

AT YOUR DISPOSAL – NEWS COLLECTORS CAN USE December 2022

Save The Date – Next Collector’s Meeting Will Be On Thursday, Dec 8 at 5 p.m.

If you don’t receive a calendar request for this date and you or someone else from your company would like to attend the meeting, please contact Renad Uri at 571.567.2690, or via email at: Renad.Uri@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Newsletter Frequency

The November 2022 edition of AYD was cancelled at short notice due staff availability. In a related matter, are these newsletters valuable to you? Would a quarterly publication meet your needs? Please reach out to Renad Uri to let her know your thoughts, and any questions or concerns regarding this potential change.

Safety Minute

[SWANA’s top ten best practices for backing up:](#)

- 1. Determine you are fit to drive**
Be mentally and physically prepared and properly trained.
- 2. Conduct a thorough pre-trip inspection**
Take 10 to 15 minutes to check vehicle.
- 3. Plan and avoid backing up, if possible**
If you must back, turn on drivers’ side.
- 4. No helpers on the riding step**
Helpers should be in cab or visible to driver.
- 5. Get out and look (G.O.A.L.)**
Leave the cab to check surroundings.
- 6. Start backing within a few seconds after check**
Conditions change quickly.
- 7. Use a guide or spotter**
Should be reliable and well-trained and visible to the driver.
- 8. Blow the horn**
Thoughtfully alert those around you before backing and have your window down to better hear surroundings.
- 9. Use The Available technology**
If equipped, use back-up cameras and other resources.
- 10. Back slowly and cautiously**
Use the lowest possible gear or idle speed and do not accelerate.

Enforcement Reminders

- Open tops: refuse collections using open-top containers is a violation of County Code. Without covers, restricted access, and good signage, open tops are magnets for illegal refuse dumping.
- MSW compactors that break down cannot be replaced with an open top, even temporarily.

Yard Waste and Christmas Tree Disposal

Yard waste should be collected curbside year-round, but only needs to be recycled **from March 1 through December 24**. Christmas trees are not considered yard waste, and must be collected and recycled **the first two weeks in January**. Please remind your customers that all ornaments, decorations (including tinsel) and stands must be removed prior to set out for recycling.

Let your Fairfax County customers know that, if they miss the window for curbside collection, they can always drop off their trees at the I-66 Transfer Station or the I-95 Landfill Complex as an alternative. There is an \$8 fee to recycle each tree.

Collector Spotlight

Meet Quincy Morgan from the Republic Services MRF in Manassas. Quincy is 27 years old and started his journey as a line sorter about four years ago. Today, Quincy is the Plant Lead for the night shift, where he supervises and supports sorters. With these shifts lasting from eight to eleven hours, Quincy begins his shifts with a check-in where he ensures that his entire team has the proper PPE, are aware of all safety measures enforced by Republic Services, and finally any special announcements that may be important to the group. Once the sorting belts are on, Quincy makes his rounds checking in on his team, and emptying their trash, cardboard, and aluminum bins. Of course, one of the most important tasks would be clearing jams in the sort system, which requires lockout tagout procedures to ensure that equipment is shut down and inoperable until repairs are completed.



Quincy says that the key to his successful leadership style is to mirror the productive professional relationships that he's enjoyed with Republic leadership, going back to his early days as a sorter.