

Information Briefing: COVID-19 Resources for Solid Waste Professionals



As you work hard to keep your solid waste management systems and services safely functioning, we are here to help. First, we want to provide links to timely, regularly updated information for your enterprise.

Solid Waste is an Essential Service/Critical Infrastructure Workforce!

The U.N. Environment Programme and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security have designated solid waste as an essential service/part of the critical infrastructure workforce.

[Waste Management an Essential Public Service in the Fight to Beat COVID-19](#)

[Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce](#)

[Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response](#)

Many states have also made this determination and have guidance.

Industry Guidance and Essential Worker Documentation

The [Solid Waste Association of North America](#) also has materials and templates that further corroborate that solid waste is and should be identified as an essential public service. Materials include letters and templates that workers can use to provide needed documentation.

[SWANA Reminds All State and Local Governments that Solid Waste Management is an Essential Public Service](#)

[Guidance on Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Occupational Exposure Concerns

OSHA has resources if you have workers that may have potential exposure issues as a function of working in a solid waste related occupation.

[COVID-19 Control and Prevention](#)

Keep Training

As conferences are cancelled, online training and webinars are available, so your staff can stay up-to-date on their certifications and learning journey.

- [SWANA Training & Certification Webinars](#)
- [EPA Sustainable Materials Management Web Academy](#)
- [Blue Ridge Services Operational and Safety Webinars for the Waste Industry](#) (FREE access to their online training library)

How We Can Help

In the coming days, we are here to help as you navigate the evolving COVID-19 challenges. Jacobs values our partnerships with you to address immediate waste management needs and plan for future disruptions and shifts in services. We have worldwide experience with pandemic planning, operational continuity, post-disaster response, waste program management and planning, and scenario evaluation. Here are a few ways we could assist:

- Understanding FEMA options
- Understanding impacts on your solid waste system (including facility changes, capacities and planning)
- Understanding how the rules, laws, guidance, and local ordinances come together and what else you may need to respond to
- Operational continuity planning and emergency services support

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