



STARK-TUSCARAWAS-WAYNE JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Yard Waste Host Sites:

After December 31, 2017, the residential yard waste collection bins at your site will be removed and the residential yard waste hauling will be discontinued until March 17, 2018. This change is due to the low volume of material that is typically generated during the winter season.

In addition, the District is facing significant changes in the market for mixed yard waste material:

- Increased supply of material into the regional market due to the construction of the Rover and Nexus Pipelines construction which requires land clearing
- Increased demand for stone mulch each year
- Decreased demand for the mixed yard waste material that is collected at our sites (grass, branches, leaves, etc.)
- Limited capacity of processors to accept and manage material
- Increased cost for transporting and processing yard waste material

The District will be evaluating the changes in the yard waste market and the long-term sustainability of the residential yard waste collection program in time for the spring season. This may include but is not limited to:

- A reduction in the number of collection sites (sites will be evaluated based on location, collection capacity, population density, historic volume, and proximity to other sites both public and private)
- Host site improvements to control volume and deter illegal use of the sites by commercial entities (electronic gates, barriers such as fences/blocks, cameras, signage, educational campaigns)
- Block grant funding or other cost sharing methods for each collection site
- Partnering with local processors to accept residential yard waste material directly, decreasing transportation needs and costs

Our goal is to identify the most cost efficient and effective method to manage the residential yard waste collection program while meeting the needs of our residents and the objectives set forth in our Solid Waste Management Plan.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this transition.

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