

COVID-19 and Solid Waste Management in the H-GAC Region

Survey Respondents

- 48% (11) Government Agencies
- 17% (4) Recycler/Composter
- 13% (3) Waste Processor/Facility Owner
- 13% (3) Waste Hauler
- 4% (1) Other
- 4% (1) Solid Waste

Changes Experienced

- 53%* increase in regular collection
- 62%* unchanged or decrease in recycling
- 40%* increase in yard waste
- 38%* increase in bulky items

*percentage of respondents

Other Findings

- 94% say restrictions are affecting their operations, with 50% being affected either moderately or significantly
- Supply and staff issues being the most common impacts indicated in the short and long term

Various Responses Employed

- Unmanned – staying open
- Manned
 - Shut down
 - Reduced hours
 - Switched to unmanned
 - Changes to what is being accepted
- Citizens' Collection Stations – treating everything as waste
- Collection events – suspended for now

Solid Waste Grants

- Round 1
 - Approval from TCEQ
 - Working on contracts
- Round 2
 - 12 applications received
 - \$236,652 to give out
 - \$432,002 in requests

Upcoming events

Solid Waste Webinar - Recycling

Thursday, May 21, 2020

9 am to 11 am