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TO: Public Works Directors
Recycling Coordinators
FROM: Pat Russo
DATE: July 1, 2008
RE: What's happening in **July 2008?**

Contracts: A **new contract** will be issued shortly to include the changes made in the 2008 General Assembly session. If you have any questions please contact Sarah Kite 942.1430 x 112.

CLOSED: Happy 4th of July to all!! The Landfill will be closed Friday, July 4th.

MRF: Recycling coordinators please remind your citizens about the parameters of recyclable materials. The **MRF** is seeing a lot of cable, hoses, wire, and coil items in the loads, these items are not recyclable. Contamination is a growing concern at the MRF. Secondly, OCC can be accepted at the MRF in pieces larger than the previously stated 3' x 3'.

CFL: The use of compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) will increase in 2012 because traditional incandescent bulbs are slated to be banned altogether in the USA. CFLs consume 75% less electricity than incandescent bulbs and last 10 times longer. WM Lamp Tracker has developed its first residential CFL recycling kit. For more information on the CFL Recycling Kit, please visit www.ThinkGreenFromHome.com Home Depot will start a recycling program for CFL bulbs on July 1, 2008.

Eco-Depot: At the Central landfill on July 12th and July 26th. Appointments are necessary. Please call 942-1430 x 241 to make an appointment.

E-Waste/Computers: At the Central landfill on July 26. No appointment is needed for E-waste/computer disposal. There are no satellite E-Waste collections scheduled for the month of July.

GREEN TIPS:

Harvesting rainwater in rain barrels is a great way to conserve water. It can be used to water your landscaping and gardens. With the rising cost of municipal water and summer drought restrictions, turning to the harvesting of rainwater will save you money and protect this natural resource. Charlestown, Newport and Pawtuxet Village Farmer's Market for Cranston are all sponsoring programs. To order a rain barrel please call 978.977.3155 or visit: www.nerainbarrel.com

Composting: Organic materials at your home can not only decrease the amount of material you send to the landfill, it can also turn your organic waste into a landscape asset. Composting will reduce the amount of food waste you put into your garbage can, while creating nutrient rich fertilizer for your garden. We have compost bins for sale. The price is \$50.00. We accept cash or checks only, no credit cards.