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Fauquier County Environmental Services

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In Uncertain Times

Many of our customers have expressed concerns about how the COVID-19 pandemic may affect facility operations. We would like to reassure all customers that in spite of many County office restrictions, we are keeping our disposal facilities open to the public, with our regular hours. Our administrative office is closed to the public through April 30th, but staff are available by phone and email for questions and necessary administrative paperwork. Hours may be subject to change, as staffing or safety requires.

To minimize community exposure, we are asking all residents to self-unload as much as they are able. Staff will still be available to assist with unloading if needed, upon request. Please remember to maintain social distancing between yourselves and others when using our facilities, and consider postponing unnecessary trips until another time.

Upcoming recycling education events have been cancelled, as well as our April half price tire event. Please see page 2 of this newsletter for details.

Any future changes to hours or services will be communicated on our website at www.fauquiercounty.gov, as well as by Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

We thank you for your patience as we adapt to the often-changing situation, and want to assure you that we are here for you, the community, during this difficult time.

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**STAYSAFE
AND STAY
POSITIVE**

COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for Waste and Recycling

In response to worker and public concerns, both OSHA and the National Waste and Recycling Association have released guidelines for solid waste worker protection during the COVID-19 pandemic. Waste disposal is an essential service, and our workers are still serving the public by handling waste and recycling materials. In order to keep our staff healthy, please follow the guidelines below:

- ◆ Bag *all loose trash*, especially if you or a member of your household is sick.
- ◆ Use sturdy bags, or double-bag your trash. Knot trash bags securely at the top to eliminate spillage.
- ◆ Keep your recycling clean—Rinse out bottles and cans, place paper or cardboard that is wet, greasy or food-contaminated in the trash. Liquids can splash on to workers and contamination will make sorting more labor-intensive.
- ◆ Keep your recycling loose—Do not put bagged recyclables in recycling containers. This allows our staff to more easily sort materials and minimize contact.
- ◆ Practice social distancing guidelines at our facilities and self-unload as much as you are able.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping our staff safe, and our facilities running smoothly.

Recycling Educator Retiring



In May, Environmental Services' long-time Recycling Information Program Coordinator, Trish Ethier, is retiring. Trish has been educating Fauquier County children and adults about recycling for fifteen years, and she will be missed by many in the community who have grown up with her programs. The photo above was taken at Bradley Elementary in 2009, with our department mascot, Ed E. Earth.

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During inclement weather, call the office prior to travel for any inclement weather announcements.

SPCA Electronics Recycling Event

To increase community safety, the Fauquier SPCA has cancelled their upcoming electronics recycling event scheduled for April 25th at 388 Waterloo Street in Warrenton. It will be rescheduled later in the year. Please contact the Fauquier SPCA directly at **540-788-9000** with any questions.

DATES TO REMEMBER

4/4- Household Hazardous Waste Collection

4/12- Easter Holiday (**ALL sites CLOSED**)

4/18- Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Hours of Operation

***Summer Hours in Effect**

	Corral Farm	Remote Sites	Remington Site
Monday	7am-3pm	*11am-7pm	*2pm-7pm
Tuesday	7am-3pm	7am-3pm	Closed
Wednesday	7am-3pm	7am-3pm	10am-3pm
Thursday	7am-3pm	*11am-7pm	Closed
Friday	7am-3pm	7am-3pm	10am-3pm
Saturday	7am-3pm	7am-3pm	7am-3pm
Sunday	7am-3pm	7am-3pm	10am-3pm

Program Cancellations

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Fauquier County Environmental Services has cancelled several upcoming programs:

- ◆ “Gabby the Gator” story time with equipment demonstration to follow on April 8th has been cancelled, and rescheduled (subject to further change) for May 6th.
- ◆ Half price tire event to be held during the month of April has been cancelled, reschedule date to be determined.
- ◆ Recycling Information Sessions to be held in April and May have been cancelled, reschedule date to be determined.

Thank you for your understanding. Any further program cancellations will be announced on our website, via eNotifications, and on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.