

**AT YOUR DISPOSAL – NEWS COLLECTORS CAN USE**  
**Q1 January - March 2023**

**This newsletter will now be posted quarterly. This change is based on feedback from industry that suggested the publication frequency could be reduced to quarterly.**

**SAVE-THE-DATE**

**The next Collectors meeting, scheduled for March 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., will be held on-line using Microsoft Teams. If you don't receive a Teams invite, please contact [RenadUri@FairfaxCounty.Gov](mailto:RenadUri@FairfaxCounty.Gov)**

**ANNUAL RECYCLING REPORT DATA REQUEST FORMS**

The Annual Recycling Data Request forms will find their way into your email inbox by the middle of the month. **They are due to the county by March 3, 2023. Please note that the required reporting forms are not available on the county website.** Collectors must contact Kirsten Buchner to obtain another copy of the form, if needed. Write to [KirstenBuchner@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:KirstenBuchner@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call (703) 324-5230.

Please be advised that the county intends to address the issue of late recycling data submittals as described in Solid Waste Advisory SWA 09-006, which outlines penalties that will be applied to collectors that don't submit their forms by the March 3 deadline. Please review the Solid Waste Advisory and direct any questions on this to Charlie Forbes at [Charles.Forbes@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Charles.Forbes@fairfaxcounty.gov)

**ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS**

- ***Use of open-top waste containers:*** collecting refuse using open-top containers is a violation of County Code. Open tops are magnets for illegal dumping and can cause litter and vermin issues. Collectors are strongly advised not to use open tops for refuse.
- ***Broken refuse compactors cannot be replaced with an open top, even temporarily.***

**PAYMENT OF BPOL**

Collectors and ad-hoc waste removal and disposal companies (operating on a Disposal Permit) are advised that Business and Professional Occupation License (BPOL) taxes must be paid and current to legally 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.**

## EVENTS FOR VERY SMALL QUANTITY (HAZARDOUS WASTE)\_GENERATORS

Please remind your commercial customers that businesses that generate small quantities of hazardous waste (HW) may qualify to participate in a county-managed hazardous waste disposal service that provides a legal and affordable solution for proper HW disposal. This program, once known as CESQG for short, is now known by the new acronym, VSQG. The benefit of the VSQG program is that it offers discounted prices below the normal cost of disposing with a licensed Hazardous Waste disposal contractor. Also, the VSQG program relieves users from the burden of stringent Federal and State recordkeeping requirements.

All VSQG events in 2023 fall on the following date, all on Wednesdays: **March 15, May 17, July 19, September 20, November 15**. To find out more information about the program, and to download required forms, businesses should visit the following website:

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/very-small-quantity-generators](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/very-small-quantity-generators).

## FOUR TOUCH POINTS (4TP) INITIATIVE UPDATE

Our residents have the best intentions, but they need your support to know how to recycle right. Every quarter, collectors that pick-up residential waste are required by the terms of their current CTO to share information with their residential customers on how to “recycle right”.

***The first 4TP outreach item required by this initiative must be delivered to all residential customers (including HOAs) before March 30, 2023.*** An acceptable touchpoint can be a statement of service, an email about how to recycle right, a copy of the Fairfax Recycles Newsletter, or any other media that will provide an accessible message about source reduction and/or recycling. For more information about this requirement and content suitable for distribution is available at SWMP's [4TP web page](#).