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City of Fairburn Responds to Safeguard Landfill Fire Incidents

Fairburn, GA — October 16, 2024 — The City of Fairburn is aware of two recent fires that occurred at the Safeguard Landfill located on 6895 Roosevelt Highway, Fairburn, GA 30213. The first fire was reported on Friday, October 11, 2024, followed by a second incident in a different location on the property early this morning, October 16, 2024. Both flare-ups were promptly reported, and the City of Fairburn Fire Department responded quickly to ensure public safety and assist in containing the situation if needed.

Safeguard Landfill, which is designated for construction and demolition waste only, immediately enacted its standard response protocols under the guidance of GFL Environmental, the site's operator. In accordance with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) regulations, the fire was smothered using the landfill's soil stockpile, and a water truck remains on-site to assist in fire suppression efforts.

The City of Fairburn is working closely with GFL and Georgia EPD to monitor the situation and ensure the proper procedures continue to be followed to protect public health and safety. We will remain vigilant in coordinating with our partners to prevent further incidents and minimize any impact on the surrounding community.

We would like to thank the Fairburn Fire Department for their swift response and commend GFL Environmental for their adherence to safety protocols. We are confident that through our ongoing collaboration, we will minimize any future risks and ensure the continued safety of the Fairburn community.

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About the City of Fairburn:

The City of Fairburn, "Situated to Succeed," is a vibrant and thriving community located in the heart of southern Fulton County, Georgia, boasting a rich historical legacy. Dedicated to fostering a high quality of life, Fairburn is committed to sustainable development, economic vitality, and inclusive community engagement. With a focus on innovation and growth, Fairburn continuously strives to enhance the well-being of its residents while preserving its unique character and charm. Discover more about Fairburn's initiatives and community spirit at www.fairburn.com.