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NWRA HOSTS WEEK-LONG SAFETY STAND DOWN NEXT WEEK

Arlington, VA – The National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA) will launch its 2018 Safety Stand Down on Vehicle Backing February 12 with a weeklong training and awareness initiative focused on reducing accidents, fatalities and injuries related to truck backing incidents. The stand down will include a daily focus on safety issues related to backing and will conclude on February 16. The stand down will provide participating companies with the tools, guidance, and support aimed at reducing backing incidents.

“We are proud of the commitment our members make to raise the bar for safety in our industry. Through training, effective communications and heightened awareness, we are committed to making our industry safer,” said Darrell Smith, NWRA President and CEO.

Participation in the stand down involves waste and recycling companies’ commitment to focusing employees’ safety sessions during the week on safe backing, conducting a risk assessment and review of backing policies and procedures, and posting stand down information at facilities and on social media sites to make employees aware of this effort.

Information about the Safety Stand Down can be found [here](#). The Safety Stand Down effort is using the social media hashtag #StandForSafety2018.

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ABOUT NWRA

The National Waste and Recycling Association represents the private sector waste and recycling services industry. Association members conduct business in all 50 states, and include companies that manage garbage, recycling and medical waste, equipment manufacturers and distributors, and a variety of other service providers. For more information about NWRA, please visit www.wasterecycling.org.

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