

SAFETY FIRST

Safety reminders for your family, home and community



Stay Safe Around Trucks

We love to see our young fans smile and wave when we drive through the neighborhood and service your home. Please remind children to watch our operations safely from your front yard or the sidewalk. Never attempt to touch a working truck or add anything to a cart while it's being serviced.

- Maintain a safe zone. Stay at least 15 feet from a truck while it is servicing your cart.
- If a pet runs under a truck while it is servicing your cart, do not chase it. Get the driver's attention and approach the truck to retrieve your pet when the driver indicates it is safe.
- In their excitement to see our trucks, children often forget the dangers of riding their bikes alongside or right behind our vehicles. Please caution them to keep a safe distance when sharing the street with our trucks.
- Remember, it takes large trucks about twice as long to stop compared to a passenger car, so never cut in front or stop suddenly in front of a trash or recycling truck.



Help Prevent Trash Fires

Did you know that coals can stay hot for days after use? Hot coals or ashes can flare up in your trash cart. If emptied into the back of a trash truck, they can ignite the entire load. Bottles of lighter fluid pose a similar risk and propane tanks can explode when compacted in the back of a truck. To protect the safety of your home, the community and our employees, please be sure to keep unsafe waste out of your curbside carts.

- Place coals in a metal container and cover with water to fully extinguish. This is a good method for sparklers, fireworks and smoldering materials. When materials are completely cooled, put into a plastic bag and then in your trash cart.
- Never put hot or combustible materials in a trash cart. Dispose of propane tanks, pool chemicals, batteries, lighter fluid and similar items at household hazardous collection events.
- Products that contain flammable, corrosive, toxic, or poisonous ingredients are considered hazardous. They require special handling and cannot be safely disposed in your curbside cart. Flammable materials can ignite in a trash truck and cause dangerous fires. Oil, paint and other toxic fluids can leak out of the truck, stain our streets and contaminate storm systems. Please dispose of these items at a county-sanctioned event or disposal site.

