



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

October 14, 2016

Re: Changes to solid waste collector requirements

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for being an integral part of the solid waste collection process in the District of Columbia. There are upcoming changes to the requirements of solid waste collection per DC Official Code §§ 8-1031.05 and 1031.06 which require that solid waste collectors register and report with the Office of Waste Diversion in the Department of Public Works. Businesses, non-profits, or government entities engaged in the collection or transportation of garbage, refuse, trash, or any other waste or waste product in the District will register annually and submit an annual report. The report will include the location of each delivery facility used to dispose of solid waste collected in the district, the type of material delivered, and the tonnage of the material delivered. This letter is to inform affected stakeholders of the updated rulemaking, implementation, and enforcement schedule for the law.

Solid waste collectors include:

- Traditional trash collectors
- Recycling collectors
- Compost collection companies
- Landscaping companies
- Fat, oil and grease collectors
- Businesses with approved self-implementation plans
- Textile collectors
- Electronic collectors
- Other collectors of reusable materials

Key dates include:

- A Proposed Rulemaking will be published in the DC Register by the winter of 2016/2017.
- Collectors will be able to register online with DPW by January 1, 2017.
- Collectors will be expected to report data for the entirety of 2016.

DPW will post updates and information that may be useful to collectors in developing their plans at www.dpw.dc.gov/SWCInfo. Please email SWC.Info@dc.gov, if your question or comment is not addressed on the website, to recommend areas of the program that would benefit from clarification through the proposed rulemaking, or if you have questions related to registration or reporting requirements.

Sincerely,


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