



COUNTY OF OSWEGO
DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE

Frank J. Visser, P.E.
Director
Solid Waste Programs

Dear Waste Hauler / Mayor / Supervisor

On October 9, 2008, the Legislature adopted Local Law No. 3 of 2008: "Oswego County Recycling and Solid Waste Local Law". Enclosed is a copy of the Law for your information and use.

I would like to call your attention to Section 4-8 "Flow Control" in particular. This section requires that all "Municipal Solid Waste", "Construction and Demolition Debris" (C&D) and all "Residential Recyclables" be delivered to Oswego County Facilities.

The Law takes effect on January 1, 2009, with the exception of C&D materials (section 4-8ii) which will take effect on July 1, 2009.

Oswego County will receive residential recyclables from waste haulers at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) or the recycling buildings at the Oswego, Hastings and Pulaski transfer stations. It is our preference to have you use the MRF.

Due to a new recyclables processing contract, the County can only accept debagged (loose) recyclables, starting January 1, 2009. Recyclables can be collected as "single stream", meaning all paper, cardboard, jars, bottles, cans, etc. can be mixed together. We no longer require that paper and cardboard be collected separate from containers.

We intend to advertise the new requirement for accepting debagged, loose recyclables and also ask you to inform your customers/constituents. At this time we are developing the education plan for the public to instruct them to put their recyclables in a separate garbage can for collection. Dedicated recycling bins will not be made available by the County.

Please be advised that it is our intent to aggressively enforce the Law, not only from a flow control standpoint, but also in regard to the separation of recyclables from the waste stream. We urge you to inform your customers/constituents, commercial as well as residential, that recycling is not an option - it is the law.

If you have any questions please call the Solid Waste Main Office at 591-9200 or you can contact me at 591-9280.

Sincerely,

Frank Visser
Director of Solid Waste Programs
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