HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR WASTE COLLECTION, SOLID WASTE LANDFILLS, AND MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITIES

Identifying and correcting hazards before someone gets hurt ensures workers go home to their families safe and sound after every shift. The information below can be used as a starting point for finding and fixing hazards in your company.

TOP OSHA CITATIONS – WASTE COLLECTION, SOLID WASTE LANDFILLS, AND MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITIES

- Hazard Communication (Written Program, 1910.1200(e)(1))
- General Duty Clause (Various Violations, OSH ACT of 1970 Section (5)(a)(1))
- Hazard Communication (Employee Information and Training, 1910.1200(h)(1))
- Machine Guarding (1910.212(a)(1))
- Lockout/Tagout (Control of Hazardous Energy, 1910.147(c))

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TOP INJURY EVENTS – WASTE COLLECTION, SOLID WASTE LANDFILLS, AND MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITIES

**Fatal Events**
- Transportation Incidents
- Contact with objects or equipment
- Exposure to Harmful Substances or Environments

**Nonfatal Events**
- Slips, trips, and falls
- Struck by objects or equipment
- Overexertion and bodily reactions


Resources on Fixing Hazards

- **SWANA Safety Matters.** Resource page for solid waste safety information, training, and events.
- **OSHA’s Campaign to Keep Workers Safe in the Heat.** Webpage that provides information and resources on how to prevent heat stress, including a downloadable app for your phone.
- **Motor Vehicle Safety and Health Topics Page.** Provides information and resources for protecting workers from the hazards encountered on the roadway.
- **Preventing Backovers.** OSHA resource that describes hazards and solutions associated with protecting workers from being struck while working alongside vehicles.
- **Protecting Temporary Workers.** Describes the shared roles and responsibilities that both host employers and staffing agencies have to protect temporary workers.
- **Powered Industrial Truck (Forklift) eTool.** Provides information about operator training, operating requirements and safe work practices, and how environmental working conditions can affect safe operation.
- **Machine Guarding.** Discusses OSHA requirements, hazards, and possible solutions to safeguard workers from amputations and other unsafe contact with equipment.