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SOLID WASTE ADVISORY

SWA 20-001 - Communications During Declared Emergencies

The following is an advisory to keep communications open with the hauling community during a declared emergency (e.g., the current COVID-19 pandemic). The situation with the COVID-19 is evolving rapidly and will require regular communications. This advisory will be updated on a weekly basis until this situation subsides.

Specific to Chapter 109.1, as the emergency evolves, SWMP will review and adjust regulatory requirements as necessary, in accordance with its emergency powers and required administrative processes.

Licensed collectors can be assured that the Solid Waste Management Program (SWMP) will work with collectors impacted by the disaster to ensure that Fairfax County residents and businesses receive essential waste removal services. If they haven’t done so already, collectors are strongly urged to immediately formulate a contingency plan for this possibility.

The SWMP is committed to keeping the Fairfax County waste collections industry healthy and in business. Important keys to this will include preparation and planning, flexibility as circumstances require, open communications, and working together.

Collectors are advised not to wait until customers are being let down: contact SWMP as soon as possible if operational problems start to develop

Please contact Charlie Forbes with any questions or concerns regarding this Advisory.