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Dear Account Holder,

It has been brought to my attention that the issue of unsorted waste that should be segregated at Huron Landfill area is being increasingly disposed of in the active landfill area by some customers. It appears that these customers are either unaware that their load contained unsorted waste or are simply being dishonest when disclosing what materials are in their load when speaking with the Landfill Attendant.

Up to this point, Landfill staff have not typically charged the unsorted waste rate when mixed loads are brought to the Huron Landfill. The Landfill Attendant will usually estimate the amount of material in the load that is to be disposed of in the proper disposal areas based on a visual inspection and the information provided by the customer.

This process has worked reasonably well so far, however, if the customer is not aware of the items in their load or they do not accurately declare the materials they have disposing of, then this process is not sufficient.

There are two main reasons that disposing of waste in the proper disposal areas are important:

1. Landfill air space is an incredibly valuable resource and by allowing materials that we are able to divert from the waste stream to be incorporated into this space, we will be further reducing the remaining lifespan of the Huron Landfill.
2. Many of the items that are to be segregated can cause damage to the Landfill equipment when the waste is compacted. Some items are even hazardous to Landfill staff that are responsible for compacting the waste in the landfill area and could result in injury to the operator.

As of July 19, 2022, we will be implementing a new process at the Huron Landfill that will assess the Unsorted Waste fee (which is currently \$210 per tonne) to any load where the customer is unsure of what is contained within their load or attempts to dispose of materials that are to be segregated in the landfill area. **It is the customers responsibility to know what is in their load.** Any customers that are unsure what is in their load will be asked to dump outside of the active



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landfill area so Landfill staff can sort the items that should not be landfilled. This process will result in the application of the unsorted waste fee regardless of whether the load is found to have unsorted materials or not. This is due to the additional staff time required to complete this process.

What is unsorted waste?

The following materials are not permitted to be disposed of in the active landfill area:

- Hazardous Waste (not permitted at the Huron Landfill)
- Appliances
- Electronics
- Metal
- Mattresses and Box Springs
- Tires
- Agricultural Plastics (bale wrap, bale twine, silage covers, etc.)
- Concrete and brick
- Brush, logs and stumps
- Propane Tanks

This application of the unsorted waste fee should not be interpreted as approval from the Township for disposing of any materials the customer wishes into the active landfill area. We will continue to expect that customers dispose of their materials in the appropriate disposal areas as directed by Landfill staff.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or call the office at (519) 395-3735.

Yours truly,

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