

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Waste Management Permanently Closing Peterborg Bin Site On August 14

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ST. THOMAS -- The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority on Monday advised residents living in the Peterborg area of St. Thomas that effective Sunday, August 14, the authority will permanently close the Peterborg bin site.

Residents currently using the Peterborg bin site are advised to use the new Mandahl Convenience Center for the disposal of their solid waste. The convenience center is a manned facility with operating hours for the disposal of solid waste, and other special waste items.

The Mandahl Convenience Center operating hours are:

- 6AM – 7PM Monday – Saturday
- 6AM – 5PM Sundays
- Holidays (Hours subject to change.)

W.M.A. says the convenience centers represent a new direction as it moves towards closing the open bin site system. Replacement of the open bin system with convenience centers is part of W.M.A.'s plans to improve the efficiency of solid waste collection and disposal services throughout the territory, according to the release.

At the new Mandahl Convenience Center, household waste is collected within compactors and special waste items such as appliances (white goods) and furniture (bulk waste) are accepted on a rotating weekly schedule. White goods and bulk waste will be accepted on alternating weeks. The special waste collection schedule for each week is posted on the center's directory. Residents may also secure a brochure with information about the center's operations, policies and its special waste collection schedule at the Mandahl Convenience Center.

Business and commercial waste is not accepted at the facility; such waste must be taken directly to the Bovoni Landfill as per the Virgin Islands Code. Businesses are also reminded to use a licensed and permitted waste hauler to ensure the proper disposal of their waste.

According to W.M.A., businesses found illegally disposing of waste will be ticketed. Illegal disposal of waste is a criminal offense and persons found guilty of the territory's litter laws can be cited a \$1,000 fine and/or imprisonment.

For more information, contact the Office of Communications Management at 340-715-9100 or email communications@viwma.org.