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# TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

### **RE: RECYCLING FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDING WITHIN ESSEX COUNTY**

Dear Building 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.

We would like to bring to your attention the materials that are **MANDATORY** for recycling by all residences and all commercial 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 property(ies) 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 *de minimis* standards based upon amount or weight:

- Newspapers
- Mixed paper (i.e. junk mail, office paper, all marketable grades)
- Corrugated containers
- Glass food and beverage containers
- Aluminum beverage containers
- Leaves
- Used motor oil
- White goods (i.e. refrigerators, washers/dryers)
- Lead acid batteries (vehicle batteries)

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**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
- Leaves
- Corrugated containers
- Office paper
- Used motor oil
- White goods (i.e. refrigerators, washers/dryers)
- Lead acid batteries (vehicle batteries)

Assistance in creating a recycling program for your property(ies) 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).

Please be advised, enforcement sweeps are planned in 2008 for selected commercial, office and residential buildings by the Essex County Department of Health. Notices of violation and/or summonses can be written for non-compliance and may carry fines of \$4,500.00 for each offense.

For more information on the Solid Waste Management Plan Update, please contact PMK Group, Environmental Engineers and Consultants:

PMK Group, Inc.  
65 Jackson Drive, PO Box 5000  
Cranford, NJ 07016  
Attn.: Robert J. Teeter Jr.

(908)497-8900 (voice), (908)497-8942(fax)

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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