

City of Augusta, Maine

Bureau of Public Works



Bureau of Solid Waste

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HATCH HILL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING FACILITY Universal Waste Recycling Notice to Customers

As part of our license with the MDEP to operate the landfill we are required to comply with State law regarding items that can not be landfilled. In June of 2006 a notice was sent to all Hatch Hill customers stating that recycling computer monitors and televisions and other mercury containing items was mandatory and that these items had to be recycled as Universal Waste. We are still having a problem with some customers trying to dispose of these items in the landfill. This notice is to serve as a reminder that the following items must be recycled:

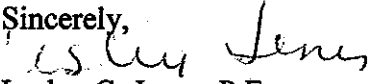
- Lamps containing mercury, such as fluorescent bulbs, HID, etc
- Computer monitors, TV's and other display devices with cathode ray tubes
- Rechargeable batteries – Ni-cd, Metal hydride, Lithium and small lead acid.
- Thermostats, thermometers and other items containing mercury.
- Intact PCB fluorescent light ballasts

Effective July 15, 2008 Hatch Hill staff will step up efforts to stop these items from ending up in the landfill using the following procedure:

- The first time we see you unloading universal waste in the landfill we will make you aware that this is a violation. Additionally the universal waste item must be taken to the recycling building and recycled. The business universal waste recycling fee will be charged.
- The second time this happens you will be issued a written warning and charged a \$10 per item violation fee in addition to the business universal waste recycling fee and again the item must be taken to the recycling building and recycled.
- Future violations will be handled on a case by case basis and may result in privileges to use Hatch Hill being temporarily revoked or suspended.

We can not tolerate disregard for this recycling program mandated by State law. Please feel free to call me at 626-2435 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


Lesley G. Jones, P.E.
Director of Solid Waste