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NOTICE TO USERS
HATCH HILL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY
COMPUTER MONITORING AND TELEVISION
RECYCLING

We have been recycling computer monitors and televisions as part of the Universal Waste Program at Hatch Hill for the past two years. Recycling of these items has been mandatory for municipalities, schools and businesses since January 1, 2005. Starting July 20, 2006 it will be mandatory for all televisions and computer monitors to be recycled, even those generated by residential households.

We currently charge \$10 per unit to recycle televisions and computer monitors, unless they are larger than the "normal" size. Effective July 2006 the Manufacturer's Take Back Program goes into effect. This program was developed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and requires that manufacturers participate financially in the cost to recycle computers and televisions generated from residential use. To take advantage of the cost savings resulting from this Take Back program the price to recycle residential televisions and computer monitors will be \$3.00 per unit. This price change will take effect on July 5, 2006.

As a reminder, it is mandatory to recycle the following Universal Wastes, regardless of whether they came from a business, school, municipality or residence:

- Lamps containing mercury, such as fluorescent bulbs, HID, etc
- Cathode ray tubes from computer monitors, TV's and other display devices
- Rechargeable batteries – Nickel-cadmium, Metal hydride, Lithium and small lead acid. *No alkaline, button cells (except mercury oxide and silver oxide) or car batteries.*
- Thermostats and thermometers containing mercury.
- Additionally these rules require intact PCB light ballasts to be disposed of as hazardous waste.

All Universal Wastes must now be recycled. If we see you unloading universal waste in the landfill we will make you aware that it cannot be landfilled. If it continues to be a problem you will be considered to be in violation of the Hatch Hill Rules. Please feel free to call me at 626-2435 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Director of Solid Waste