

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Arlington, Virginia, showing a mix of modern glass-fronted buildings and older structures. A large blue rectangular box is superimposed over the upper half of the image, containing white text. The sky is filled with large, white, fluffy clouds.

Arlington County Recycling during COVID-19

Highland Park – Overlee Knolls Civic Association

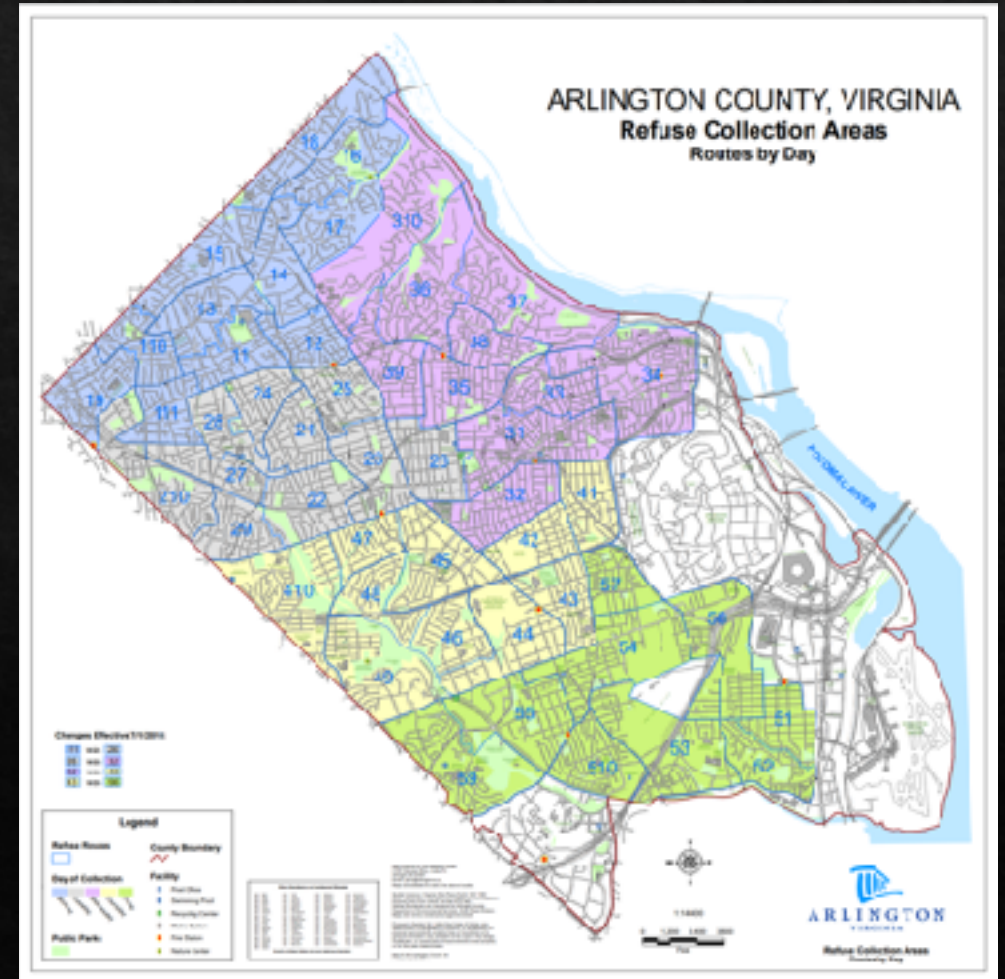
Wednesday, September 16th, 2020

Webinar Agenda

- ◆ Welcome and Introductions
- ◆ Presentation
- ◆ Q&A
- ◆ Survey
- ◆ Closing

Arlington County Recycles

- ◆ More than 550 multifamily properties, with 77,494 dwelling units
- ◆ 33,200 single-family households
- ◆ 4,215 businesses, with 96,870 employees
- ◆ More than 330,000 residents and employees living and working in Arlington County



Code Requirements

Materials That Must Be Recycled

◆ Article I. Residential Trash, Recycling and Organics

◆ § 10-5. Participation in the County Residential Collection System.

- ◆ Required items for recycling: hard plastics, metal/aluminum, paper and cardboard

◆ Article IV. Multi-Family and Commercial Trash and Recycling

◆ § 10-32. Requirements for Recyclable Materials to be Collected.

