

We had a very productive May 13th Membership Zoom meeting with a great presentation by John Kellas and Bart Forbes.

Kellas and Forbes reviewed the changes that have been put in place due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Residential Drop-off Facilities at I-66 Transfer Station and I-95 Landfill Complex

1. Facilities will open to general public from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Administrative buildings are closed.
2. Household hazardous waste and e-waste stations are closed at the I-95 landfill complex. These services remain available at the I-66 transfer station.
3. Commercial Cash (non-residential) receipts are no longer accepted on Sundays. Only receipts from residential customers will be accepted on Sundays.
4. Donation Stations at both locations are closed.

Purple Can Club (Glass Recycling)

1. Collection of glass dropped off at purple, glass-only containers is suspended. Containers will be removed from existing locations throughout Fairfax County.
2. Residents can bring glass to containers at the I-66 transfer station and I-95 landfill complex, or glass can be placed in the trash.

Secure Document Shredding Events

1. Secure document shredding events are postponed until further notice.

Residents can help provide safer working conditions for our workforce by following these best practices:

1. **REDUCE THE WASTE YOU GENERATE-** During this unprecedented time, residents should be mindful of the quantity of waste they generate, so as not to overwhelm the collection system. For example, this is not the best time to clean out the garage/do spring cleaning.
2. **STOP SETTING OUT YARD WASTE AT THE CURB.** Start grass cycling, backyard composting, and limit generation of yard waste if possible. Yard waste is still accepted at the I-66 transfer station and I-95 landfill complex.
3. **BAG ALL TRASH and REFUSE –** Bagged trash limits exposure to potentially harmful materials, such as used tissue that could spread viruses and bacteria.

4. KEEP ALL RECYCLING CLEAN AND LOOSE – When recycling is loose in the bin, not in bags, it is easier to process. Removing food and liquid residue from recyclables minimizes the spread of viruses and bacteria. Only place plastic bottles and jugs, paper, cardboard, cartons and metal cans in the bin.
5. EMPTY ALL LIQUIDS – Liquids in bottles, cans, and other containers can carry viruses and bacteria and can splash onto collectors when trash and recyclables are emptied.
6. WIPE/DISINFECT CART HANDLES AND LIDS – The two main touch points on a cart for collectors are the lid and the handles. By wiping those areas down with disinfectant or soapy water, you minimize the danger of shared contact areas.
7. SEAL AND MARK ALL SHARPS/NEEDLES – Properly dispose of medical sharp objects such as syringes by placing them in a sealed, rigid plastic container. Seal the container with sturdy tape, clearly mark it as “Sharps,” and place in the trash.

One of the most important things that was mentioned were the items that ARE being recycled and those that SHOULD NOT be recycled. Glass recycling and the purple bins are BACK in the parking lot by Mount Vernon District Police Station! All glass should be placed in the purple bin – not in the curbside recycling <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/recycle>.

While most of us do not have recycling by Fairfax County, the private haulers are functioning under comparable guidelines.