



## Kane County Curbside Recycling Program – Return to Service Plan

This plan outlines how US Ecology will safely operate the Kane County Curbside Recycling Program during the COVID-19 pandemic. The health and safety of our employees, customers and our communities are our key concern and this plan is subject to change and will be updated regularly as the situation progresses.

### **Essential Service Status Verification**

Waste and recycling services provided by US Ecology are considered an essential business as defined by the Department of Homeland Security and the Executive Order 20-10 (Illinois).

### **COVID-19 Safety Protocols**

#### ***Employee Wellness***

- Employees will self-monitor for fever, shortness of breath, and persistent cough
- Employees that trigger one of the above items are required to go home immediately and work with their manager to determine the proper length of quarantine.

#### ***Proper Hygiene and Disinfecting***

Ensuring the highest level of hygiene is a critical factor to reduce potential transmission. US Ecology is taking the following steps to control the spread of illness.

- All equipment and commonly touched items are sanitized daily using products on the US EPA list N ([link](#)).
- Employees are instructed to clean their hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds or use 60-95% alcohol-based hand sanitizer when water is not available.
- Field personnel wear a new pair of nitrile gloves at each customer pick up location.
- Masks will be utilized by all field personnel, as a general practice and when 6 feet of separation cannot be maintained.
- Employees are instructed to keep their hands away from their eyes, mouth and nose.

### ***Social Distancing***

- US Ecology will ensure that all face-to-face contact is minimized. When face-to-face interaction is required, 6 feet of separation will be maintained between the employee and resident.
- In the event the HHW material cannot be located, the employee will ring the doorbell and step back to ensure 6 feet of separation while speaking with the resident. The resident should verbally direct the employee to the material. The employee will remove the contents once the resident goes back inside the house.