

March 30, 2020

Mr. Jeff Henderson
City of Tavares Solid Waste Division
100 N. Disston Ave
Tavares, FL 32778

RE: COVID-19 MATERIALS

Dear Mr. Henderson:

As the impact of COVID-19 has spread, Covanta has become increasingly concerned about the potential for improper or careless handling of waste materials that may bear the COVID-19 virus. Our concern extends not only to our employees operating as an essential service provider for your municipal solid wastes, but also for those in close proximity or contact with waste streams as part of consolidation, collection, and disposal.

Probable COVID-19 bearing waste streams must be handled securely and separately from general Municipal Solid Waste streams in order to protect both waste collection personnel and the employees working in our plants. We request and will require that:

1. COVID-19 materials from drive up examination / testing facilities should be segregated on site into two different waste streams:
 - a) Known COVID-19 contaminated materials, or materials that have been in close contact with known or suspected COVID-19 contaminated materials, should be treated and handled as Regulated Medical Waste via a Regulated Medical Waste Provider such as Stericycle or Daniels or a Hospital provider. In most cases, Covanta is not permitted to accept untreated Regulated Medical Waste by permit.
 - b) Waste materials that are considered safe by the professional staff on site should follow the COVID-19 debris decontamination guidelines in the following section 2.
2. COVID-19 debris includes waste material generated from decontamination procedures following Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines from non-medical businesses, office buildings, schools, etc. This material should be managed in a secure fashion as follows:
 - a) The material packaging requirement for this material is:
 - i. Double Poly Bagged: (minimum 3 mil) – use clear or black bags (not red)
 - ii. Boxed: For ease of storage and transportation
 - iii. Palletized (*if possible*): Large quantities should be palletized and shrink wrapped to ensure secure storage/transport
 - iv. Labeled: COVID-19 Decontamination Debris

- b) Profiled and scheduled for delivery to a designated Covanta facility through Covanta profiling team:
 - i. CES Hotline: 844.268.2682
 - ii. Email: CESinfo@covanta.com

Alternatively, you can contact your regular Asset or Waste contract manager and they will help coordinate these services.

- 3. As additional precautionary measures and measures to assist the public in decision making, please consider the following for residents, homeowners and businesses:
 - a) Please ensure all personal hygiene products, used tissues, paper towel, sanitary wipes, face masks, gloves, and similar items are disposed of in plastic garbage bags. Garbage bags should be tied securely for disposal.
 - b) If you are sick or caring for someone who is sick: all personal waste should be double bagged in plastic garbage bags. Securely tie all bags shut and dispose of as regular residential garbage.

We request your support in the above, and we are prepared to discuss and address concerns that you may have regarding this approach and to respond in a manner that provides appropriate protections to our employees and to the public. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. We look forward to working with you through these challenging times with vigilance and safety in mind.

Best Regards,



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