

Residential Organics Collection Update

July 21, 2020

- Solid waste services impacted by COVID-19 beginning March 2020
- Safety concerns temporarily resulted in suspended bulk and large appliance collection on March 22; bulk resumed gradually starting May 25
- Increased tonnage and staffing shortages forced prioritization of services
- Organics collection service suspended on May 12
- County organics drop-off locations established to collect organics to provide immediate option

DES Arlington County Department of Environmental Services
May 1 · 🌐

BREAKING: Because of the impact of coronavirus on truck crews, Arlington residential yard waste pickup from green curbside carts and paper bags is suspended indefinitely starting Monday. Plastic bags with yard waste will not be collected. Learn more/links to options like composting and grasscycling:
<https://recycling.arlingtonva.us/guidance-on-minimizing-trash-recycling-and-yard-waste-during-covid-19-events/>



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The County has opened two yard waste drop-off locations for residents. Curbside yard waste pickup is temporarily suspended as of May 12 due to crew health/staffing levels during coronavirus. Routes will focus on continued trash/recycling service. Bulk trash item pickup remains suspended.
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When Can We Get Yard Waste Back

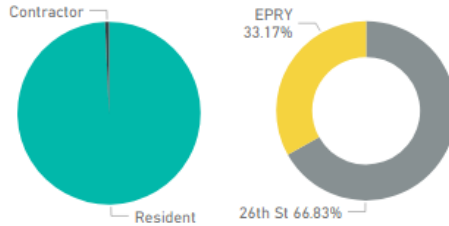
- American Disposal Services continues to have significant staffing issues.
 - Anticipates at least 30-60 days until organics collection service resumes
 - CARES Act affects hiring
 - COVID cases affect staffing
- Staff have explored options to provide yard waste collection, but all have significant challenges.
 1. Saturday service by Contractor (staff challenges)
 2. Monthly service by Contractor (staff challenges)
 3. Monthly service by County staff (staff and equipment challenges)



County Operated Drop-off Locations

Site	Contractor	Resident	Total
26th St	19	4966	4985
EPRY	32	2442	2474
Total	51	7408	7459

