



Smoke on the Truck?

Act fast.

Dust, friction, overheated equipment, or contaminated materials can create a fire risk inside a mobile shredding truck. Quick action protects you, our customers, our equipment, and the communities we serve.

Know the warning signs

What to watch for during shredding operations.



Smoke

Coming from the hopper or shredder area.



Unusual heat

Or burning odors anywhere around the unit.



Jammed material

Material moving slowly or becoming jammed.



Friction or noise

Excessive friction, unusual noises, or equipment behavior.



Contaminated material

Anything that could introduce an ignition source.

Prevention starts before the route

- ☐ Complete your required **pre-trip inspection**.
- ☐ Check for **material or dust buildup** around equipment.
- ☐ Make sure required **fire extinguishers** are present and accessible.
- ☐ **Never ignore** unusual heat, smoke, smells, or equipment behavior.
- ☐ Do not knowingly process **prohibited or potentially hazardous materials**.

Four moves if smoke or fire appears

In this order. Do not skip ahead.



1 STOP

Stop shredding operations immediately and follow company emergency shutdown procedures.



2 MOVE

If conditions allow, move the truck away from people, buildings, vehicles, fuel sources, and other hazards. Follow company procedures for safely ejecting or dumping material when applicable.



3 CALL

Call 911 when there is a fire or immediate fire danger. Do not put yourself at risk attempting to fight a growing or uncontrolled fire.



4 REPORT

Immediately notify your manager or dispatch. Give your location, truck number, what you observed, and whether emergency services have been contacted.

A truck can be replaced. You can't.

If you see smoke or signs of fire, prioritize personal and public safety. Stop operations, get to a safe location, call for help, and communicate with your team.

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