



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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SOLID WASTE ADVISORY

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SWA 20-009 – Reduced Collection Frequency Allowance for Non-Residential Properties

The purpose of this Solid Waste Advisory (SWA) is to notify affected property owners and the solid waste industry operating in Fairfax County that, due to the reduced need for weekly refuse collection at unoccupied or partially-occupied commercial properties during the COVID-19 emergency, the Solid Waste Management Program (SWMP) is suspending the requirement to provide weekly removal of refuse and recyclables at non-residential properties meeting minimum requirements described below. This Reduced Collection Frequency (RCF) general waiver is granted to all qualified properties in accordance with SWMP's authority under Section 109.1-5-4 (b) and is effective immediately.

REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY FOR REDUCED COLLECTION FREQUENCY

1. Refuse and recyclables must be stored in a closed container (e.g., compactor, dumpster). If refuse is stored in bags, collection must continue to be weekly.
2. The property must not generate a significant amount of food waste (e.g., office buildings, typical retail, and industrial facilities). For restaurants, grocers, and other locations that generate food waste, collection must continue to be weekly.
3. Removal of stored refuse and recyclables must occur no less than once every 30 days.
4. Properties operating under RCF must notify the SWMP of their intent to do so by sending a brief email to trashmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

SWMP reserves the right to restore the weekly collection requirement where its personnel observe any violations of the County Code, accumulated waste is deemed to be a nuisance, or upon advisement by the Health Department, the Fire Marshall, Police, or Fire and Rescue.

Questions or concerns regarding this Advisory should be directed to the contact shown above.

This is the ninth in a series of Solid Waste Advisories being distributed to the County's solid waste industry during the COVID-19 emergency. Collectors are advised to closely review these Advisories upon receipt, and to share their contents with customers as appropriate.

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