GEORGIA SWANA PRESENTS ...

HOW THE PANDEMIC IS CHANGING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
GEORGIA LOCAL GOVERNMENTS RESPOND

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Challenges

• Worker Safety
  • Handling Potentially Contaminated Material
  • Maintaining Social Distance From Co-workers And Customers
• Surge In Residential Garbage
• More Out-of-Cart Set Outs
Prohibiting Out-of-Cart Set-Outs

- Nearly Universally Applied
- Limits What Workers Touch
- Routes Completed Quicker
- Alternatives Offered
  - Scheduled Pick-up
  - Drop-off Locations
  - Waived Tipping Fee

IF IT DOESN’T FIT, SCHEDULE IT!

- All household trash must be in plastic bags
- If an item is too large to fit into a trash cart, schedule a bulk collection
- All recycling must be loose, clean and fit inside your recycling cart
- Contact ATL311 if you suspect your solid waste has been exposed to COVID-19
- All solid waste collection schedules remain the same

Questions: visit www.atlantaga.gov/solidwaste
use the ATL Solid Waste Services mobile app, or contact @ATL311 • #IfItDoesntFitScheduleIt

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Temporary Suspension of Services

• Bulk Items
• Curbside Yard Trimmings
• Curbside Recycling
• Commercial Curbside In Business Districts
• HHW, Electronics, Tire Collection At Disposal Facilities
• Backyard Collection

Coronavirus Updates

In consideration of the safety and wellbeing of our employees and customers,

ACC Solid Waste Department is shifting all downtown trash and recycling collection to central dumpster locations, until further notice.

For the most updated information, visit accgov.com/coronavirus
Temporarily Closing Facilities

- Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM)
- HHW Facilities
- Convenience Centers
- Recycling Processing Facility
Limiting Access to Facilities

- No Residents at Landfill
- Self-Haul by Appointment Only
- Reduced Hours
- Discourage Saturday Deliveries
You can help keep us safe. Please sanitize your handle and lid.

In consideration of the safety and well-being of our employees, please double-bag all contaminated gloves, face masks, and other disposable items.

Targeted Education

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Cancelling Events

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Social Distancing Approaches

• Staggering shifts
  • On daily basis
  • Alternating weeks
• Reducing crew size
• Plexiglass divider between sorters
• Teleworking for administrative staff
Protecting Workers

• New cleaning policies for buildings, trucks and equipment
• Additional PPE requirements (e.g., masks, face shields, etc.)
• New policies and procedures allowed by HR Departments
  • Health survey
  • Taking staff temperatures
  • Arranging duties based on employee vulnerability
  • Potential hazard pay
Appreciating Industry Workers

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Recognizing Industry Workers

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Opportunity to Implement Best Practices Long-Term?

• Encourage Curbside Collection
• Shift To Centralized Collection In Downtown Business Areas
• Limit Landfill Access
• Limit Out-of-Cart Set Outs
• Reduce Crew Size
THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK HAS THE POTENTIAL TO ... CREATE UNSANITARY AND POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS PROBLEMS. ALREADY A FEW TOWNS - INCLUDING NEW YORK - ARE SUSPENDING OR REDUCING SOME TRASH AND RECYCLING SERVICES TO PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PREPARE FOR LOWER STAFF LEVELS THAT WILL STRESS COLLECTION AND PROCESSING. THESE REDUCTIONS WON’T LEAD TO A 1918-STYLE TRASH CRISIS. BUT THEY ARE A REMINDER THAT THE CRITICAL JOB OF MANAGING AMERICAN WASTE IS EXTREMELY VULNERABLE IN A PANDEMIC. FORTIFYING AND PROTECTING THE COMPANIES, TOWNS AND WORKERS WHO DO THIS WORK MUST BE A TOP PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS AND GOVERNMENT ALIKE.

Adam Minter, Bloomberg Opinion, March 23, 2020
Guiding Sustainable Materials Management

QUESTIONS?

About AGR

A. Goldsmith Resources LLC (AGR) was founded in 2014 with one goal in mind – to help clients navigate sustainable solid waste and materials management.

Whether developing strategies, projecting costs and user fees to support them or procuring services from private partners, state and local governments turn to AGR to ensure solid waste reduction and management approaches work for the long-term.

AGR is certified as a Female Business Enterprise by local governments throughout the United States.