

“Slow Down To Get Around” Law Now Includes Sanitation Vehicles

As of Tuesday, November 1, 2016 it is illegal to speed past sanitation vehicles. By classifying garbage trucks and waste collection vehicles as “hazard vehicles,” New York is now the 12th state to enact a “Slow Down to Get Around” law, which builds off of the preexisting “Move Over” law.

Motorists must now reduce their speed when passing waste and recycling collection vehicles with flashing lights.

The trucks in the new law are defined as any motor vehicle with a rear compaction function that is intended for the collection of refuse.

A violation of the law comes with a fine of \$45 to \$100 and can carry a jail term of up to 15 days.

In New York State, hazard vehicles now include: garbage and recycling trucks, snow plows, rural mail carrier vehicles, vehicles used to build, maintain or repair utilities and any vehicles used while maintaining highways.

http://www.newyorkupstate.com/news/2016/11/dont_drive_like_trash_its_now_illegal_to_speed_past_garbage_trucks_in_nys.html