

SAFETY FIRST

Wise waste safety tips 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.

Keep a Safe Distance: Collection trucks stop and back up frequently. Teach kids not to follow trucks on their bikes, skateboards or skates.

Watch Safely: Let kids know it's okay to watch the truck from a safe distance and remind them not to play around or near carts.

Stay Clear: If you have a little helper at home, please don't let them try to help load trash or recycling into the truck. Please leave it to the collection team to keep your neighborhood clean.

Stay Visible: If you can't see the driver's eyes, they most likely can't see your children or pets.

Mind Carts: Never play inside or between waste carts, and never attempt to touch a working truck or add anything to a cart while it's being serviced.



HELP PREVENT TRASH FIRES

Did you know? The most common causes of trash fires are hot coals, ashes, and flammable items, such as batteries and household chemicals. The coals that helped get your campfire or backyard BBQ going, can quickly start a fire in your trash cart, the back of a collection truck or at a waste facility. You can help keep your family, community and collection workers safe and prevent trash fires by properly disposing of coals and household hazardous waste.

Properly Dispose of Hot Coals and Ashes

- Cool your coals - hot coals and fresh ashes stay hot for several days. Let them cool for more than 48 hours before disposal.
- Place your hot coals and ashes in a metal container and cover them with water to fully extinguish them.
- Do not place coals and ashes in a plastic, paper, wood or galvanized container.
- Do not place other combustibles in the container with the coals or ashes.

Properly Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste

Many everyday items can cause a fire in your trash cart or in your neighborhood when they come in contact with other materials or get compacted inside a collection truck.



- Batteries of any kind
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Flammable/combustible liquids
- Garden and pool chemicals
- Disinfectants and chemicals
- Motor oil and oil rags
- Paint and paint-related products
- Unknown substances
- Vehicle fluids

