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Dear Trash and/or Recycling Hauler,

August 2016

Thank you in advance for providing the City of Fort Collins with accurate reports of the materials you collect from residents and businesses in Fort Collins. These reports allow us to track the community's progress toward meeting recycling goals and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Enclosed you will find the reporting form for the first half of 2016. If you have any questions about which category to use for a specific material, please contact us for clarification. Similarly, if we're missing a category to report a material you are collecting, please let us know. If a quantity of material you collect has significantly increased or decreased since last year, please include a note describing the driver / reason for the change.

If you don't track the recycling collected from multi-family complexes separately, a best guess of the amount of recycling that is collected from businesses vs. multi-family locations is adequate.

The deadline for reporting 2016 quarters 1 & 2 data is **Wednesday, August 31, 2016.** If you won't have data available at that time, it is very important for you to please contact us as soon as possible.

Please submit forms to:

City of Fort Collins Environmental Services Attn: Caroline Mitchell PO Box 580 Fort Collins, CO, 80522-0580.

You may also send your reports via email to <u>cmitchell@fcgov.com</u>.

We would like to remind you that in March 2013, the City of Fort Collins passed **an ordinance banning cardboard from being disposed of in the trash.** Cardboard can be recycled, reused, or composted in Fort Collins, but not landfilled. Our goal is to make compliance as easy as possible and we'd be happy to provide you with brochures to share with your customers – just let us know how many copies you would like us to provide. If you would like to discuss how to be in compliance with the ordinance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We also continue to work to improve construction site recycling. Our goal is to make construction site recycling as simple as possible – if you have questions or suggestions or need educational materials, etc., please be in touch.

As you are likely aware, a Community Recycling Ordinance project is underway and will be considered by City Council on Sept. 6, 2016. This ordinance would require recycling for multi-family and commercial customers by the end of 2020, require haulers to offer optional seasonal yard trimmings collection service to single-family homes in April 2017, and would allow haulers to charge a service surcharge up to 25% of the cost of the smallest trash cart immediately upon adoption. Information about the project can be found at www.fcgov.com/recycling/update.php.

Thank you,

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