

May 29, 2009

Recently you were notified that the Gardiner City Council has adopted major changes to the city's solid waste ordinance, effective June 6, 2009. Enclosed are the following documents for your use:

- 1) A copy of the new license application. If you intend to do business in Gardiner after June 30, 2009, you must submit the completed application by that date. Failure to submit an application that is complete will result in rejection of your application. Also, there are substantial penalties for doing business in Gardiner without a license.
- 2) A copy of the City of Gardiner Recyclables Collection List. As noted in the city's earlier letter and in the ordinance itself, licensed haulers will be required to offer recycling services to **all** of their customers as of July 1, 2009. The enclosed Collection List contains a list of recyclables that you must offer to collect from **residential** customers, and a separate list of those materials that you must offer to collect from **non-residential** customers. You are free to offer additional recycling services to your customers. Please indicate those additional services in your license application.
- 3) A copy of the Quarterly Report Form. As of July 1, 2009, you must keep records of the tons of rubbish and the tons of recyclables that you collect in Gardiner, the facilities where you take those materials for disposal or processing, and the tonnages taken to each facility. The first quarterly report is due on **October 15, 2009**, two weeks after the end of the quarter. Note that there are significant penalties for failure to submit complete reports in a timely manner.

PLEASE NOTE:

The City of Augusta is in the process of expanding the list of recyclables it will accept at the Hatch Hill Solid Waste Disposal Facility. Gardiner will be expanding its Collection List accordingly. You will have 60 days from the date of notification to comply with the expanded list.

The new solid waste ordinance, the ordinance forms, and the Collection List will be available on the City of Gardiner website shortly. Go to www.gardinermaine.com and click on Recycling Advisory Committee under *Links of Interest*.

If you have questions about the enclosed materials or the new ordinance, you may contact Erin Carleton at 582-4460 or the chairman of the city's Recycling Advisory Committee, Judith Dorsey, at 582-3298.

Sincerely,

Anne Davis
Interim City Manager