



Practicing Safety around Collection Vehicles this Summer

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SYLMAR, Calif. (June 8, 2018) – At the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, safety is always our first priority. With school out for the summer, more children will be outside playing in their neighborhoods, which means it's the perfect time to talk about summer safety around recycling and waste collection trucks. The National Safety Council has declared June to be National Safety Month, and the Sunshine Canyon Landfill team has some Summer Safety Tips to encourage safe habits around residential collection vehicles.

1. Recycling and waste collection trucks and other delivery or service vehicles keep regular schedules, so know your street's collection days so that you are mindful of when these vehicles will be in your neighborhood.
2. Keep a safe distance from the truck – at least 15 feet. Never climb on the truck when it's parked. Do not play or stand in or around waste and recycling containers.
3. Do not attempt or allow children to help with loading any materials into the collection truck. Leave it to the driver or her/his helper to handle.
4. Collection trucks make frequent stops and often back-up. Whether you are walking or driving near one of our trucks, don't follow the truck too closely. Stay alert and listen for the back-up alarm with the "beep-beep-beep" sound.
5. Although collection vehicle drivers are highly trained and alert at all times, there are places where the visibility is restricted for them. If you can't see him or her in the mirror or window, they might not be able to see you either. Get to a place

where the driver can see you.

6. It takes collection trucks about twice as long to stop as a passenger car, so never cut or stop suddenly in front of one. Always keep a safe distance from a truck.
7. Slow Down to Get Around - slow down or move over when passing waste and recycling vehicles that are in the process of collection.

So this summer, be sure to discuss and practice these safety tips with your children and neighbors to help keep them safe. You can find more tips to help keep our roads safe at the Together for Safer Road's website - <http://www.togetherforsaferroads.org/>. Have a fun and safe summer!

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