

**County Connection for Week of 11/07/2018**  
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**“Solid waste fees”**

Over the next week, our treasurer’s office will be hard at work sending out the first of our solid waste bills. These will go out to all home owners in Pittsylvania County between now and November 15.

However, the full \$120 annual fee is not yet due. The board of supervisors worked with the treasurer to ensure that everyone will have until June 30, 2019 to pay the full amount without penalty or interest. The treasurer will also accept partial payments, so you can pay in modest monthly installments if that helps your household budget.

We are making considerable improvements to the county’s landfill and collection operations. We hope many of you have noticed the improved recycling opportunities, cleaner sites and, at Berry Hill, Brosville and Mt. Hermon, improved customer service by our attendants. We will continue to roll out more improvements throughout the county, including new regional collections sites and new convenience center locations north of Chatham.

We have heard several complaints and received many suggestions on how to improve the solid waste collection system. The board of supervisor’s Solid Waste Committee discussed several of these comments and has instructed staff to move forward with several, including additional training for our site attendants. The committee has asked the full board to consider several changes to the solid waste ordinance at its November 20th regular meeting. We will be proposing that tires be allowed at the landfill for a \$3 fee and allowing out-of-county residents to use our sites for a fee of \$240/ household. If you would like to comment on these proposals please come and sign up to speak to the board of supervisors at the November 20 public hearing at 7 pm.

We continue to seek site attendants for many of our convenience centers, especially Blairs and Mt. Cross. You can apply on the county website or in person at the county administration building in Chatham if 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? Share them with us!