- ◆ Required items for recycling: hard plastics, metal, aluminum, paper and cardboard
 - ◆ Auto shops: coolant and oils
 - ◆ Restaurants: grease and oil

Challenges of COVID-19

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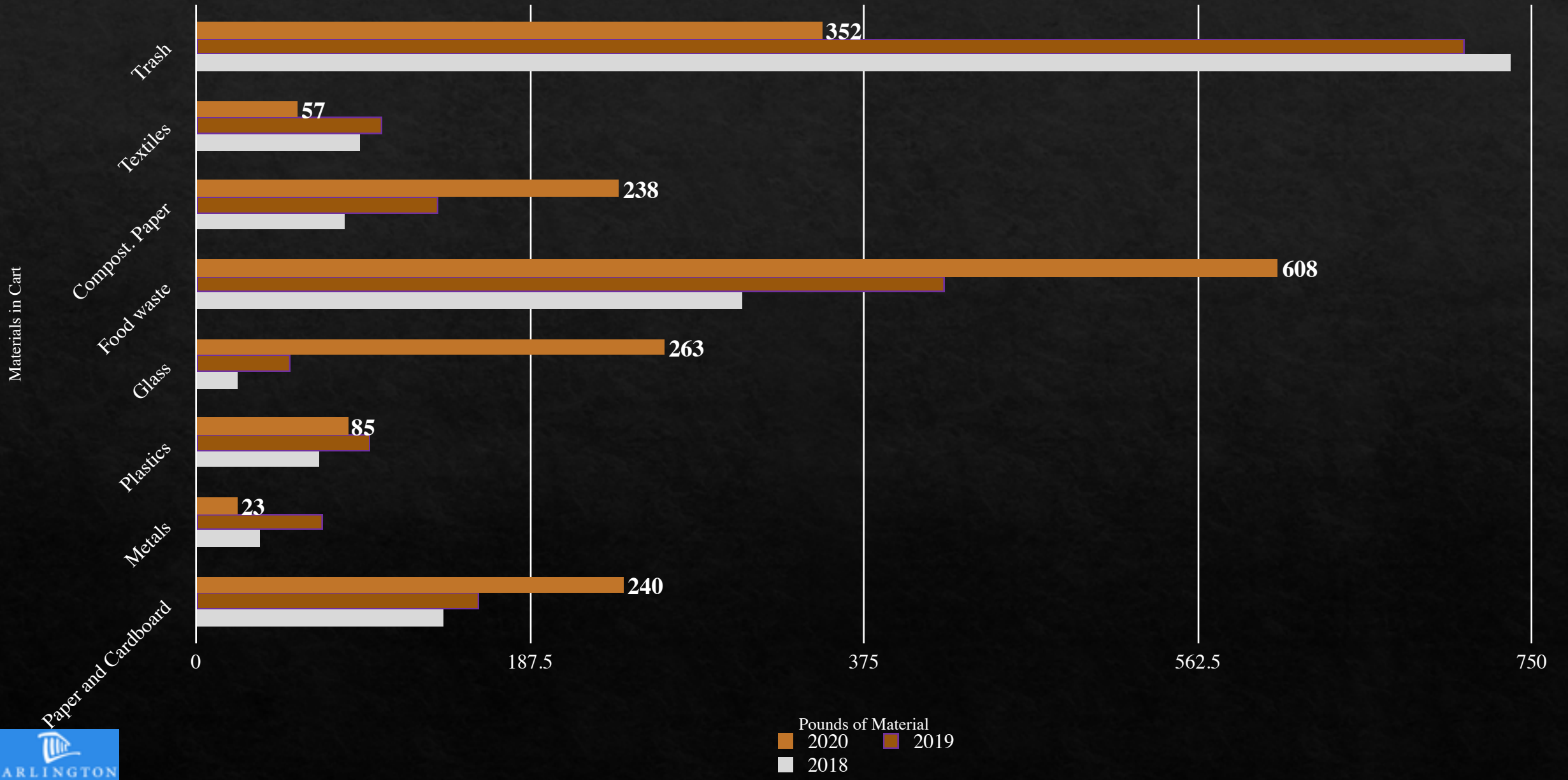
Increased Residential Waste During COVID-19

- ◆ COVID – increase of cardboard
 - ◆ Increase of shipments home
- ◆ Trash increased significantly – increase of food waste
 - ◆ Increase of meals eaten at home
- ◆ Spring cleaning & increased time at home → increase in bulk items
- ◆ E-Waste drop-off reminder: please continue to schedule pickups

