

Status report on nuisance bird control issues

Iowa City Landfill and Recycling Center

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Observed Bird Populations

No Landfill Bird Survey Forms were completed since July; we've seen very few birds on site. As noted in the last report:

- All bird populations began to decrease significantly in early March.
- Almost no birds were present by early May, to current.

Actions

- Landfill staff dirted, sprayed or tarped trash daily, as required by our permit.

Other Items of Note

- No complaints have been received from neighbors.
- The City does not intend to renew the bird control contract with USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

Next Steps/Recommendations for longer-term nuisance bird control

- Based on the lessons learned over the past few years, we anticipate seasonal fluctuations in bird populations.
 - Staff will continue to utilize Odor Sergeant additive, the noise maker, and the hand-held laser to deter birds as needed.
 - Staff will continue to dirt, spray and/or tarp trash daily, as required by our permit.
 - In conjunction with the future compost facility, the City will continue to work to reduce food waste entering the landfill.
- The City requests to cease quarterly status report submittals.

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