



SAFETY MONDAY

March 5, 2012

March Madness

It's "March Madness" time for college basketball fans. Who will win the various conference titles and NCAA championship? Who will be the Cinderella team of this year's tournament?

What we want to avoid is "March Madness" on the roads. Last year, seven solid waste workers died in workplace accidents during the month of March. Another nine people died in collisions with garbage trucks. In many of the March 2011 fatal accidents it appears the other driver was clearly at fault, either crossing a double yellow line into an oncoming truck or crashing into the back of a truck.

Motorists often make mistakes on the road. They don't use their turn signals, are distracted by their cell phone conversation, are texting, or just following too close. Our drivers need to be aware of this when they are on the route, and drive cautiously and defensively at all times. Having an accident – and particularly a fatal one – can ruin your day and bottom line, and may affect your drivers on a long-term basis.




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