

## Why is LCSWMA imposing a \$20 penalty for open loads that are not secured by a tarp?\*

1. To Protect the **HEALTH** and **SAFETY** of our Community
  - According to a study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, unsecured loads and debris in the road led to 200,000 crashes between 2011-2014.
  - During that time, debris-related crashes caused 39,000 injuries and 500 deaths.
2. To Protect the **ENVIRONMENT**
  - Data released by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that as a nation, we spend \$11.5 billion combating litter, 40% of which comes from unsecured loads.
3. It's the **LAW**

Summary of Pennsylvania's State and Federal Requirements:

  - Loads must be covered with a securely fastened water-resistant cover that eliminates potential for littering and other nuisances. 25 Pa. Code §§ 285.211(a) and 299.211(a)
  - Facility operators and owners are responsible for knowing and complying with all relevant laws, regulations, authorizations, and permits. If the facility does its part, it can avoid the environmental impacts and public health, safety, and welfare issues associated with the transportation of solid waste.

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  - All Waste must be secured to the vehicle or container and enclosed or covered with secured tarpaulins to prevent leakage, spillage, dusting or litter. Such enclosures and tarpaulins must remain in place until arrival at the designated unloading or uncovering areas at the LCSWMA Facility.

**\*Large items such as chairs or appliances must be secured. Such single, large items do not require a tarp unless the condition of the item has potential to create a safety or litter issue.**

The tarp policy has been in effect at LCSWMA for some time. Unfortunately, our employees spend hours each week collecting litter from unsecured loads that are delivered to our facilities. Our objective is that the \$20 penalty will change behavior so that **ALL COMMERCIAL and RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS** abide by the tarp policy.

Not only is this required by all Lancaster County municipalities but shows courtesy to residents and businesses located on roads leading to our sites. Please help us protect the environment and the health and safety of our community!

**Secure your load. Prevent litter and save lives.**