

# FACT SHEET FOR RESIDENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE EVENT OF A DELAY IN REFUSE COLLECTION

Citizens cooperation and common sense in finding and using alternatives will minimize problems which may result from a delay of waste collection services in the event of a natural or man-made disaster or a strike.

The actions listed below were prepared by environmental and health personnel to assist you in easing the effects of a disruption of waste collection at your homes and in your communities.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Limit the amount of waste produced:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid the use of disposable products such as paper or plastic plates, cups or disposable diapers.</li> <li>• Reuse products such as plastic containers, jars and aluminum foil.</li> <li>• Compost vegetative and yard wastes if space permits.</li> <li>• Delay any major household cleanups such as backyard cleanup, tree pruning or disposal of old furniture.</li> </ul>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Separate and store food wastes and other wet garbage:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drain excess garbage moisture. Pour fats, drippings and grease into glass jars and seal with a screw on lid.</li> <li>• Put food waste, disposable diapers and other wet waste into double plastic bags.</li> <li>• Add a capful of ammonia to reduce odor which will attract animals and other vermin.</li> <li>• Secure trash bag tightly and store in a cool place.</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Separate and store recyclable materials:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rinse bottles and plastic containers.</li> <li>• Rinse and crush aluminum and tin cans, trays and containers.</li> <li>• Bundle cardboard, paper, and magazines.</li> <li>• Store recyclable materials indoors, out of reach of children, and away from combustible materials.</li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Separate dry, non-recyclable waste:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Store non-recyclable paper, containers, packaging and other dry waste indoors and away from combustible materials.</li> </ul>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Separate hazardous household waste:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separate fluorescent lights, paints and thinners, insecticides and herbicides and store out of reach of children. Hold until county household hazardous waste collection day.</li> </ul>