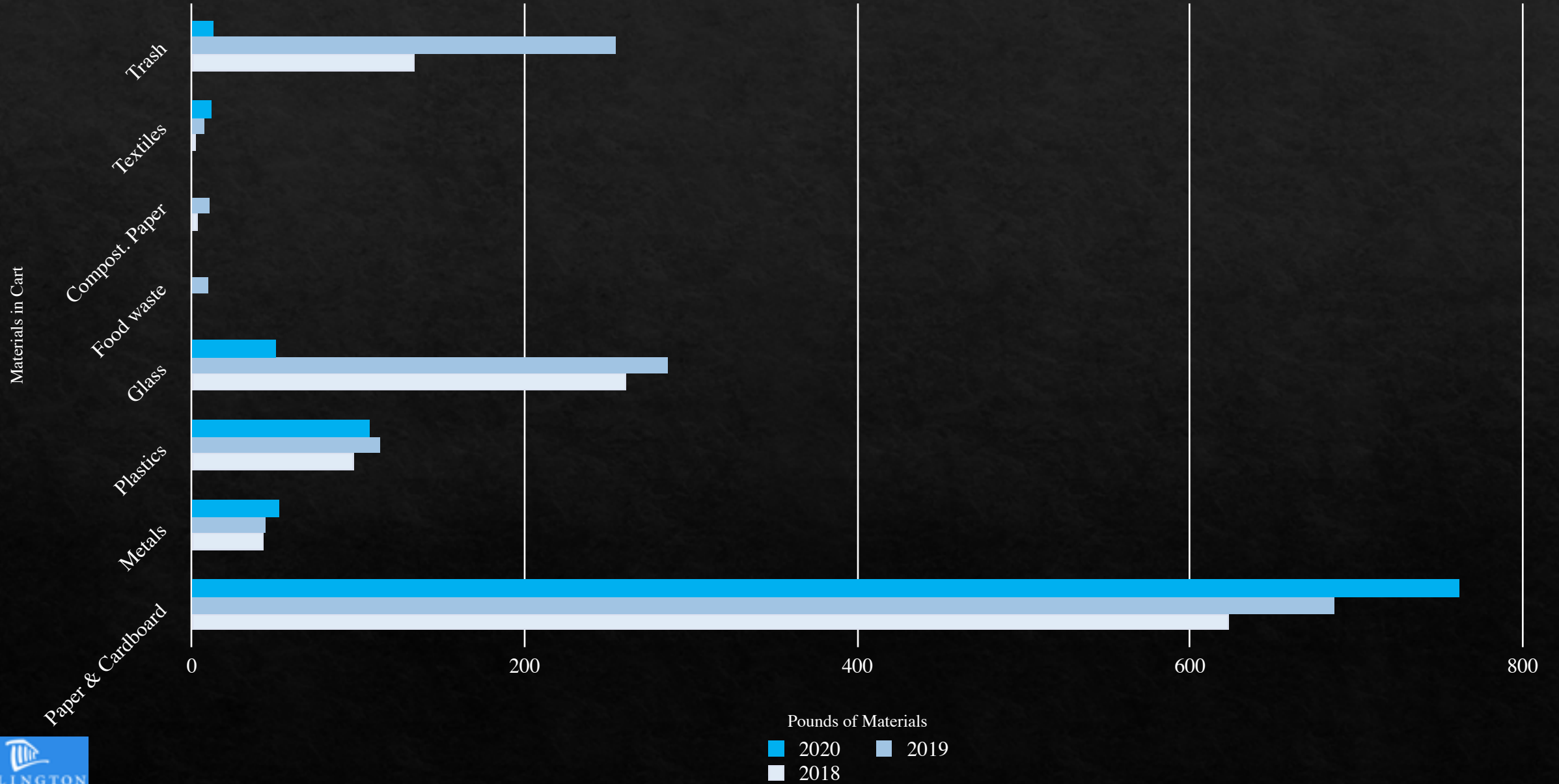
Waste Audit Results

- ◆ Quarterly waste audits
- ◆ Data to reflect waste audit data for SPRING 2018, 2019 and 2020

