

“Dear Municipal Managers, as you know cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) are rapidly spreading throughout our area. It has been determined by the CDC that the virus can remain viable for hours up to days on a variety of waste materials generated by our residents. With that said, Advanced Disposal Services will be requiring that all waste be bagged in order to be collected. Grocery bags containing waste will not be accepted as these are prone to breaking open and are the major cause for windblown trash on collection days. Loose trash will be left at the curb and not collected effective March 30th for all areas. If residents are using containers, they must still bag all waste prior to depositing in the container. This will eliminate windblown items while dumping the container. Bagging will NOT include recyclables. Recyclables shall remain un-bagged and single stream. This process is for the protection of our employees as well as the residents of your municipalities in order to reduce the spread of the virus. We are asking all municipalities to inform their residents through their websites of this new procedure. We apologize for any inconvenience that this process will cause you and your residents but it is imperative that these steps be implemented immediately. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.”