



County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods and diverse communities of Fairfax County

Collectors' Meeting via MS TEAMS August 15, 2024

SWMP STAFF PRESENT:

Matt Adams
Kirsten Büchner
Christopher Cole
Lainie Cooke
Suzie Davidson
Charles Forbes
Mario Gomez-Avelar
Carlos Leiva
Conrad Mehan
Courtney Willis-Banks

COLLECTORS PRESENT:

Jordan Berkley (American)
AJ Costigan (KmG)
Jack Debell (Republic)
Scott Gettier (Gettier)
John Kay (Evergreen)
Phillip L (Garby)
Richard Maldonado (Republic)
Mike Miller (American)
John Steele (American)
Edward Ward (American)

1 rep from Nightingale
1 rep from Trash Away

NOTES:

Introduction

Kirsten Büchner welcomed everyone and acknowledged attendance of SWMP senior leadership: Matt Adams

Safety Reminders

Christopher Cole provided reminders as follows:

- All drivers entering 66 and 95 **must** wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including the correct safety shoes and ANSI rated safety vests at all times.
- All drivers must focus on the road and obey traffic signs. Drivers at I-66 have been observed driving while using their cell phones and/or failing to see both pedestrians, vehicles or rolling through designated crosswalks.
- Appropriate precautions during heat waves should continue to be taken; SWMP has not had a single heat illness related event and that is a positive trend we'd like to see continue into September.

Permitting & Sanitary District Petition News

Lainie Cooke noted:

- Group 5 will be receiving their renewal applications soon. These are due back the beginning of October and fully renewed by end of October so that CTO is effective as of November 1.
- Third quarter touch point is due to residential customers by end of September.
- Eight petitions for sanitary districts are going to public hearing in October; if the Board of Supervisors passes the petitions, they will be effective Jan. 1, 2025.

Conrad Mehan mentioned:

- The 8 petitions noted by Lainie have to do with leaf collection services, so there is no impact to the hauling community.
- The Sanitary District Collection Contract is expiring December 31, 2024, so we hope another request for bid will be issued before Labor Day. The bid is for 1,300 homes. The bids will divide the county into 3 sectors and CTOs can bid on any one or combination of sectors. Once contracts are awarded, service will be effective January 1, 2025.

Conrad also asked:

- How do residents or homes that are brought into a sanitary district through no choice of their own drop the service if they don't want it? CTOs should respond to Conrad or to Kirsten who will communicate to Conrad.

Enforcement News

Mario Gomez-Avelar gave a 5-minute presentation on the noise ordinance in Chapter 108.1 which prohibits outdoor collection of trash or recyclable materials in residential districts or within 100 yards of a residential dwelling between 9 PM and 6 AM.

- CTOs can use the county's icare website to locate an address and determine if there is a residential area nearby.
- CTO's can also use signage that indicates there is no service before 6 AM.
- Thanks to all CTOs who comply with this rule; we have very few complaints in this area.
- For questions or more support, please call the SWMP main number 703-324-5230 and ask for Mario.

Solid Waste Management Planning Update

Matt provided a brief summary:

- The new update will be delivered in February-March 2025.
- SWMP presented the plan to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) in July and will provide another presentation to the BOS in October on the results of the public input campaign.
- The public input campaign is available via [engage.fairfaxcounty.gov/zero waste survey](https://engage.fairfaxcounty.gov/zero-waste-survey)

Open Mic:

Kirsten then opened the meeting to an "open mic" format, inviting collectors to tell SWMP about any compliments, complaints, questions, or concerns. Comments from collectors are summarized below.

- **Nightingale Services**

Comment: Wait times to get through the I-95 complex is over 2 hours some days, which is not cost effective for small haulers.

Answer: Matt indicated that he will look into operations at I-95 to understand what the issue is. We do know that there have been maintenance problems at Reworld (formerly Covanta) but we will follow up with operations staff to find out what is going on.

- **Richard Maldonado, Republic**

Comment: Are there community events that you do that you invite haulers to so as to provide information about recycling?

Response: Kirsten indicated that SWMP would love to have CTOs participate. We will aim to provide 3-4 weeks' notice of upcoming events so CTOs can plan.

- **Jordan Berkley of American, John Kay of Evergreen, and Phillip L of Garby**

Comment: We'd also like to be invited to SWMP community events.

Answer: That is fantastic, thank you and we will follow up.

Adjourn

Kirsten Büchner closed the meeting after asking everyone to save the date of the next collectors' meeting.

Next Meeting Date:

Nov. 14, 2024 @ 5 PM via Teams.

Link and meeting agenda to be sent out approximately one week prior to the meeting.