



## **TOWN OF GRANBY**

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Dear Granby Citizens:

Effective May 1, 2011 the Granby Landfill will see some significant changes for all Granby residents. These changes have become necessary as a result of two major reasons. As of January 1, 2011, Waste Management began charging the Town of Granby for their waste disposal at a rate of \$65.23 per ton. Based on Granby's past history of disposal, that equates to approximately \$200,000 to \$225,000 a year for Granby residents to dispose of their trash. In order to deal with this harsh reality, the Selectboard has instituted an increase to the sticker price, making the new price for a Granby sticker at \$35.00 for residents and \$50.00 for businesses. Certainly this small increase will not come close to meeting this additional cost that we are facing.

With the revenue from the increase in the sticker price, the Town of Granby will hire a monitor to reduce the amount of trash brought to the landfill by those without stickers, those from other towns and cities illegally using our service, and those companies who make money from disposing of their business trash on a regular basis. Based on our population, Granby residents should be disposing approximately 2,000 tons of waste a year. Instead, because of the blatant abuse we are disposing over 3600 tons yearly. This **MUST** stop and it must stop **NOW**. We cannot afford to pay for other people's trash disposal. A monitor will be the first step to tackle this problem. Waste Management has agreed to build a monitor station on their property to facilitate our efforts to curb abuse.

A further step to eliminate abuse will be the charge for white goods such as refrigerators, stoves, propane tanks, mattresses, etc. Waste Management has indicated to Granby officials that the amount of these goods that are brought to the landfill for a town of our size is outrageous. Again in an effort to curb abuse as well as to properly dispose of these items, we must institute a White Goods Fee Schedule that will charge for all items of this nature. A list of those charges accompanies this letter.

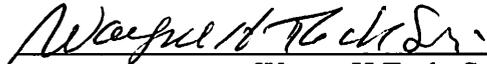
The final step the Board is currently taking to deal with this issue is a reduction of hours that the landfill is open to Granby residents. The **NEW HOURS** for the landfill beginning on May 1, 2011 will be:

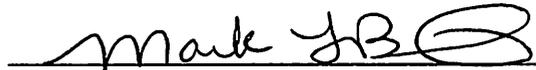
Tuesdays	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursdays	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

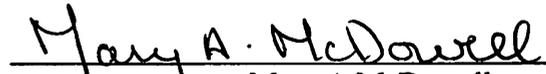
The Board is hoping that the above steps will help to deal with the impact of the new disposal fees, the blatant abuse of our landfill, and the reality that we as a town will be facing in December of 2012 when the landfill is expected to reach its capacity. It is also designed to reduce the amount of trash we pay for and increase the amount of recycling that we are compensated for. This will prepare us for the not so distant future when all residents will be paying for their own trash disposal.

This has not been an easy decision for the Board but it is a necessary decision for the Town of Granby. This is a change that has been long overdue. We ask for your support in this very challenging town issue.

Sincerely

  
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