



# Environmental Services

Policy on Solid Waste and Recycling  
Operations in Severe Weather

LRC May 19, 2011

Agenda Item #3



# Recycling Collection

Policy: Do not pick up Recycling when

- Lowest temp is below 20 deg F
- Wind gusts exceed 40 mph



# Recycling Collection

## Rationale for low temp:

- Diesel gels below 18 deg F, making it difficult to start trucks,
- Trucks stall while on route
- Roads are unsafe with ice/snow

Bottom line – Trucks take longer to perform mandated trash collection



# Recycling Collection

## Rationale for high winds:

- Containers designed for up to 40 mph gusts
- Current contract stipulates “do not bag recycling material”
- Delayed trucks arrive at the landfill late when the landfill may also need to close early due to high winds.

Bottom line – Litter scattered all over, containers left all over the street, landfill litter and safety also impacted.

*Avg Recycling weight = 15.7 lbs*

*Avg Garbage weight = 43.3 lbs.*



# Landfill / CCS Operations

- Policy: Landfill will be closed when
  - wind speeds reach 40 mph, and
  - Blowing dust creates low visibility or blowing dust or trash create unsafe conditions for employees or public.
- Director or designee will make determination based on actual conditions.
  - Weathernet site at Clint Landfill



# Landfill / CCS Operations

- Public will be notified via news media or postings to extent feasible.
- In 2011, early closures on 2/8, 3/7, 4/9 and 4/26.
- 4/26 – wind speeds up to 91 mph & extensive damage to landfill netting
- Rationale:
  - Public and employee safety
  - Litter Control