

**County Connection for Week of 10/10/2018**  
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### **"Progress Report"**

Over the past 90 days, the County has initiated many changes to improve its solid waste system, so I thought it was time to give a progress report. We've been doing a lot behind the scenes, and I wanted to make sure that all of you know the positive progress that has been made.

We have built and added to the [pittsylvanialandfill.com](http://pittsylvanialandfill.com) website, making it easy for anyone with an Internet connection to access all of the information that we have about our solid waste program. You can review what is and isn't allowed to be thrown into the convenience centers and the green boxes, see a copy the solid waste ordinance, and find the nearest convenience center or green box site via an interactive map.

Cameras have been installed at five (5) of our most problematic sites – these can be seen by everyone at our website. There is even a form you can fill out to notify us that you've seen inappropriate activity while watching the camera feed.

We have also expanded our hours at the landfill, adding Saturday hours so it is much easier for our citizens to get rid of their garbage. Our landfill has changed its practices to increase trash compaction which extends the life of the working cell and saves us all money.

Our convenience centers and green box sites are experiencing improvements too. We have started locking several of our sites at night and have added staffing at two locations. By the end of the year at least six (6) of our convenience centers will be fully staffed and lock between 9 pm and 7 am. The Brosville or Berry Hill sites are now staffed by friendly and trained attendants to help and to deter illegal use of our residential collection system. They are the first line of defense against illegal dumping and abuse of our sites, and they're pretty great people, too! You will want to get to know your local site attendants.

We have also hired and deployed three members of the Solid Waste Assistance Team. Mike and Keith are in charge of enforcing the solid waste ordinance, while Wayne is helping to make sure that our sites are safe and clean. They have been warmly received by you and our sites are cleaner than they have been in many, many years. If you see them around, you might want to get to say hello. We're pretty proud of our team here in Pittsylvania County.

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.

In addition to the above, we have created informational brochures and maps that the SWAT guys and site attendants hand out and are this week installing new signage at all of our sites. We have installed new fencing, created additional capacity at several green box sites and are installing new improvements to the Brosville site this week. We also have been servicing our worst containers over the weekends and early Monday mornings to improve efficiency and cleanliness.

Finally, we have heard over and over that our citizens want improved recycling options. We heard you, and we will soon be dramatically increasing these opportunities. By the end of October, you will begin to see eight (8) new collection points for plastic recycling and 16 new containers for cardboard.

As you can see, we're making lots of changes. Is there something not yet addressed that you'd like to see us change? Do you have suggestions for what we should add to our service offerings? We want to know!