

January, 2013

**RE: RECYCLING FOR RESIDENTIAL and COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS
WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Property Owner/Manager:

On February 4, 2008, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) conditionally certified the 2006 Essex County Solid Waste Management Plan Update (hereafter referred to as "Update"). The Update echoes the renewed commitment from the County to use recycling as a solution for reducing the costs and environmental burden created by the disposal of solid waste. This commitment is set forth in the 2006 County Solid Waste Management Plan approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) on February 4, 2008. In response, Essex County has committed to increase recycling education and outreach to all sectors of the County, including office, commercial and residential buildings, and to enforce the new regulations in order to bring the County recycling rate up to the 50% municipal solid waste (MSW) level mandated by the State. Also see ECUA Recycling Website (www.ecuanj.com)

We would like to bring to your attention the materials that are **MANDATORY** for recycling by all residences and all commercial and institutional establishments. These requirements have already gone into effect, thus the materials listed below are **NOT ALLOWED** to enter the solid waste disposal stream for your properties now or in the future.

RESIDENTIAL: All homes, condominiums, townhouses, apartments, trailer parks, etc., including certain housing types considered institutional (i.e. senior citizen homes) are to recycle the following materials. There are no minimum standards based upon amount or weight:

- Newspapers
- Mixed paper (i.e. junk mail, office paper, all marketable grades)
- Old corrugated containers
- Electronics
- Glass food and beverage containers
- Aluminum beverage containers
- Leaves
- Used motor oil
- White goods

- Lead acid batteries (vehicle batteries)
- Plastics (#1 and #2)
- Steel/Tin Containers
- Ferrous Scrap

COMMERCIAL: All places of business (wholesale, retail, service, food, transportation, etc.) are included in this sector.

- Newspapers
- Glass food and beverage containers
- Aluminum beverage containers
- Electronics
- Leaves
- Old corrugated containers
- Office paper (all marketable grades)
- Used motor oil
- White goods
- Lead acid batteries (vehicle batteries)
- Plastics (#1 and #2)
- Steel/Tin Containers
- Ferrous Scrap

INSTITUTIONAL: All government buildings, schools, colleges, hospitals, clinics, etc. are included in this sector.

- Newspapers
- Glass food and beverage containers
- Aluminum beverage containers
- Electronics
- Leaves
- Old corrugated containers
- Office paper (all marketable grades)
- Used motor oil
- White goods
- Lead acid batteries (vehicle batteries)
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Every business, institution, or industrial facility shall report on an annual basis to the Recycling Coordinator, on such forms as may be prescribed, on recycling activities at their premises, including the amount of recycled material, by material type, collected and recycled and the vendor or vendors providing recycling service. All food service

establishments, as defined in the Health Code, shall, in addition to compliance with all other recycling requirements, be required to recycle grease and/or cooking oil created in the processing of food or food products, and maintain such records as may be prescribed, for inspection by any code enforcement officer. (Ord. No. 2009-10 § 16-1.5) Assistance in creating a recycling program for your properties is available, at no cost to you, directly through the Essex County Department of Health (973-497-9401) and the Essex County Environmental Center (Tara Casella, 973-228-8776).

Thank you for your time and consideration. If we can provide you with any additional information, please contact our office at 973-882-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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