



**TOWN OF BURLINGTON**  
*Board of Health*



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## Information for Residents on Possible COVID-19 Waste Materials

### **Covanta**

As the impact of COVID-19 has spread, Covanta has become increasingly concerned about the potential for improper or careless handling of waste materials that may bear the COVID-19 virus. Our concern extends not only to our employees operating as an essential service provider for your municipal solid wastes, but also for those in close proximity or contact with waste streams as part of consolidation, collection and disposal.

Probable COVID-19 bearing waste streams must be handled securely and separately from general Municipal Solid Waste streams in order to protect both waste collection personnel and the employees working in our plants. We request and will require that:

- As additional precautionary measures and measures to assist the public in decision making, please consider the following for residents, homeowners and businesses:
  - a) Please ensure all personal hygiene products, used tissues, paper towel, sanitary wipes, face masks, gloves, and similar items are disposed of in plastic garbage bags. Garbage bags should be tied securely for disposal.
  - b) If you are sick or caring for someone who is sick: all personal waste should be double bagged in plastic garbage bags. Securely tie all bags shut and dispose of as regular residential garbage.

We request your support in the above, and we are prepared to discuss and address concerns that you may have regarding this approach and to respond in a manner that provides appropriate protections to our employees and to the public. Covanta's phone number is 862-345-5000.

*If you have a service or resource not listed here that could assist the public during the COVID-19 pandemic, please contact us at: [boh@burlington.org](mailto:boh@burlington.org). Disclaimer: Services and Resources added to this document will be by the discretion of the Burlington Board of Health.*