

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 grasscycling, backyard composting, and limit generation of yard waste if possible. Residents may take their Yard waste to 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.