

County Connection for Week of 09/26/2018
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As of Monday, September 24, the gates at our Brosville Convenience Center are officially open from 7am to 9pm and staffed by four newly trained and eager to assist attendants. When they are gone, and the gates are locked, we will be monitoring the sites by camera and random inspection.

On Friday, Sept. 21, all of our new attendants and Solid Waste Assistant Team members met at in Brosville for an educational session on what is and isn't allowed at the convenience centers. They also learned how best to assist our citizens and some tips to advise rulebreakers of how to comply with County regulations and State law.

During the two-hour training, our SWAT team had to issue warnings to a few individuals that attempted to leave behind brush and mechanical equipment that is not allowed in the waste stream. We also witnessed several large trucks turn toward the convenience center and then reverse course after seeing our bright blue Pittsylvania County SWAT t-shirts. Could these trucks have been planning to dump prohibited materials? Maybe they were lost.

Or maybe these trucks drove to the nearby and unmanned Callahan Hill site. Regardless, these are clear signs that manning the sites will work to cut down on abuse and make solid waste collection less expensive for our taxpayers.

Our site attendants are armed with educational materials and an earnest desire to help citizens understand the importance of regulating our garbage stream. We've heard from several citizens that they will leave their trash on the side of the road next to the gate once the sites operate on controlled hours. If you do, please know that the SWAT guys will looking into any litter or bagged garbage found to determine the owner. We will not tolerate this kind of abuse to our beautiful Pittsylvania landscape; we will fine you if you litter in Pittsylvania County.

Beginning October 8, we will initiate controlled hours at the Callahan Hill (58 West) convenience center and will add attendants to that site as well. We are still seeking site attendants for some of our other pilot sites. You can apply on the county website or in person at the County administration building in Chatham you are interested in becoming a part of our solid waste team.

Finally, here's my question for you, which I am asking at the end of each article I write. Is there something you'd like to see us change? Do you have suggestions for what we should add to our convenience centers to make your experience better? We want to know!