore all disposal options and select the one that will be most beneficial to its customers. The current Service Agreement runs through February 1, 2016.

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FY 2012 Budget/Fees

The Disposal fee will be reduced to \$53 per ton for combustible waste; the yard waste fee will also be reduced to \$53 per ton. The new fees become effective on July 1.

Update from Solid Waste Public Forum

The annual Solid Waste Public Forum occurred on April 28. Several residents attended and asked questions mostly dealing with recycling and the negotiations with Covanta. The notes will be published on the County's website in a couple weeks, if you want further details about the meeting.

**Collector Questions**

None

**Recycling Program Updates**

Kate Vasquez presented information about the 2010 recycling rate in the county. County residents recycled 42% of the waste generated in the county. This includes a 2% incentive because the county has a source reduction program. The rate in 2009 was 39%. Single stream collection has tripled in volume during the same period.

**DSWDRR Items and Discussion**

Linda Boone, Branch Chief, LIS Admin discussed the status of CTO renewals.

CTO Updates

The CTO process is almost completed again. Please let staff know if you have any suggestions about ways to streamline the process.

Q: When we go for truck inspections, we cannot be inspected except early in the morning or later in the afternoon because no inspections are done from about 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Can that be reviewed?

A: We will review whether truck inspections can be done during that time, perhaps on a scheduled basis.

Waste Delivery/Waste Disposal Agreement (WD/DA)

The new documents will be mailed this week. Please review the document, sign two copies, and return to the Government Center. When the Director approves the WD/DA, a signed copy will be returned for your records. The document will remain in effect for the next 3 years and will not need to be re-signed annually unless there is a major change.

Also sign Exhibit 1 which has changeable information on it. Please sign the Exhibit and return two copies of it. Next year only the revised Exhibit will be sent to you for signature. Hopefully, this will reduce some of the paper that flows between the Government Center office and your company. Contact Linda Boone if any questions or issues regarding the WD/DA.

Entering the Energy/Resource Recovery Facility

Companies were asked to advise their drivers to stop outside the door to the Covanta tipping floor and wait to be directed to a bay. Only one truck goes into the facility at a time while another vehicle is ready to enter. The remaining trucks will be held at the scalehouse until their turn. This process should

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improve crowding on the ramp to the tip floor and reduce safety issues upon entering the tip floor. Should drivers not adhere to the policy, Covanta may be issuing fines or suspensions to drivers.

**Operational Issues**

Joyce discussed the following operational matters.

I-66 Construction Updates

Operations are fairly stable but still have ongoing construction at the facility. Brick is going up on the outside of the Workers building. Once the outside is closed in, then work will then begin on the inside. The plan is to have the building open by the end of the year. The temporary trailers will be removed and then the parking lot will be paved.

RDC changes are being made. New containers have been added for recyclables.

I-95 Facility

The final cap is on the landfill and staff will be monitoring the landfill groundwater, etc. The County must monitor the facility for 30 years beyond the final closure of the landfill, which should be sometime in 2041.

While the landfill is being monitored there are land uses that the property could support. Staff has met with the South County Federation to start study of interim uses for the landfill area. Ultimately, the property will be used for recreational purposes. In the interim it could be used for a solar panel project, storage/parking for boats/RVs, or other beneficial uses. Residents are asked to provide their ideas/suggestions for how to use the landfill area for the next 30 - 40 years.

Sanitary Districts Announcements

Jeff advised that Terry Czarny is retiring; Jeff Hatterick is replacing him. The last sanitary district approved by the Board of Supervisors was a small one near Langley Forest; 25 homes were added on April 26.

Q: Does anyone ever leave a sanitary district?

A: Yes, 337 homes just left a leaf district at the same time.

The meeting adjourned at 5:24.

**Next Meeting: August 4, 2011 - Government Center, Room 4/5**