

CODE OF ETHICS
ORANGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY BOARD

Adopted January 12, 2011

Board members should act with integrity and with independence from improper influence as they exercise the functions of their advisory board membership. Characteristics and behaviors that are consistent with this standard are:

- Adhering firmly to a code of sound values.
- Behaving consistently and with respect towards everyone with whom they interact.
- Exhibiting trustworthiness.
- Using their best independent judgment to pursue the function of solid waste management in Orange County in the interest of Orange County citizens and their respective jurisdictions and as they see it, presenting their opinions to the Board of Orange County Commissioners and others, as needed or requested, in a reasonable, forthright, consistent manner.
- Remaining incorruptible and not subject to improper influence, while at the same time being able to consider the opinions and ideas of others.
- Disclosing contacts and information about Orange County solid waste related issues that they receive outside of public meetings that may inordinately impact decisions and/or opinions.
- Treating other board members and the public with respect, and honoring the opinions of others regarding solid waste matters even when they disagree.
- Being careful not to reach conclusions on solid waste related issues until all sides have been heard.
- Showing respect for their board appointment and not behaving in ways that reflect badly on it.
- Recognizing that they are part of a larger group and acting accordingly.

- Recognizing that individual board members are not generally allowed to act or speak on behalf of the board, but may only do so if the board specifically so authorizes, and that the board must take advisory action as a body.

Board members should be faithful in the performance of the duties of their offices. They should act as especially responsible SWAB members whom others can trust and respect in matters pertaining to Solid Waste Management in Orange County.

Board members should faithfully attend and prepare for meetings. They should carefully analyze all credible information that is properly submitted to them on issues within their purview. They should pursue full accountability from those who provide information to the Board.

Board members should be willing to bear their fair share of the board's workload. To the extent appropriate, they should be willing to put the board's interests ahead of their own.