Automated Solid Waste and Recycling Program

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Western Coventry Fire Department

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Tonight’s Agenda

• Overview of the Automated Program
• History and Successes of the Pilot Program
• RIRRC – The Landfill
• A Few Words from the Director
• What is Recyclable?
• Challenges and Solutions
• Long Term Goals and Future Plans
• Resident Questions and Answers
Automated Collection in Rhode Island

• 13th community in the State to begin automated collection.
• Voted for by the Town as a collective body.
• Helps reduce waste
• Helps reduce costs
• Helps stabilize taxes
• Begins October 26th, 2015
How will this program make a difference?

First - Reducing Waste

- Larger containers promote more recycling.
- Updated recycling guidelines reduce waste.
- 40% Reduction in Waste over 20 year lifetime of program
How will this program make a difference?

Second, Reduce Costs

- **Lower “Tip” Fees for Household Waste**
  - $34/ton for first 10,721 tons
  - $54/ton for overages ~ 1160 tons over/yr
    - **$62,640 average annual overage**

- **More Profit Share Back EOY**
  - This year’s Profit Share was $19,786.15 for 3,682 tons of recycling.

- **Fewer Injuries**
  - 3 Injuries since September
How will this program make a difference?

Third - Help Stabilize Taxes

- Reduced Waste and Reduced Costs filters to the Residents.

- Over course of 20 year bond will allow us to do more with the money we are currently receiving.

- DPW will not require additional funds for Sanitation.
Pilot Program

- Began May 2014 for 2,750 households
- Targeted variety of households (e.g. extended driveways, large families, many parties)
- Received 96 gallon recycle and 48 gallon trash
- Goals: Reduce trash by 15% and Increase recycling by 30%
- Reality: Reduced trash by 11.5% AND Increased recycling by 26.43%
- Education made the difference.
RIRRC – The Landfill

• Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation is a quasi-public agency, created by the RI General Assembly in 1974 to oversee the RI Waste Stream.
• Sets the standards for recyclability
• Provide an annual Profit Share
• No longer providing small recycling bins
A Few Words from the Director of Public Works.

Kevin McGee
What is Recyclable?

- Plastics – Containers ONLY, no “doodads”
- Glass – Nothing broken
- Metal – Cans, foil, and lids only
- Paper/Cardboard – Clean and Dry
Challenges and Solutions

- Barrels too large
- Long Driveways
- Not enough recycling to fill the barrel
- Winter
Long term goals and future plans

- Stabilize taxes
- Reduce waste
- Backyard Composting
- Use old barrels to enhance the Community Garden
What are your questions?