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Dear Chittenden County Community,

We are writing to let you know about an upcoming change to the Solid Waste Management Fee that CSWD charges licensed haulers for each ton of Chittenden County trash they collect destined for landfill disposal. Beginning July 1, the fee will increase by \$10 per ton. Each hauler will determine how, and whether, any portion of the fee increase will be passed along to their customers. For context, the average household in Chittenden County generates just over one ton of trash per year.

The fee adjustment is necessary for several reasons:

- **Investing in Infrastructure:** The fee increase will help pay for the construction of a new Materials Recycling Facility in Williston. This will replace our outdated aging facility, expand our processing capacity, improve recycling efficiency, and ensure we can continue to offer top-tier service to Chittenden County well into the future.
- **Bring CSWD to Market Rate:** The current fee has not kept pace with inflation nor kept up with costs specific to the solid waste management industry. This increase brings CSWD up to regional and industry norms.
- **Long-Term Sustainability:** Going forward, the solid waste management fee will be reviewed annually and adjusted (if needed) based on the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index, to ensure long-term financial sustainability through small adjustments rather than sudden large jumps.

The solid waste management fee pays for a variety of CSWD's functions, such as facility updates, administrative requirements like licensing, compliance, and financial reporting, and our education and outreach team. We want to help you make less waste - It's an important part of our mission! If you have questions about recycling, or what to do with food scraps or special materials like clothing or plastic film (e.g. plastic wrap around paper towels), visit us at CSWD.net or give us a call at 802-872-8100. We are always happy to help our community reduce the amount of material that goes to Vermont's one and only landfill.

Thank you for your continued participation in making Chittenden County a cleaner, greener place to live. Together, our individual efforts can make a big difference to this beautiful place we call home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sarah Reeves'.

Sarah Reeves, Executive Director  
Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD)