



**TOGETHER,
WE CAN MAKE SURE
THAT COLLECTING TRASH
DOESN'T RISK LIVES.**

We've all been there.

Stuck behind a garbage truck while we're in a hurry to get to work or school. We sigh, we curse, we check the clock. We get frustrated by having to wait behind the truck, so we impatiently pull around it – endangering the life of a worker emptying a container or walking back to the truck, or any pedestrians or other drivers in the area.

***What if that worker was
your mom or dad, husband or son,
brother or sister... or best friend?***

How you can help.

Just as you have learned to stop and wait for school buses, slow down in construction zones or move to the side of the road for emergency vehicles, we are working to educate drivers to slow down and use caution when approaching City garbage and recycle collection vehicles, and other City vehicles and work crews, to prevent a collision with a City worker or vehicle.

1. **Slow down** when approaching or passing collection vehicles or other City vehicles making their rounds. Stop if necessary to allow workers to do their jobs.
2. **Look for workers** before attempting to pass the vehicle.
3. **Check for traffic** approaching from the opposite direction before proceeding around the vehicle.
4. **Avoid distractions** like eating, changing the radio station or talking on your cell phone when maneuvering near a collection vehicle.



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**Protect our City workers!
Slow Down To Get Around!**