



General Waste Disposal Guidance for Community Members



This document provides suggestions for waste disposal practices only.

To care for and report ill household members – contact your local clinic or a qualified medical provider, such as your regional healthcare provider. Follow their guidelines for house cleaning and care protocols. If the virus is spreading in your community, ask them if they have other waste management precautions.

In-home or business waste disposal. Protect your family and your waste collector.





Sanitize! Sanitize the lid and handles of any trash cans with wipes or bleach solution. To help your waste collector and yourself, wash your hands before and after you tie the trash. Have everyone wash or sanitize their hands immediately when they enter your house. Sanitize any shared surfaces, such as door knobs, that they touched before they washed up.



6-foot rule! Does someone collect your trash? **Place your trash outside your door and shut it** so they can pick it up. Don't hand it to them, and don't let them come into your house to collect it. Remember you are protecting yourself and them by keeping a 6-foot distance from those you can!



Changing practices! Keep Kleenex and other bathroom or infectious waste in its own bag, and place in the middle of your household trash bag(s). Only use bags without holes or rips. Double-bag especially if it is not a strong bag. Don't overfill. Tie it securely closed. **Don't let kids take out the trash.** Picture your family's trash habits and what they touch when discarding trash. Regularly sanitize those surfaces.

Do you have ill family members? The CDC recommends that families dedicate a lined trash can for an ill person. Caretakers should use gloves when removing or disposing their trash and trash bags – and Wash their hands afterwards and sanitize.  Use a wash bowl? Discard the wash & sanitize the bowl after. **Not sure if its Covid-19? Contact your clinic or hospital right away.** If someone shows symptoms, *treat their trash as if they have the virus* until you know they don't. *Double-bag the trash*, secure or tie bags closed, and place in a hard container, like a trash can or bucket, outside the home. Put trash outside only at collection time to reduce the risk of kids, dogs, or the wind getting into it. Tell your waste collector if there is someone ill and clearly mark the container that holds that trash. 



Self-Hauling to a dumpster or the landfill

Clean and Sanitize!



- ◆ Bring disinfectant wipes, and gloves or hand sanitizer if you have them.
- ◆ *Before and after* you touch a shared surface, wipe it. For example, the landfill gate, a dumpster lid, or a burnbox handle.
- ◆ Do you share a sled or ATV with others? Wipe off the handles, steering wheel, etc.
- ◆ Wash your hands first thing when you get back home. Sanitize what you touched before you washed your hands. Treat any gloves worn as if they might be infected. Take them off carefully, wash them often, store them away from kids, and wash your hands after taking them off.



6-foot rule! Keep an eye out when on the access road. Pull aside so anyone passing on foot, snowmachine, or ATV is more than 6 feet. **Wait your turn** so you are the only person at the dump, the burnbox, the dumpster, or storage shed.



Changing practices! The more people together, the more potential exposure to the virus.

- ◆ One adult *only* should take out trash. Kids should *not* haul trash or be at the dump.
- ◆ Ask Elders to leave their trash outside their door and haul it for them.