

For Immediate Release

Fire Delays Waste & Recycling Collection Rest of Week

COLUMBUS, Ohio – July 11, 2012 – Due to the fire on Fields Avenue, Rumpke's waste and recycling collection service will be delayed throughout Central Ohio for the remainder of the week.

Only customers in the following areas will be impacted:

- * Franklin County
- * Delaware County
- * Union County
- * City of Pickerington (within the city limits)

Service will be delayed by one day. Wednesday's customers will receive service tomorrow, Thursday's customers will receive service Friday and Friday's customers will receive service Saturday. The service schedule will return to normal next week.

Rumpke's commercial customers in the region may also experience service delays.

A few Rumpke trucks were able to begin service prior to the initial evacuation, but the majority of customers will be delayed for the remainder of the week.

"We apologize for the service delays. We want our customers to know that we are doing the very best we can to service them in a timely manner under these challenging circumstances and we truly appreciate their patience," said Jonathan Kissell, communications supervisor at Rumpke. "Our hearts go out to the impacted families and the firefighters on the scene, as they work tirelessly to protect the areas surrounding this incident."

Fire officials evacuated Rumpke's facilities at 1191 Fields Ave. as a safety precaution following rail car explosions at a neighboring property. No Rumpke employees were injured.

Rumpke's location includes its truck depot, recycling facility, trash transfer station, portable restroom division, maintenance garages and administrative offices. Customers may contact Rumpke at 1-800-828-8171.

Additional updates will be provided as more information becomes available.