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Topic: COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDANCE FOR SOLID WASTE SITES

The Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) is very aware that this is a difficult time for many due to the unknown/uncertainties of the COVID-19. The LEA recognizes that solid waste collection and disposal activities are an essential and critical service to our communities. The LEA will continue to inspect all solid waste facilities within our jurisdiction to ensure that these essential waste activities can continue to be conducted in a manner that protects the health and safety of all individuals. However, all inspection must be done in accordance with Mayor Garcetti's COVID-19 Guidelines.

The LEA recommends the following guidelines for solid waste operations within the City of Los Angeles. These are based on a compilation of Interim CDC's Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), OSHA's Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19, and other publications.

1. Practice social distancing by maintaining a 6-foot distance from others
2. Preclude close gatherings of any size, and anytime two or more people must meet, ensure the minimum 6-foot separation requirement can be met at the location of the gathering.
3. Provide personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, goggles, face shields and face masks as appropriate for the activity being performed.
4. Identify "choke points" and "high-risk areas" where workers are forced to stand together, such as hallways, restrooms, break areas, and vehicles, and control them so social distancing is maintained.
5. Minimize interactions when picking up or delivering equipment or materials, ensure the minimum 6-foot separation.
6. Stagger the start times, lunches and breaks as necessary to reduce density and maintain the minimum 6-foot separation social distancing.
7. Discourage workers from using other workers' phones, desks, offices, work tools and equipment. If necessary, clean and disinfect them before and after use.
8. Post, in areas visible to all worker, required hygienic practices including not touching face with unwashed hands or with gloves; washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use of hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, cleaning AND disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces such as workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, machines, shared tools, elevator control buttons, and doorknobs; covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing as well as other hygienic recommendations by the CDC.
9. Place wash stations or hand sanitizer dispensers in multiple locations to encourage hand hygiene.
10. Require anyone working at the site to stay home if they are sick, except to get medical care.
11. Have employees inform their supervisor if they have a sick family member at home or have had close contact someone with COVID-19.

Please be aware that it is your responsibility to ensure the COVID-19 guidelines are adhered to during daily operation. These guidelines will help to prevent the spread of the disease and to keep your business operating.