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**Re: COVID-19 – NWRA Poster for collection workers**

Dear City Manager,

The National Waste & Recycling Association has long been committed to ensuring that our workers are kept safe. This is especially important now during this COVID-19 crisis. Waste and recycling collection are an essential part of the infrastructure that protects public health and the environment. To accomplish this, waste collectors collect material from the entire community. To keep them safe we encourage limiting their contact with the public and with the waste and recycling materials.

Therefore, we developed the attached poster to ensure that all waste and recycling material is picked up in a manner that minimizes contact between our employees and the public and the material they put at the curb. This poster accomplishes that by requesting proactive efforts by the public to support our workers:

- Maintain social distance – Once the carts are placed at the curb, the public should maintain social distance from the workers that unload the carts.
- Bag waste & keep recyclables loose – All waste should be in bags and all recyclables should be kept loose.
- All material in carts or bins – Bagged waste and loose recyclables should be placed into the appropriate carts or bins. There should not be any bags or boxes or other material outside the carts as that requires extra handling.
- Recycling – Remind the public about acceptable materials for the carts and that only those materials should be placed in the carts. Plastic bags, tissues and sharps should not be placed in recycling.
- Put out carts on time and retrieve carts quickly.
- Wipe cart handles and lids after placing them curbside.

We are requesting your help getting this information into the hands of the public. We appreciate your support in keeping the men and women of this industry safe.

Should you have any questions, please call Anne Germain at 202-364-3724 or e-mail at [agermain@wasterecycling.org](mailto:agermain@wasterecycling.org).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrell K. Smith".

Darrell K. Smith  
President and Chief Executive Officer