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Dear Resident,

Arrangements for household residential trash and recycling collection will change on June 1, 2015. The Town's compliance with the Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) will result in three changes for you.

- 1) You must separate certain recyclable materials (papers, cardboard, glass, plastics, steel cans, aluminum cans) from your regular household trash. These items will be picked up curbside at your home twice per month. Or, you may deliver them to the NEKWMD recycling center on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- 2) Your remaining household trash will be picked up curbside once per week by Earley Rubbish and Recycling. Your household trash must be in 31-33 gallon plastic bags that each have an Earley sticker affixed. The stickers may be purchased at \$3 each from Earley.
- 3) The town sanitation fee, billed annually in June, due in July, will be reduced to \$65 (from \$160) for 2015. We anticipate the fee to be approximately \$30 in 2016. This fee will cover the Town's expenses for the annual Green Up Day clean-up efforts as well as the curbside pick-up of your recyclables and your eligibility to deliver materials free of charge to the NEKWMD on our two Bulky Day events per year.

Reducing our collective contribution to the waste stream while diverting valuable materials from the landfill is a goal of the Town. Extending the life of regional landfills and finding better uses for our discarded materials will produce long term benefits. We are pleased that our new programs accomplish these goals while providing additional convenience to residents and allowing you to reduce your cost of waste disposal.

Further details are on the reverse side of this letter. If you have any additional questions, please contact the Municipal Administrator, Town Clerk, or any Selectman.

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What materials must be recycled and how do I handle them?

- 1) Papers (newspapers, magazines, office paper, junk mail, etc.)
- 2) Cardboard (corrugated cardboard, cereal/pasta boxes, shipping boxes, brown kraft bags, etc.)
- 3) Glass (bottles, jars, etc., all colors)
- 4) Plastics #1 and #2, (milk jugs, salad dressing, yogurt, etc.)
- 5) Steel cans (from canned vegetables, pizza sauce, etc)
- 6) Aluminum (soda cans, clean foil, foil pie plates, etc.)

Please rinse cans, bottles, and plastics. Sort each type of material and place in a clearly marked "recycling" container that is substantial enough not to blow away. Set at your curb twice per month for pick-up. Please contact TDL Waste Services at (802) 429-2005 for a complete schedule of curbside recycling. You will need to contact the contractor to make sure that they have you listed as a stop on their recycling route. In order for curbside recycling to be cost effective and efficient please be consistent at placing your recycling curbside and do not stockpile it for months. Alternately, sorted recyclables may be delivered to the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District on Church Street on Wednesdays and Saturdays. There is a display of acceptable recyclable materials at the lower level entrance to the municipal building. NEKWMD also accepts many other types of recyclable materials. Although only #1 and #2 plastics are banned from the landfill, NEKWMD also accepts #3-#7 and these can be left for curbside collection.

Where do I purchase stickers for household trash bags?

Earley Rubbish and Recycling will have an agent in the downstairs lobby of the Municipal Building on Saturdays, May 16th and 30th from 9 to noon, as well as on Wednesdays, May 13th and May 20th, 2015 from 4:00-7:00 PM. Stickers may also be purchased using a credit card by contacting Earley Rubbish & Recycling, LLC. at (603) 237-5755. Stickers cost \$3 each and one must be affixed to each bag of household trash in order to be picked up. We suggest you purchase a sufficient quantity in advance for your anticipated needs of one to two months. Additional stickers will be available at the Town cashier's office if you run out. The first trial period with Earley lasts seven months.

What will be my schedule for trash pick-up?

Earley will maintain the same schedule our previous vendor used. Your date and time will not change. If Earley finds a more efficient way to collect trash, the collection schedule may change in the future. You will be notified in advance of any schedule changes. Please remember, put your trash out no earlier than the night before expected pick-up. Each bag must have a sticker or it will not be picked up.

What about apartment dwellers?

As with our current regulations, there are two options for those that live in apartments. 1) The landlord can make arrangements with a commercial hauler for collection of recyclables and household trash (probably with a trash dumpster and recyclable bin) for the use of his tenants. There will also be a \$10 fee per apartment to cover the tenants' eligibility to participate in the Bulky Day events. Or, 2) individual apartment residents may leave stickered household trash and sorted recyclables at curbside on the designated days. In this case, each apartment would pay the full sanitation fee (\$65 for 2015 or \$30 for 2016).