

Recommendations for Waste Management during the COVID19 pandemics

- # 1 Priority 1: Workers' protection measurements
- # 2 Priority 2: Developing emergency situation plans

Priority 1

Appropriate health and safety equipment

! Careful and continuous use of relevant health safety equipment - it is necessary to remove masks and gloves without getting in contact with them, which usually means with the help of someone else.



! Protective equipment for eyes should also be very seriously considered.



! Direct contact (with bins or bags) without gloves should be definitively forbidden and avoided in any case.

Increased hygiene measures

! Intensive hand washing is necessary.
! Disposable set of gloves should be used daily, so that direct contact of skin with gloves is avoided.



Washing uniforms

! Uniforms should be daily changed and cleaned.
! Do not shake clothes/uniforms and shoes in front of colleagues.
! Wash clothes/uniforms on at least 60°C with common detergents and add disinfectant if possible.



Disinfecting equipment and premises

- ! Make sure that disinfectants are available in all vehicles.
- ! Drivers should avoid contacts with collectors as well as residents.
- ! After each shift the drivers' cabs should be cleaned and disinfected.
- ! Particular attention should be paid on the fabrics where COVID19 virus can persist comparing to the steering wheel and gear box which can be more easily disinfected.
- ! If using vacuum cleaner, do it after disinfection.



- ! Intensive cleaning of workers facilities is required.
- ! Social distancing practices should be applied in the company, at meeting rooms and importantly at changing rooms as well.

Priority 2

- ! Develop **contingency plans**, that will make sure that the waste collection should be uninterrupted, as well as that no extra health risks are created on top of pandemics.
- ! *Contingency plans should involve alternative solutions for personnel, vehicles, infectious waste, accumulation of waste, washing, disinfection and street cleaning services. Almost all-around EU, municipalities and regional authorities are already developing similar plans. It is strongly suggested that each municipality develops such a plan.*
- ! Apart from what workers can do to protect themselves, citizens have to contribute to waste workers protection as well.