

Covanta Expands Partnership with Wreaths Across America for Annual Post-Holiday Clean Up

MORRISTOWN, N.J., Jan. 30, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Covanta, a world leader in sustainable waste and energy solutions, has expanded its partnership with Wreaths Across America to sustainably recycle and dispose of wreaths that are laid on gravestones of military veterans at cemeteries across the United States. Wreaths Across America is a national nonprofit organization founded in 2007 with a mission to remember the fallen, honor those that serve and their families, and teach the next generation about the value of freedom.

In the weeks following the end of the holiday season, Wreaths Across America volunteers collect hundreds of thousands of evergreen wreaths placed at over 1,640 participating locations. To help ease the burden of disposal, the wreaths are delivered and processed at nearby Covanta Energy-from-Waste facilities free of charge. As an added benefit, Covanta's facilities recover energy from the organic portion of the wreaths and the metal frame is collected for recycling.

Covanta has participated in the program since 2017 and is now accepting wreaths at six locations in Virginia - Covanta Fairfax and Covanta Alexandria/ Arlington, and at all of Covanta's facilities on Long Island in New York State - Covanta Hempstead, Covanta Huntington, Covanta Babylon and Covanta MacArthur.

"Covanta is pleased to provide Wreaths Across America with this vital service," said Edward Sandkuhl, facility manager at Covanta Hempstead. "As a Navy veteran, I am proud to support an organization that remembers and reverently honors the deceased men and women of our military. At Covanta, we are committed to supporting veterans, which account for 15 percent of our U.S. workforce."

"We are continually looking for ways to support our participating locations," said Wayne Hanson, location coordinator volunteer with Wreaths Across America for Arlington National Cemetery and chairman of the board of directors. "We are grateful for Covanta's growing support of our mission and the sustainable solution they are providing to help prevent the veterans' wreaths from going to waste."

Wreaths from Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia are processed at Covanta Fairfax and Covanta Alexandria/Arlington. Wreaths collected from Long Island National Cemetery in Farmingdale, NY are sent to Covanta's Long Island facilities.

Covanta's Long Island facilities alone will collect approximately 40,000 wreaths, generating enough energy to supply electricity to eight homes for one month. In addition, the metal recovered from the Long Island facilities amounts to over 1,000 pounds, enough to manufacture over 8,000 soup cans.

About Covanta

Covanta is a world leader in providing sustainable waste and energy solutions. Annually, Covanta's modern Energy-from-Waste facilities safely convert approximately 22 million tons of waste from municipalities and businesses into clean, renewable electricity to power one million homes and recycle over 600,000 tons of metal. Through a vast network of treatment and recycling facilities, Covanta also provides comprehensive industrial material management services to companies seeking solutions to some of today's most complex environmental challenges. For more information, visit covanta.com.

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