

Solid Waste Management Update

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What are Unified Sanitary Districts

What is a USD?

- USD or a Unified Sanitary District is an area where all single-family residential customers, including townhomes, in a defined area would receive trash service under contracts administered by the county.
- The County would competitively procure and manage transparent contracts with multiple private trash collectors.
- Your customer service contact would be Fairfax County and Fairfax County would hold collectors to a contract standard that would hold collectors accountable.
- This would allow for options for expanded service (e.g., food waste collection, bulk pickup, choice of cart size, and other services)



Why is it being considered?

Why

- Without the USD, the County does not have the authority to:
 - Limit the # of private haulers operating in a neighborhood
 - Regulate trash collection price
 - Achieve the community's sustainability goals for residential service
- There are many residents that do not have the ability to competitively negotiate by themselves for better service or standards.
- There are many examples of communities that have a USD system, benefit the residents, and are successful.

USD can only be started with a Board Vote and implemented after a 5-year waiting period required by Virginia law



What services would be provided in USD?

Services

The County would provide:

- Trash
- Recycling
- Yard Waste

The County in collaboration with the community would determine other services including:

- Variable pricing for different size trash containers
- Bulk and special collections
- Food scraps collection
- Zero Waste Centers
- Opt-out provisions



Current Status

Board Matter

August 26, 2025 Unified Sanitary District Board Matter

- Conduct a public forum among staff, licensed haulers, and HOA representatives managing hauler contracts on behalf of residents with the goal of reaching agreement on the facts associated with the options; and
 - January 21, 2026 USD Collectors Forum
 - February 5, 2026 USD Homeowners Association Leadership Forum



Next Steps

The choice for the Board of Supervisors if there is a public hearing is:

No to USD

Status quo for at least the next five years, with no new authority to:

- limit # of private trash trucks in neighborhoods
- regulate trash collection pricing
- achieve the community's sustainability goals for residential collection.

Yes to USD

Not sooner than five years, the County will have the option to:

- limit # of private trash trucks in neighborhoods
- regulate trash collection pricing and service
- achieve the community's sustainability goals for residential collection.



Questions?

