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WILLIAMSBURG, Va. -- Due to a fire that occurred over the weekend, Yard Works' recycling center at 20 Marclay Road in Williamsburg will not be accepting yard waste debris at this time.

Around 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 5, a fire was noticed in the debris pile at our recycling center. The fire was immediately reported to the James City County Fire Department. Due to the fire favorable weather conditions, the fire spread quickly. Yard Works employees started using our heavy equipment to help first responders separate nearby piles of mulch and other wood pulp material away from the burning pile. The intersection of Lake Powell Road and Marclay Road was temporarily closed as a safety precaution.

Thanks to the quick response of emergency crews and our heavy equipment operators, officials were able to declare the fire under control by early Saturday afternoon.

To ensure that the situation remains under control and to minimize any additional impact, Yard Works has mobilized additional equipment and manpower that are on site 24/7 to continuously monitor and work the location of the incident. This operation will continue until the debris is fully extinguished.

The cause of the fire is unknown at this time, but we are working and communicating with officials from James City County to fully assist in their investigation.

We would like to thank the fire and emergency crews from James City County, York County, and Williamsburg, as well as the Virginia Department of Forestry for bravely and quickly responding to this incident.

Thankfully, no one was injured and there was no significant property damage. We would like to apologize to our neighbors for any inconvenience this incident has caused. Though we have heavy equipment and trained staff ready for situations like this, Yard Works is conducting an internal review of the incident and our safety procedures to ensure that we can mitigate the risk of future incidents from happening.

Though our recycling center is not accepting any new yard waste debris at this time, we are open for retail sales during normal business hours. Please visit [williamsburg.yardworksva.com](http://williamsburg.yardworksva.com) for more information.