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Memo to: Town Meeting
From: Mike Rademacher, DPW Director
Date: April 30, 2012
**RE: SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - ARTICLE 10
BYLAW AMENDMENT/RUBBISH COLLECTION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws to require compliance with Town solid-waste collection methods, provide for enforcement and determine penalties for violations thereof; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works)

Current Town Bylaws limit how early refuse may be placed at the curb for removal (no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the previous evening), but do not set any specific limit on how long uncollected trash or recyclables may remain on the curb. Changes to the current Solid Waste Collection Contract will include a penalty for non-compliance with Local and State Laws requiring the diversion of paper, cardboard, glass, metal, and plastics for the solid waste stream. A waste limit of 100 gallons (three standard 32 gallon trash barrels) is also proposed under the new Solid Waste contract. Curbside waste over this limit will be left at the curb. This bylaw will ensure that waste left as a result of violating the above will be removed from the curb by the household in a timely fashion.

Positive action under this article would permit amendment of the Bylaws to require that any uncollected rubbish or recyclable material be removed by a certain time. The relevant Bylaw, with the proposed revision (**in Bold**), appears below:

Title III, Article 1

Section 22. Placing of Rubbish for Removal

No person shall place on the Public Way or Private Way or any land abutting and within 15 feet of the Public Way or Private Way, or cause to be placed, any rubbish or other refuse intended to be removed by the Town before 6:00 P. M. on the date before the date appointed for pick-up of same if residential, or 6:00 A. M. of the date appointed for pick-up of same if commercial or industrial. **Any uncollected rubbish or recyclable material must be removed by 9:00 P.M. of the date appointed for pickup.** Violations of same shall be punishable by a fine of \$20.00. The Board of Selectmen is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations consistent with this section relative to the ticketing procedures to be utilized.

On the back side of this sheet is a summary of major components included in the new Solid Waste Program.

Solid Waste Collection Program Effective July 1, 2012
(underlined items are new to Arlington's Solid Waste Program).

- Weekly solid waste collection
- Weekly recycled materials collection
- Weekly yard waste collection, in season
- Three barrel trash limit (approx. 100 Gallons): This limit is proposed to prevent abuse of the Town's service that occurs when trash is brought in from other locations to take advantage of our current policy of no limit. Other abuses currently occur when apartment turnover causes significant "clean out" trash to be left on the curb.
 - Under the recommended contract, residents will be able to arrange with the Town's solid waste vendor to have overflow barrels collected for a fee (currently proposed at \$10 minimum charge per five 32 gallon barrels).
 - Dumpsters can also be provided by the vendor at a discount to residents.
- Mandatory recycling requirements: During the initial grace period (duration still being negotiated), property owners will be notified and educated on State and Town mandatory recycling laws and the Town's enforcement of such laws. Our recommendation is the implementation of a program that would limit trash pickup if recycling efforts were not present at a given location. This will help the Town achieve a 50% diversion rate, which is our goal.
- Continued collection of Bulky Items (couches, mattresses, etc); limited to one per week.
 - Additional items could be picked up for a small fee similar to the barrel overflow program identified above.
- Development of educational programs including elementary schools on the benefits of recycling, including potential field trips to the vendor's recycling facility.
- The vendor proposes to purchase new equipment for this contract outfitted with advanced engine technology able to deliver greater fuel economy and significantly reduced emissions.

Contract Cost:

- ✓ The cost of this new contract is \$2,150,000/year (first year). Our current contact cost is \$2,155,000 (without weekly recycling collection or weekly yard waste collection).