

Fire Prevention/Response at a Landfill

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Perfect Storm

- Increased use of Li-Ion Batteries
- Increased use of personal electronic devices
- Increased “Recycle” messaging
- Leading to increased fires....



It all happened so quickly

- Personal electronic device + pressure = FIRE
- Not just tablets and laptops
- Includes cell phones

What can I do?

- Realize you are getting devices in
- If you haven't had a fire; wait....
- Review your operating plan for fire response
- How do you manage “hot loads”?
- Think like you would with a spill.....

Proper Recycling/Disposal Options

- Be sure you have options available
- Call2Recycle
- HHW Events
- Take Back Programs (Best Buy, Home Depot etc...)

Reaching Customers

- Outreach in partnership with Call2Recycle
- City website
- Local media/newspapers

Staff Training is Critical

- **Devices**
- **Batteries**
- **Fire response training**
- **Partnering with your local Fire Department**

Local Fire Departments

- Partner with Local Fire Departments
- Landfill fire response is important
- A relationship that needs nurturing
- Under local/state regulations about reporting
 - NH requires all fires that require any response be reported

Landfill Fires...

- Recent data that has been presented under represents the real problem.
- Not all fires cause property damage
- Far more fires than we see in the numbers.

Questions?

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