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The Honorable Leslee Hill
First Selectman, Town of Canton
4 Market Street
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Re: MIRA Fiscal Year 2018 Budgets and Tip Fees

Dear First Selectman Hill:

This letter is provided to inform our Connecticut Solid Waste System (CSWS) customer towns of the tipping fees established for Fiscal year 2018 (FY2018). These fees are effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

On February 23rd, the Board of Directors of MIRA (the successor to the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority), approved the FY2018 budget for the CSWS. This budget includes a \$4/ton increase in MSW tipping fee for all tiers under the Municipal Service Agreement. This modest increase was necessary to insure continued reliable service to our towns and customers in a market that has experienced dramatic drops in energy pricing and recycling commodities value. The CSWS tipping fee remains a significant value versus competitors due to MIRA's continuous focus on cost management, prioritizing operating and capital spending on production and capacity, and reducing overhead and administrative costs. Additionally CSWS enjoys access to other MIRA financial assets through the Tip Fee Stabilization Fund.

For the 25th consecutive year, MIRA will continue the practice of accepting and processing recyclables from participating communities at no charge. Given the present market for recyclable commodities and the trend for these prices, MIRA does not anticipate delivering rebate checks for FY2018. However, should commodities pricing recover such that our recycling division generates funds surplus to recycling division operating costs, the MIRA Board has indicated its desire to return that surplus to the towns.

The complete price table for various town agreements (MSA's) is shown below.

WASTE STREAM	FY2018 Tipping Fee
Tier 1 Short-Term (per ton) MSW	\$70.00
Tier 1 Long-Term (per ton) MSW	\$68.00
Tier 2 (per ton) MSW	\$72.00
Tier 3 (per ton) MSW	\$68.00
Tier 4 (per ton) MSW	\$71.00
Spot MSW Waste (per ton)	Market
Bulky Waste (per ton)	\$85.00
Mattress/Box Springs Surcharge (per unit)	\$30.00
Recycling: Single or Dual Stream (per ton)	No Charge

(Notice: Municipal customers may convert to a Tier 1 Long-Term MSA at any time)

The full FY2018 budget is available for viewing <http://www.ctmira.org/records-reports/budget/>

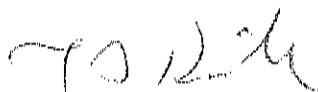
The Municipal Services Agreement (MSA) requires the annual calculation of the Opt-Out Disposal Fee. This calculation establishes the quantity of a tip fee, which if exceeded, permits our Tier 1 Long-Term and Short-Term customer towns to unilaterally exit the MSA. For FY2018 the Opt-Out Disposal Fee calculates to \$65.15 for Tier 1 Long-Term Municipalities.

Finally, for your information, please know that because Canton has a MSA with MIRA, private waste hauling companies serving commercial and residential subscription accounts in Canton will also enjoy disposal services at the municipal rate.

Thank you for your patronage of MIRA. We appreciate the opportunity to serve the residents businesses of Canton. We would be pleased to visit Canton and provide an update on MIRA, the Solid Waste and Energy industry status, and a detailed review of the MIRA FY18 budget for you or your town council.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the MIRA Directors (Directors contact information is attached) if we can be of any assistance.

Very truly yours,



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MIRA/CRRRA HISTORICAL TIPPING FEES

Net Fee Paid by Member (Contracting) Municipalities

Long Term Contract
Tipping Fee/Ton of MSW ⁽¹⁾

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>\$/ton MSW</u>
2005	70.00
2006	70.00
2007	69.00
2008	69.00
2009	72.00
2010	69.00
2011	69.00
2012	69.00
2013	60.50 ⁽²⁾
2014	61.00
2015	62.00
2016	62.00
2017	64.00
2018	68.00

Notes:

- 1) Includes free Recycling tip fee with rebate when applicable
- 2) Mid-CT Project ended on 11/15/12 -- CSWS commenced 11/16/12

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