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# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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Dear Residents of Ellington,

As you may have heard via news articles in the papers and news reports on television, the trash and recycling disposal facility in Hartford operated by MIRA, (Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority) has experienced some problems with their operation for burning the trash delivered to their facility. This situation is due to the turbines used to burn the trash having undergone mechanical failures.

Although through strong efforts by MIRA, it appears the turbines will not be up and running until early February. As you may have read or know, we are one of the communities that sends our trash to the facility in Hartford. All trash that is delivered is now being shipped out of State with the increased cost of doing so being passed back to the communities that send their trash there.

In order to continue to deliver our recycling and trash to Hartford via our contractor, All American Waste without any additional fees, the Public Works Department is asking all residents to be proactive in their disposal practices and be diligent in how you recycle and fill your trash containers.

Noted below is an email received today from MIRA informing all contractors that deliver material to the Hartford facility that their loads will be inspected and if deemed contaminated, those loads will not be accepted. This in turn will cause our contractor to clean the load of contamination and those charges will be borne upon the Town.

The Ellington Public Works Department is requesting all of its residents to support proper disposal practices when disposing of household trash and recyclables.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Office at 860-870-3140.

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To: Customers Delivering Recyclables to MIRA's Regional Recycling Center and Transfer Stations: Starting tomorrow MIRA will be inspecting recycling loads to determine compliance with our Permitting, Disposal and Billing Procedures Delivery Standards (attached). Please pay particular attention to Section 4.10 (b) which states: Haulers may not deliver loads containing Acceptable Recyclables that originate from more than one municipality. Loads from municipalities not participating in MIRA's recycling program will not be accepted unless MIRA has authorized such delivery. Loads containing single stream from non-MIRA municipalities that have not been authorized will be turned away.

MIRA will also be inspecting for unacceptable recyclables and unacceptable waste that will damage our equipment. Loads containing such will be turned away or reloaded for appropriate disposal.

Best Regards, Mary Anne Bergenty, MIRA Field Manager