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Status Update 4/1/2020: The latest from York County

VPPSA Compost Facility to close; Riverwalk Piers closed

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Governor Northam's [Executive Order Fifty-Five](#), announced and effective Monday, March 30, expands the closure of offices/facilities through June 10, 2020, unless amended or rescinded by a further executive order. According to a press release from the Governor's office, the order directs all Virginians to stay home except in extremely limited circumstances. Individuals may leave their residence for allowable travel, including to seek medical attention, work, care for family or household members, obtain goods and services like groceries, prescriptions, and others as outlined in [Executive Order Fifty-Three](#), and engage in outdoor activity with strict social distancing requirements.

Parks & Recreation

- County parks are open. In order to keep them open, we must all practice social distancing and be in compliance with Governor Ralph Northam's Stay at Home Order, issued Monday, March 30.
 - Social distance of six feet apart at all times
 - No groups of more than 10 people
 - Exercise at our parks is meant for individuals and not groups

The following restrictions are now in place for public health and safety:

- Organized group practices are not permitted regardless of the number
- All playgrounds are closed
- All beaches are closed
- Fishing Pier at Yorktown Waterfront is closed
- All School fields in York County are closed to the public

For more information, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec or call (757) 890-3500.

Riverwalk Landing Piers

- The Riverwalk Landing Piers remain closed (as announced March 24) to all local recreational boaters, transient boaters, and boaters working on the water, which includes the restroom facilities. These steps are taken to keep in compliance with CDC recommendations to stop the spread of COVID-19. At this time, the dockmaster's office will not be accepting any reservations and asks that all boaters avoid coming into our piers unless they are in need of immediate assistance. For questions, and concerns, please call (757) 890-3370 or email dockmaster@yorkcounty.gov.

Sheriff's Office

- Reminder: Visiting school or county playgrounds at this time is a violation of the Virginia State Code for trespassing. We hope that all citizens will respect this necessary change to operations and adhere to the Governor's orders during the COVID-19 pandemic. When encountering anyone in violation of these orders, the Sheriff's Office will first request voluntary compliance and, in cases where someone refuses to leave a closed property or repeatedly returns after being warned, formal charges would be considered. For more information, please call the Sheriff's Office non-emergency number – (757) 890-3621.

VPPSA Compost Facility (located at the Waste Management Center)

- Beginning Friday, April 3, the VPPSA Compost Facility will be closed to the public. No residents or businesses will be able to access the compost facility to purchase compost/mulch materials or to drop-off vegetative debris.

Curbside Yard Debris Collections

- York County residents have the opportunity to schedule a special yard debris collection for items such as limbs, branches, and clear bags of natural yard waste by calling (757) 890-3780 or online through the Customer Service Request portal - www.yorkcounty.gov/813/Customer-Service-Request.
- Acceptable material size for curbside pickup is 8" in diameter and 10' in length.
- All residents who subscribe to the County's curbside solid waste program may schedule two yard debris collections per 30 day period (approximately 24 cubic yards) at a rate of \$25 per collection. Each additional load picked up within 30 days after the first collection will cost an additional \$100 per load. Non-subscribers to the County's solid waste program may schedule up to two collections within a 30 day period at a rate of \$75 per pickup.
- Loose yard debris, grass, leaves and straw must be placed in clear bags.
- Stumps, dirt or debris with dirt, construction materials, and other items cannot be collected.
- Materials placed for scheduled collections must be at the front roadside by 7 a.m. on Monday of your collection week.

Waste Management Center

- The Waste Management Center remains open to citizens for the drop off of garbage and recyclables.
- Residents dropping off metal items (such as appliances, bicycles, etc.) should follow onsite instructions provided by the scale operator.
- Citizens are asked to keep their household chemicals at home until the next chemical collection event can be scheduled.

The closures/cancellations listing is regularly updated on the County's website - www.yorkcounty.gov – and is being shared on the County's Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/yorkcountyva/>.

For a listing of York County phone numbers, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/directory.