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RE: Mesa County Solid Waste Management Campus' Response to COVID-19

To Our Valued Customers,

Mesa County's Solid Waste Division is following the advice of our public health officials and the recommendations of industry experts regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. The health and safety of our employees, customers, vendors, and visitors is our highest priority, and the following changes are currently in effect:

The Hazardous Waste Collection Facility is CLOSED for residential drop-off and the Reuse Program has been suspended until further notice. The facility will continue to take appointments for businesses that are Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQGs). As a reminder, e-waste CANNOT be disposed of in the Landfill. However, companies such as Waste Management and CORRecycling accept e-waste.

The Organic Materials Composting Facility is CLOSED. Businesses may bring green waste to the Landfill for free. Additionally, bulk purchases of Mesa Magic Compost, 10 CY or more, can be made at the Landfill. Bagged Mesa Magic Compost is available at Chelsea's Nursery, Bookcliff Gardens, Valley Grown Nursery, Mt. Garfield Greenhouse, Orchard Mesa True Value, Peach Tree True Value, Fruita True Value, the Fruita Co-Op, and the Palisade Co-Op. Many of these businesses are offering drive-through and curbside sales.

The Landfill and Transfer Stations will remain open to the public. However, it is strongly recommended that residents limit their visits and utilize commercial waste haulers whenever possible.

All Solid Waste Management Campus tours have been suspended. If you have a tour scheduled before April 30, please call 970-241-6846 to reschedule.

We understand that you have questions regarding the changes to our services. While the Organic Materials Composting Facility and the Hazardous Waste Collection Facility are valuable waste disposal options for Mesa County, our focus is on maintaining services at the Landfill. Employees at the Solid Waste Campus are highly specialized and essential. If employees are exposed to the Coronavirus or, worse yet, contract the virus, the services we provide will no longer be available to the community. Our employees run a high risk of being exposed to the virus, and we have created two teams to ensure should one team fall victim to the virus, the other team will be able to continue to handle the incoming waste.

Should you have questions regarding proper waste disposal, please call the Landfill at (970) 241-6846. All updates to the services offered at the Solid Waste Management Campus will be shared on the website; www.mesacounty.us/swm.

We understand the frustration that comes along with these changes, and we ask for your patience as we all work through this together. We wish you all good health and safety. We'd like to thank the community for their commitment to keeping Mesa County healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Richardson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

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