

November 14, 2017

To: Licensed Waste Haulers in Ramsey and Washington Counties

Re: Implementation of Waste Designation

Ramsey and Washington counties have each adopted Waste Designation ordinances, which will go into effect on January 1, 2018. These ordinances follow a two-year process set out in state law. The ordinances and process used by the counties have been approved by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

What this means is:

- a. Starting January 1, 2018 all Acceptable Waste generated in the two counties must be delivered to the Recycling & Energy Center (R&E Center). This requirement applies to everyone: political subdivisions, haulers, generators and self-haulers.
- b. Licensed waste haulers that enter into a Waste Delivery Agreement with the Ramsey and Washington Recycling & Energy Board (R&E Board) will be bound by the terms of that agreement, and will be required to deliver Acceptable Waste. Haulers that enter into an Agreement will be allowed to deliver to one of the transfer stations under contract to the R&E Board and will also be eligible to receive a hauler rebate.

Enforcement: The counties have plans in place to monitor and assure compliance with the ordinance. The counties will monitor waste deliveries using historical data and observing collection and deliveries as necessary. In addition, state law gives authority to the counties to review records as necessary, and provides that significant penalties could be used for violations of the ordinance.

Mixed Loads: Questions have come up about “mixed loads,” in which a hauler has a route that covers counties other than Ramsey or Washington County. The counties acknowledge that there will be times when small amounts of waste generated in other counties, referred to as incidental waste, is collected along with Acceptable Waste for operational and routing efficiency. Incidental delivery of small amounts of waste from other counties, not to exceed 10% of a load, is allowed under this Agreement, however before any such incidental delivery of waste can occur, the hauler needs to provide the R&E Board a written list of the day and municipality from where waste will be delivered from other counties, as well as an estimated volume. The list must be approved by the R&E Board in writing prior to delivery of the waste. Please contact Joe Wozniak at 651-266-1187, or by email at joe.wozniak@ramseycounty.us, for more information.

Waste Delivery Agreements: Waste delivery agreements were mailed to licensed haulers in June 2017 for haulers to sign. Acceptable Waste collected in Ramsey and Washington counties by haulers that sign the agreement would not be subject to the waste designation ordinance requirements, because the agreement requires the hauler to deliver all Ramsey and Washington County Acceptable Waste to either the R&E Center in Newport or to an approved transfer station. Only haulers that sign the agreement are eligible for hauler rebates as provided in the agreement and will also be able to use transfer stations under contract to the R&E Board.

The following transfer stations are under contract with the R&E Board as approved transfer stations for 2018-2022:

- Advanced Disposal – St. Paul
- Dem-Con – Blaine
- Walter's – Blaine
- SKB – Malcom in Minneapolis
- SKB – Blaine
- Republic - Blaine

Only Haulers that have entered into waste delivery agreements will be allowed to deliver waste to these transfer stations. Some transfer stations available in 2017 will not be available in 2018, so haulers should plan accordingly.

In order to have an effective date of January 1, 2018, we need to receive a signed waste delivery agreement by December 15, 2017. If you wish to enter into the waste delivery agreement, have your organization's authorized representative sign and date both copies and return them in the postage-paid envelope provided. The agreement is also available on the R&E Board website at <http://morevaluelesstrash.com/haulers/>. ***If you have questions about the agreement, contact Joe Wozniak at 651-266-1187.***

Out-of-County Waste: Beginning on January 1, 2018 when waste designation requirement goes into effect, waste from counties other than Ramsey and Washington will not be accepted at the R&E Center. At its meeting on July 27, 2017, the R&E Board authorized the Joint Leadership Team (JLT) to develop out-of-county waste delivery agreements only for out-of-county ***public entity*** waste for one year. The R&E Board established a tipping fee of \$94.00 per ton for public entity out-of-county waste for 2018. Waste from counties other than Ramsey or Washington Counties, unless it is public entity waste, is not eligible to be delivered to the R&E Center in 2018.

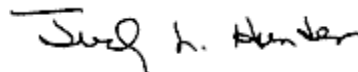
If you have any questions about waste designation or waste delivery agreements, please contact Joe Wozniak at 651-266-1187.

On behalf of the two counties we'd like to thank you for your past support of the R&E Center, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



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