The City of Alexandria requires all solid waste and recycling haulers to obtain permits for all vehicles and containers used in the collection of waste materials including municipal solid waste (MSW), construction and demolition debris (C&D), yard trimmings, bulk waste, Fats Oils & Grease (FOG), and recyclables generated within the City limits.

Permits are issued to solid waste and recycling haulers for the purpose of ensuring control over hauler operations in the City with respect to environmental protection and public health and safety. Additionally, hauler permitting allows the City to track solid waste disposal, reuse, composting and recycling in order to comply with the State’s recycling requirements.

Please note that a Solid Waste Permit is NOT the same as a Right-of-Way Permit! In order to obtain a Right-of-Way Permit, the provider must first obtain a Solid Waste Permit*.

Each year in May, the City’s Solid Waste Division sends out reminder notices to all solid waste and recycling haulers within the greater metropolitan region to submit or renew their Solid Waste Permits. Failure to obtain the proper permits for all vehicles and equipment used within the City may result in a written summons and potential fines.

Hauler permit applicants will be contacted to schedule vehicle inspections following processing of their applications. Please be aware that any vehicle found to be leaking operating fluids (e.g., diesel fuel, gasoline, oil, antifreeze, hydraulic fluids, etc.) will be denied operating privileges until such time that repairs can be made. Vehicles discovered to be repeatedly out of compliance may be impounded and may be issued a summons and/or have their hauling permit suspended until repairs are made and the vehicle is re-inspected in accordance with Section 5-1-57.

All solid waste and recycling collection containers 3-cubic yards in size or greater (including roll-off containers) must also be permitted. Because the Solid Waste Division cannot inspect the thousands of containers deployed throughout the City, all haulers must provide the Solid Waste Division with a list of all container assets for which permits will be issued. The City will issue permit decals for all the containers listed by the applicant who will be responsible for ensuring that they are affixed to containers by no later than July 31st. A summons may be issued for any container that does not have a decal or that does not meet inspection requirements.

* Before deploying ANY roll-off container in a public right-of-way (i.e., in public parking space, road-way, or alley), you must contact the Permitting Section of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services at 703-746-4035 to complete a Right-Of-Way Permit application.