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# Safety Tips



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**Keep a Safe Distance:** Collection trucks stop and back up frequently.

**Stay Clear:** Keep your children clear of carts and our vehicles/trucks. Let the collection team in your neighborhood load trash or recycling into the truck.



## Cool Your Coals!

Just as those coals helped to get your campfire or backyard BBQ going, they can quickly start a fire in your trash cart, the back of a collection truck or at a waste facility.

Properly dispose of your hot coals and ashes:

- Cool your coals - hot coals and fresh ashes stay hot for several days. Let them cool for more than 48 hours before disposal.
- Place your hot coals and ashes in a metal container and cover them with water to fully extinguish them.
- Do not place coals and ashes in a plastic, paper, wood or galvanized container.
- Do not place other combustibles in the container with the coals or ashes.

## Prevent Trash Fires in Your Community

**Did you know?** The most common causes of trash fires are hot coals, ashes, and flammable items, such as batteries and household chemicals. You can help keep your family, community and collection workers safe and prevent trash fires by properly disposing of coals and household hazardous waste.

## Hidden Household Hazards

Many everyday household items, such as batteries, disinfectants and cleaners, can cause a fire in your trash cart or in your neighborhood when they come in contact with other materials or get compacted inside a collection truck.



To protect your family and community, keep these items out of your cart:

- Batteries of any kind, including lithium ion
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Combustible liquids
- Garden and pool chemicals
- Household disinfectants and chemicals
- Motor oil and oil rags
- Paint and paint-related products
- Unknown substances
- Vehicle fluids
- Flammable fluids, like hand sanitizer
- Aerosol containers