

November 9, 2007

Dear Resident/Property Owner,

WE NEED YOUR HELP

First, I would like to thank the thousands of Cumberland residents who have conscientiously been supporting our recycling efforts for many years. You are to be congratulated. Please keep up the good work and if possible add to the green and blue buckets. Second, I want to invite the new residents and the residents who have not yet been participating to join our recycling team! ***WE NEED YOUR HELP.***

Last fiscal year the Town exceeded our allowed municipal garbage cap by 2200 tons which resulted in a \$45,000 additional cost. Caps are placed on municipalities to ensure that the Central Landfill's life is extended as long as possible.

We can reduce our garbage tonnage by recycling. We must make a concerted effort to make sure that every household is recycling to the fullest extent possible.

Beginning November 26, 2007, the Town of Cumberland will no longer pick up residential garbage at households that do not recycle.

Our goal is 100% residential participation in the mandatory recycling program. The only way to accomplish this goal is to refuse garbage collection to those who are not recycling.

Enclosed is a picture guide of common recyclable and non-recyclable items to help make sure your household is recycling everything possible. Please keep this in a prominent place close to your recycling bins for reference. Also enclosed, on the back of this letter, is a list of questions and answers regarding this new program.

Recycling to the max is beneficial for several reasons:

- The town will save money by reducing our garbage fees;
- You will save money by not having to buy as many trash bags for your household;
- We will all help preserve our environment by limiting the amount of trash we as a community throw away.

We need everyone to do their part to manage our solid waste collection costs. Whether we spend more money or less is entirely within our control. Together we can keep Cumberland beautiful, protect our environment, and keep our hard-earned dollars out of the landfill.

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact:

Ray Rivet at 728-2400, ext. 140

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Mayor

