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## ***The Importance of Public Solid Waste Management***

- Publically owned landfills are better suited to manage the environmental and economic impacts of solid waste management. Unlike counties, private solid waste management companies are profit-driven and have the potential to remove competition and county-hauler relationships, raise tip fees and county charges, outsource county waste or even go out of business.
- When private companies go out of business, it is the public sector that deals with and pays for the environmental liability of a landfill.
- Local, county-owned landfills help level the playing field to give local collection companies a chance to compete with other county haulers.
- By making sure waste is collected, hauled and managed locally, the emissions from hauling trucks are minimized, as opposed to more greenhouse gas emissions being created with longer hauling trips to outside-sourced landfills.
- Counties are able to evaluate strategies and new technology to reduce long-term risks and costs associated with waste management. They put their own local, regional and residents' needs first in planning for future waste disposal needs and can do so with environmentally sound practices, efficient management and customer affordability in mind.
- For liability, sustainability and community support reasons, it is important to know how and where your waste is being managed. Public solid waste departments work with residents to ensure availability of local waste disposal resources. Accept responsibility for the waste we create by directing your non-recyclables locally to the Monroe County Sanitary Landfill.