Count of Resident or Contractor by Site

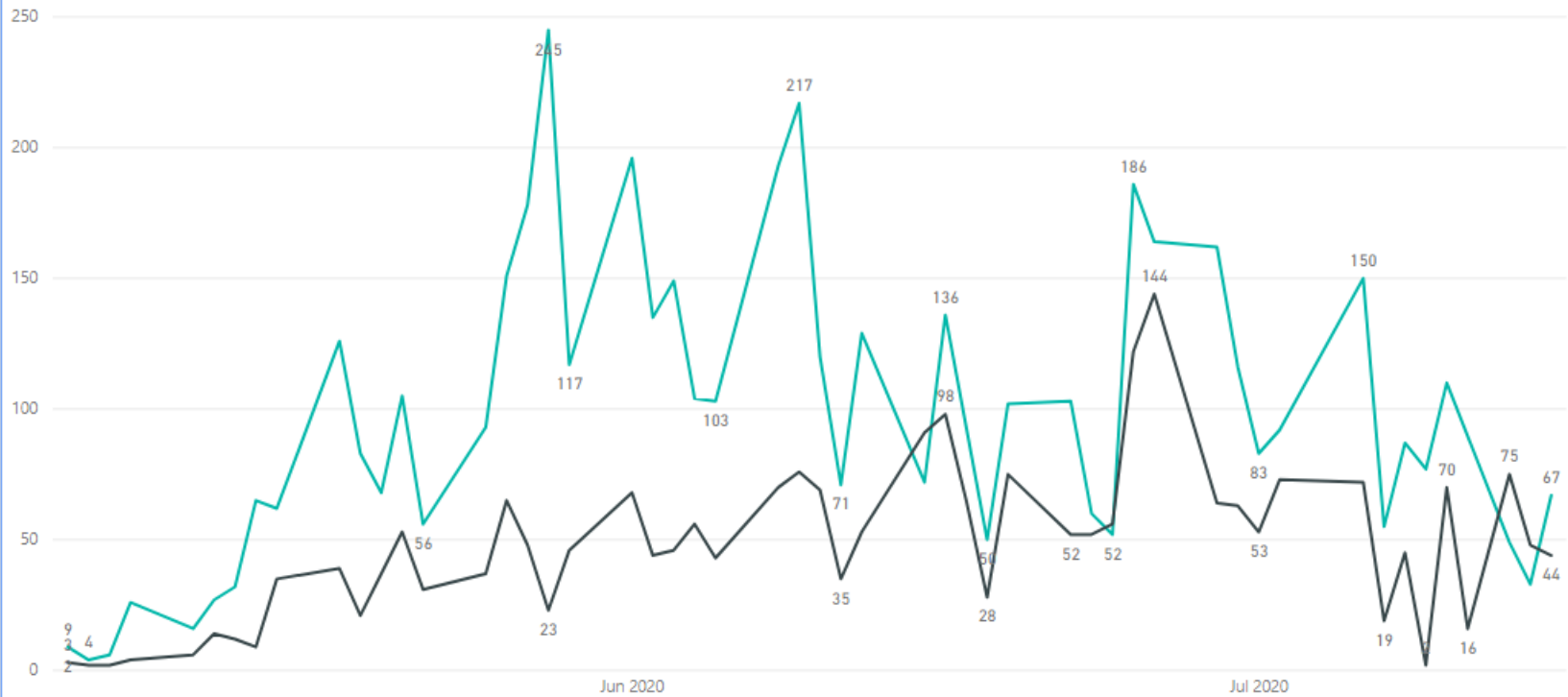


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Tons of Material to Loudon	Loads to Loudon	Number of Dropof...
621	82	7459

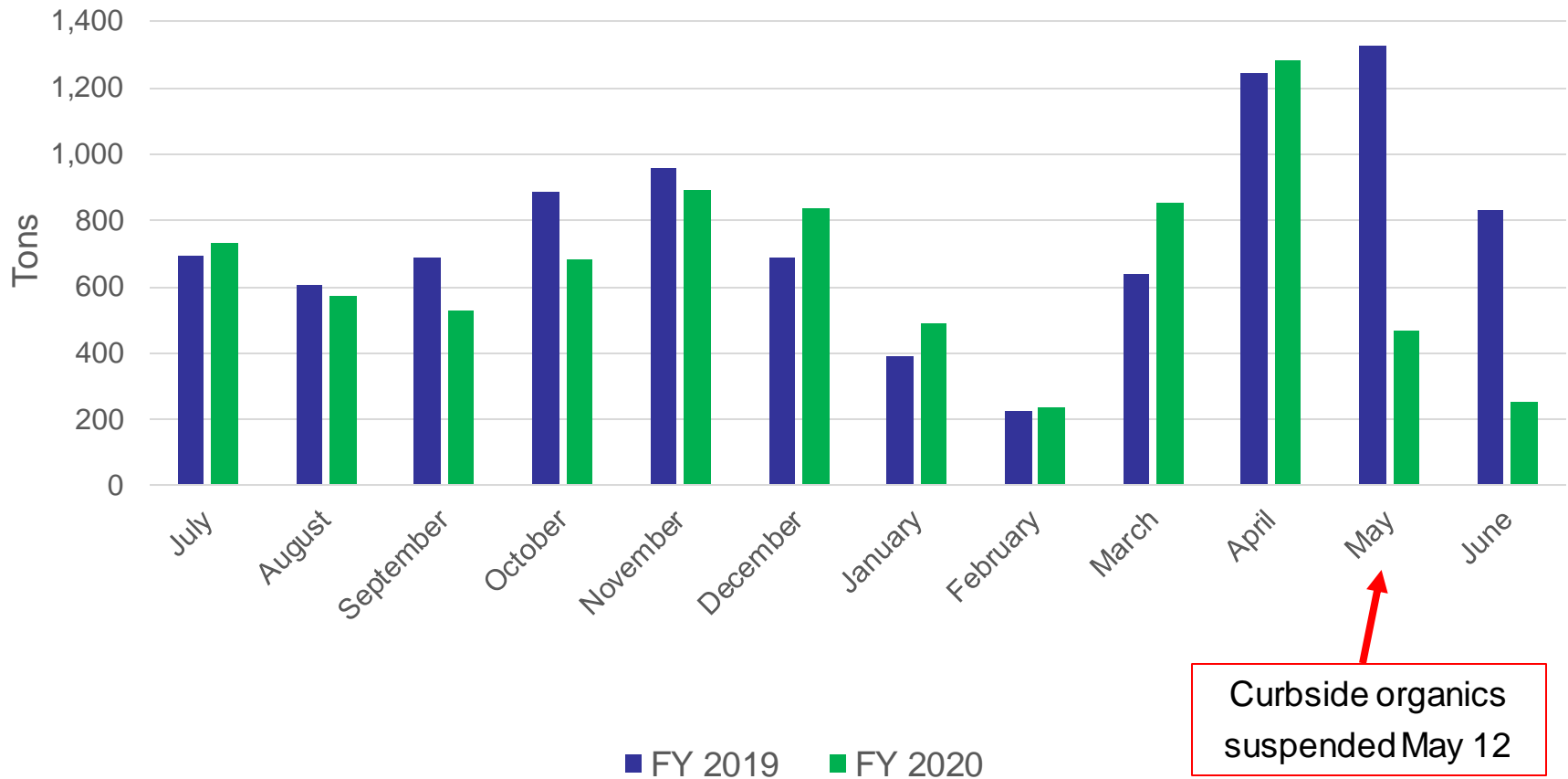
Count of Site by Date

Site ● 26th St ● EPRY



Residential Organics Tonnage by Month

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Maintained organics collection during March-April

- Yard waste service is \$2.93 per month
- Credit options are being evaluated
- Exact amount will be determined once service is restored
 - Full credit through end of July would be \$7.97