At Advanced Disposal, safety is our top priority, and our day-to-day operations reflect that. From safe operations of our equipment to proper training for our employees, we put service first and safety always. But safety is everyone’s responsibility, so please use the tips below to teach your family how to be safe around garbage trucks.

**Stopping Distance:**

It is critical to keep a safe distance (15 feet) between you and a garbage truck. Why? A garbage truck weighs an average of 25 tons—about the same weight as six rhinoceroses, so it takes three times longer to stop than a passenger car.
Ears & Eyes out for Alarms:

Garbage trucks are equipped with an audible (beep-beep-beep) and visual (flashing lights) back-up alarm. Whether you are walking or driving around one of our trucks, always stay alert. Never get near or climb onto a garbage truck, and do not allow children to load any garbage into the truck.

Eye Contact:

Not only does a garbage truck have tires as tall as the average 5-year-old, but the vehicle also does not have any windows in the back, so drivers cannot see from behind. With having to make frequent stops and often back up, it is critical that eye contact is maintained to eliminate visibility restrictions. REMEMBER—if you can’t see the driver, the driver can’t see you.

Check out our Sam Safety Kids Video at AdvancedDisposal.com/SamSafety