

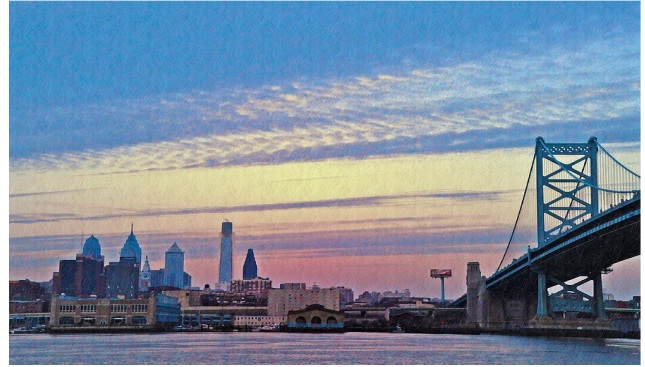
TRASHCAN TALK

Safety Communication

Spring Driving

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With a new season comes a new set of challenges for your drivers. Here are just a few that you may come across:

- **Potholes:** The use of salt on the roadways in the winter, as well as the freezing & thawing temperatures outside, will cause the roads to crack and potholes to form. Try to avoid roads that are ruined by potholes; or when approaching a pothole, slow down while going over the hole and do not brake harshly. This will help you avoid hitting the pothole with too much force.
- **Flooding:** Water sitting on the roads can sometimes be just as dangerous as icy conditions. Increase your following distance so you have plenty of time and room to stop in a hurry. It is also important to not make a habit of driving through large puddles – doing so could cause you to hydroplane. In addition, do your best to avoid flooded roadways that could also cause you to lose control of the vehicle.
- **Animal activity:** With many animals coming out of hibernation in the spring, be cautious when driving in the early morning hours. Animals like deer are more active at dawn and dusk, so proceed with caution when on roads that have high deer activity. If you are on a road with high animal activity, slow down and keep an eye out for animals that may cross the street in front of the truck.
- **Pedestrians & kids:** Warmer weather brings people outside in the early morning hours, whether it is pedestrians walking to work or kids walking to the bus stop. Pedestrians don't expect that many cars on the streets with them in the morning, so be mindful of the fact that they may not be looking for a car while crossing the street. Also, remember that kids will be out more frequently with the seasons changing – watch for kids walking to the bus stop or crossing the street to walk to school.



Safety starts here!

Wear your Personal Protective Equipment
gloves, high visibility safety vest, safety glasses,
safety boots, hearing protection, head protection,
dust masks and respirators, harnesses and
lanyards, work clothes
REQUIRED AT ALL DUMPS

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