Update on the DC Department of Public Works (DPW) Operating Status during COVID-19 Emergency

As of April 6, 2020

What is our operating status?

DPW remains operational; however, some residential services have been suspended.

How does this impact what we do?

- Trash and recycling collection will continue as scheduled.
- Residential mowing continues but may be delayed.
- Residential street sweeping is suspended.
- Ticketing for safety violations (e.g., blocking a fire hydrant) continues.
- The following ticketing is suspended:
  - Emergency no parking violations (vehicles will be relocated without charge and will not be ticketed)
  - Expired District license plates and inspection stickers
  - Expired residential parking permits
  - Expired meters
- Vehicle booting and towing is suspended.
- Document shredding is suspended. Residents are encouraged to place non-sensitive documents directly in recycle bins without using plastic bags.
- All resident solid waste drop-offs, including hazardous waste and e-cycling, are suspended. Residents are encouraged to safely store hazardous waste and electronics until drop-offs resume. For information about safe storage, visit epa.gov/hw/household-hazardous-waste-hhw.
- Resident mulch pick-up is suspended. Mulch is available at local retailers or residents can wait until mulch pick-up resumes.

How does this impact our physical locations?

- DPW remains open and operational with essential staff.
- The following sites are closed to the public. Only District employees and vendors are permitted:
  - Ft. Totten and Benning Road transfer stations, which is the trash and recycling dump for DPW and private collectors
  - W Street lot for trash and recycling vehicles; deployment site for collectors
  - Reno Road and RFK Stadium lot for trash and recycling vehicles; deployment site for collectors
  - Blue Plains lot for towed vehicles
  - West Virginia Avenue site for District fleet vehicle storage and maintenance
  - Reeves Center - DPW administration
As part of our continued effort to slow the spread of coronavirus infections in DC and the region, Mayor Bowser announced agency-specific policies that are designed to keep District Government employees and residents safe, while continuing to provide vital services to District residents, businesses, and visitors, as we respond to this health emergency. Residents are encouraged to call or use the 311 app to answer questions about services, as well as follow DPW on Twitter (@DCDPW) for the latest updates.

Our employees are taking precautions to keep themselves healthy and limit the spread of infections like regularly washing their hands, cleaning facilities more frequently, and reducing close contact with each other and residents. Employees have been asked to let their supervisor know immediately if they feel sick.

For questions about DPW or any of the services we provide and information on any future changes, please contact us at 202-673-6833 or dpw@dc.gov. For more information, please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.