TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

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ENVIRONMENTAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

Dear licensed solid waste hauler:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has requested that the Town provide written information to waste haulers and transporters regarding changes in law relevant to the recycling and disposal of electronic waste (e-waste).

The changes in New York State law require manufacturers to take responsibility for recycling many types of electronic equipment they have produced, such as computers, computer peripherals, televisions, small scale servers, and small electronic equipment, etc. Manufacturers now provide free and convenient acceptances programs for NYS consumers to properly reuse and recycle their waste electronic equipment.

The law was implemented in several stages. In January 2012 businesses, private or public corporations, not for profit corporations and government entities, etc. were prohibited from disposing of or placing for collection e-waste (such as computers, computer peripherals, televisions, small scale servers, and small electronic equipment, etc.) that would be disposed of at a solid waste management facility in the state. Beginning January 1, 2015 this disposal ban now applies to all persons in the state, including individuals and household consumers.

As a licensed waste hauler you must advise your customers of this disposal ban and make them aware of the recycling alternatives available to them. The Town of Huntington webpage on e-waste recycling http://www.huntingtonny.gov/e-waste has information for each classification of consumer and other useful information, including a list of e-waste covered under the law, that will assist them in compliance. For additional information they may also consult the NYSDEC website at http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/66872.html

Finally please be aware that failure to comply with the law or perform any duty imposed by the law may result in NYSDEC issued civil penalty of up to $250.00 for each violation.

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