



Fact Sheet

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Municipal and Residual Waste Transportation Hauling Company Checklist

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As part of the waste industry, you have the responsibility to protect against adverse impacts on the environment and on the public health, safety, and welfare associated with the transportation of waste. This checklist provides suggestions to help you and your employees protect against adverse impacts from the transportation of waste. To identify simple things your company could do to make a big difference, ask yourself and your employees these questions. If you or they answer “**No**” to any question, there is probably more your company could be doing to control transportation impacts and to ensure compliance with regulations and authorization requirements. If you need help on any of the questions, refer to the “Summary of Pennsylvania and Federal Requirements.”

- Do you have written policies and procedures to protect against adverse impacts from the transportation of waste?
- Do you repair and replace tarps and other vehicle covers as required? Do you provide vehicles with tarp repair materials or spare covers?
- Do you inspect and replace fire extinguishers as required?
- Do you inspect vehicles at end of day and make sure that drivers remove loose waste? Do you clean vehicles as required?
- Do you make sure that collection and transportation equipment and roll-off containers are constructed, inspected, and maintained to prevent leaks and other releases of waste?
- Do you inspect, maintain, and replace rear gate seals to prevent leaks or other releases of waste?
- Do you have and enforce policies regarding drivers performing inspections of tarps, other covers, seals, and containers as part of daily vehicle inspection?
- Do you have and enforce policies on not transporting municipal waste above the solid sides of the vehicle?
- Do you inform drivers of facility permit conditions on operating hours, approved approach routes and other matters? Do you make sure that drivers comply with facility safety requirements such as

having safety equipment and following unloading procedures and speed limits?

- Do your vehicles have signs with owner name and address (city, state and zip code) and waste type?
- Do your vehicles have a valid municipal/residual waste transportation authorization sticker?
- Do your vehicles carry a valid written municipal/residual waste transportation authorization?
- Do you provide protective clothing and first aid equipment?
- Do vehicles transporting residual waste have contingency plans for responding to discharges?
- Do you make sure that drivers maintain their DOT duty log, commercial driver’s license, and medical certificate?
- Do you make sure that drivers complete daily vehicle inspection report? Do you fix and repair vehicle as required?
- Did you establish and enforce policy regarding not driving vehicle overweight?
- Do you check driver weight slips?
- Do your drivers check vehicles after unloading and before leaving disposal facility for loose waste?
- Do your drivers check vehicles for mud and dirt?
- Do you notify drivers regarding facility policies, requirements, and procedures?
- Do you notify customers regarding company and disposal facility requirements related to waste acceptance and transportation?
- Do you notify drivers regarding any problems observed and take appropriate action?
- If you answered “**No**” to any question, did you take action to correct the problem?

How did you do? If you answered, “**Yes**” to all the questions, or took steps to correct and prevent the problems from recurring, “**Thank You**” for helping protect Pennsylvania’s environment and public safety.

Summary of Pennsylvania and Federal Requirements

- It shall be unlawful for any person to: ... transport or permit the transportation of any solid waste ... in such a manner as to adversely affect or endanger the public health, safety and welfare or environment. Solid Waste Management Act § 6018.610 (6).
- Load must be covered with a securely fastened water resistant cover that eliminates potential for littering and other nuisances. 25 Pa. Code §§285.211(a) and 299.211 (a).
- Haulers that collect or transport source separated recyclable materials may not combine waste with the source separated recyclable materials. 25 Pa. Code §§285.211 (c).
- Vehicle must be equipped with a charged fire extinguisher. If hauling municipal waste, vehicle must have a 5 B:C fire extinguisher or two 4 B:C fire extinguishers. 25 Pa. Code §§285.213 (a) (1) and 299.213 (a) (1) (iii).
- Collection and transportation equipment must be cleaned to prevent odors and other nuisances. 25 Pa. Code §§285.213 and 299.213.
- Collection and transportation equipment must be constructed to prevent littering, leakage, dust, and vectors. 25 Pa. Code §§285.213 and 299.213.
- Collection and transportation equipment must be maintained to prevent release or leakage of waste. 25 Pa. Code §§285.213 (c) and 299.213 (c).
- Loads of municipal waste must be no higher than the solid sides of the vehicle. 25 Pa. Code §§285.214 (b) and 75 Pa. C.S.A. §§ 4903 (c.1) (Vehicle Code).
- Waste must be removed from vehicle at disposal site to prevent scattering of litter. 25 Pa. Code §§285.214 (b).
- Waste must be transported in compliance with the terms and conditions of a permit. 25 Pa. Code §§285.215 (c) and 299.215 (c).
- A daily operational record must be maintained that includes: waste origin, transporter, transfer facility, final waste destination, weight, or volume of the types of waste, any handling problems, and emergency disposal activities. 25 Pa. Code §§285.217 and 299.219.

- Vehicle must be identified with a sign that includes the name and address (city, state, zip code) of vehicle owner, and type of waste. Lettering must be six inches in height. 25 Pa. Code §§285.218 and 299.220.
- It is unlawful for a transporter to operate a waste transportation vehicle without obtaining written authorization from the department. Waste Transportation Safety Act §6204.
- Vehicles transporting residual waste must be equipped with safety equipment, such as protective clothing and first aid equipment. 25 Pa. Code §§299.216 (a).
- Vehicles transporting residual waste must have a plan for responding to spills. 25 Pa. Code §§299.216 (d).
- Facility operator shall implement plans to mitigate, minimize, and control environmental impacts, safety hazards, and other public nuisances. 25 Pa. Code §§271.127, 273.218, 279.219, 283.219, 287.127, 288.218, 293.219, and 297.108.
- Driver must be properly licensed, have a medical certificate, log of hours of service and not be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances. 75 Pa. C.S.A. Chapter 16 (Vehicle Code) and 49 CFR Parts 382, 383, 391, 392, 395 and 25 Pa. Code §§285.215 and 299.215.
- Driver must complete a daily Driver Vehicle Inspection Report. 49 CFR 396.11.
- Driver must comply with registered vehicle weight limits. 25 Pa. Code §§285.215 and 299.215 and 75 Pa. C.S.A. Chapter 49 (Vehicle Code).

NOTE – This is not a complete list of requirements or authorities for the transportation of municipal and residual waste. Please refer to 25 Pa. Code Articles VIII and IX, the PA Vehicle Code (75 Pa. C.S.A), the Solid Waste Management Act (35 P.S. §§6018.101 to 6018.1003), the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (53 P.S. §§4000.101 to 4000.1904), Waste Transportation Safety Act (27 Pa.C.S.A. §§6201-6209) and 49 CFR Transportation.

Your Responsibilities

You are responsible for knowing and complying with all relevant permits, regulations, and statutes. If you do your part, the environmental impacts and public health, safety, and welfare issues associated with the transportation of solid waste can be avoided.

For more information, visit DEP's website at www.state.pa.us, Keyword: "DEP Targeting Trash."