

County Connection for Week of 12/12/2018
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“County works to keep sites running during snow, holidays”

What a snow! I hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful sights....and maybe even a little snow cream. Now it's time to dig out.

The snow did prevent us from running our normal garbage collection routes Monday. Instead, our contractors spent the day plowing snow at the convenience centers. It's a lot of work; there are 21 convenience centers to be plowed. Luckily, we got 19 of the 21 cleaned up Monday, but that doesn't mean they are dry. Despite scraping and salting, it is still very slick and dangerous out there. Many of our sites have entrances that are on steep grades and may be difficult for some vehicles to maneuver. You may want to consider holding your trash at home for a few more days until the sun can dry the pavement.

As for county solid waste operations, we are back on schedule as of Wednesday. Thanks to all of our dedicated employees and contractors that worked in tough conditions to ensure our garbage services are available as soon as possible after the snow storm.

These unexpected events can be frustrating to both you and our crew. Our routines are involuntarily adjusted and we all have to scramble to get back on track. While we have plans to address these type problems, it seems that there is always an unexpected challenge. Our crews are excellent at rolling with the punches and getting the job done in spite of the difficulties.

We also have major challenges that can be anticipated. For example, many holidays are heavy trash periods. We are working now to ensure that the Christmas and New Year's Holidays run smoothly. We are employing additional trucks and drivers for this period and will be making extra "pulls" at all of our sites both before and after the holidays. We want carrying your trash to a convenience center to be a non-issue this holiday season so you can enjoy your time with friends and family.

Please email me if you have any thoughts, criticism or suggestions as to how we can improve your garbage service. Email me at david.smitherman@pittgov.org with your ideas. Also, remember that we are still looking for site attendants and would love for you or someone you know to apply at pittsylvaniacountyva.gov.