Q2 Trash Cart Contents 2018, 2019 and 2020



Q2 Recycling Cart Contents 2018, 2019 and 2020



Increased Value and Volume

◆ Old Corrugated Cardboard and paper prices are going up

◆ 2018 – \$80

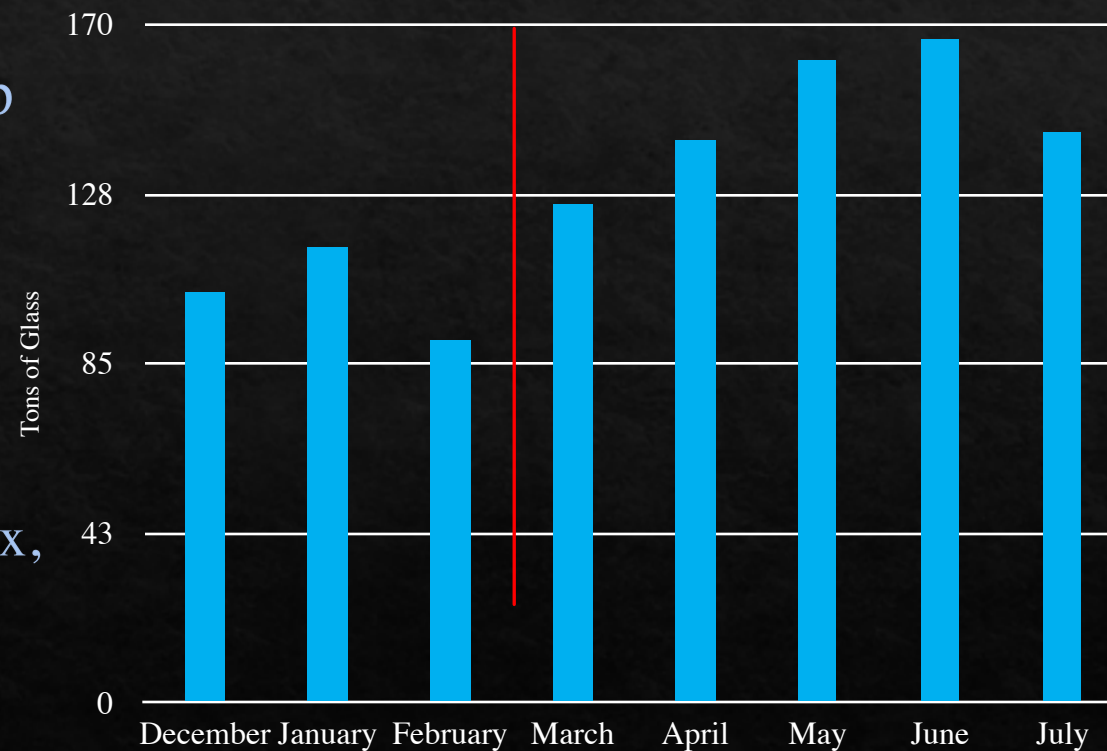
◆ 2019 – \$35

◆ 2020 – \$90

◆ Glass

◆ Majority aggregated in Fairfax, shipped to North Carolina

Glass Tonnages – Last 8 Months



Month	Tons
December	103
January	114
February	91
March	125
April	141
May	161
June	166
July	143

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Changes in County Services

- ◇ Curbside organics
- ◇ Compost drop-off
 - ◇ Trades Center 8AM – 12PM
 - ◇ 26th St S, Arlington, VA 22206
- ◇ Glass drop-off (5 locations)
- ◇ Paper shredding
- ◇ Mulch delivery
- ◇ Household Hazardous Waste Collection
 - ◇ **Call to make an appt**
 - ◇ **703-228-5000**
 - ◇ **Monday – Thursday**
 - ◇ **8AM – 12PM**



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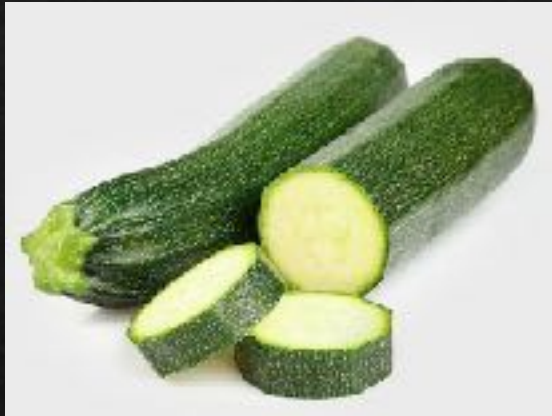
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Minimizing Waste during COVID-19

- ◆ **Grass-cycle** materials back into the ground
- ◆ Collect branches for firewood or ground cover, schedule a pick-up or store for the winter
- ◆ Compost stats
 - ◆ **Residential trash saw a 14% increase in compostable materials since quarantine**
 - ◆ **Arlington single-family homes: 27% of trash is food waste**
 - ◆ USDA's Economic Research Services: 133 billion pounds and \$161 billion worth of food wasted
- ◆ Compost at home
 - ◆ **Coffee grounds** release nitrogen – place around azaleas, hydrangeas, blueberries, and lilies
 - ◆ **Egg shells** around ground cover, set out for birds
 - ◆ Clear out fridge and pantry – food wasted is money wasted!

Food Use Alternatives



Contact Us

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