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DATE: May 20, 2020  
TO: Dennis Flanigan, RTM Moderator  
FROM: James B. Cosgrove, First Selectman *Jc*  
RE: RTM Agenda

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Attached please find an Inter-Community Agreement Between the Cities and Towns of Berlin, Branford, Bristol, Burlington, Hartland, New Britain, Plainville, Plymouth, Prospect, Seymour, Southington, Warren, Washington and Wolcott and a resolution authorizing the First Selectman to enter into the Restated Inter-Community Agreement Regarding the BRRFOC that requires approval by the legislative body. This agreement will replace the current agreement that has been in place since 1985.

Please place this item on the next agenda of the RTM for legislative approval. Thank you for your consideration.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL OR CHIEF  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO RESTATED INTER-COMMUNITY  
AGREEMENT REGARDING THE BRRFOC**

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**WHEREAS**, Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 22a-221 grants all municipalities of the State of Connecticut with the authority to enter into inter-community agreements to manage municipal solid waste; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with that statutory authority, the Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee (the "BRRFOC") was formed pursuant to the 1985 Inter-Community Agreement between the municipalities of Berlin, Branford, Bristol, Burlington, Hartland, New Britain, Plainville, Plymouth, Prospect, Seymour, Southington, Warren, Washington, and Wolcott (the "Municipalities"),

**WHEREAS**, the 1985 Inter-Community Agreement has been amended from time to time,

**WHEREAS**, the Municipalities are currently jointly engaged in the disposing of solid waste and managing recyclables pursuant to the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services Agreement ("MSW & Recycling Agreements") and dated December 21, 2012 as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipalities desire to continue contractual relationships to provide the residents and businesses of their municipalities with solid waste disposal services in their capacity as members of the BRRFOC by way of a newly restated inter-community agreement.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the [TOWN/CITY of       ] having complied with all of its municipal and other applicable requirements to enter into the newly restated inter-community agreement, authorizes its chief elected official or chief executive officer to execute the agreement and to do such other lawful things as are necessary to enter into the agreement on behalf of the [TOWN/CITY of       ].

**[Appropriate Signature and Date Lines to be Added]**

INTER-COMMUNITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES AND TOWNS OF BERLIN, BRANFORD, BRISTOL, BURLINGTON, HARTLAND, NEW BRITAIN, PLAINVILLE, PLYMOUTH, PROSPECT, SEYMOUR, SOUTHLINGTON, WARREN, WASHINGTON, AND WOLCOTT, each a municipality and political subdivision of the State of Connecticut ( "Municipality" and, together, the "Municipalities" )

This INTER-COMMUNITY AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), is a successor to, and replacement of the 1985 Inter-Community Agreement as amended, which established the Resource Recovery Operating Committee (a/k/a BRRFOC), and by and between the Municipalities after execution on behalf of the Municipality on or before \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections 7-339a-1 et. seq. grant to BERLIN, BRANFORD, BRISTOL, BURLINGTON, HARTLAND, NEW BRITAIN, PLAINVILLE, PLYMOUTH, PROSPECT, SEYMOUR, SOUTHLINGTON, WARREN, WASHINGTON, and WOLCOTT, the "Municipalities" the power and authority to establish by ordinance and regulation the means to carry out the duties, responsibilities and legal obligations of municipal government; and

WHEREAS, Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 22a-221 grants municipalities the authority to enter into inter-community agreements for purposes of establishing an Operating Committee; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that statutory authority, the Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee (the "BRRFOC") was formed pursuant to the 1985 Inter-Community Agreement, as subsequently amended from time to time and binding the respective Municipalities with respect to constructing and operating the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility under a service agreement which expired in June 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Municipalities desire to continue their participation in an inter-community agreement as members of the BRRFOC tasked by the State with the responsibility for managing solid waste generated within their respective Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Municipalities are jointly engaged in the disposing of solid waste and managing recyclables pursuant to the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services Agreement ("MSW & Recycling Agreements") and dated December 21, 2012 as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Municipalities now comprise the Bristol Facility Policy Board pursuant to Section 1.7 of the MSW & Recycling Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Municipalities desire to continue contractual relationships to provide the residents and businesses of their municipalities with solid waste disposal services in their capacity as members of the BRRFOC.

NOW THEREFORE, subject to the terms and conditions printed below, the Municipalities agree:

## **ARTICLE I: Authority for Agreement; Effective Date; Duration; Withdrawal**

1-1. This Agreement is entered into pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections 7-339a-7-339l inclusive, as amended.

1-2. The effective date of this Agreement shall coincide with that date on which the Agreement is ratified by five or more Municipalities pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 7-339c.

1-3. The term of this Agreement shall be from the effective date to December 31, 2034, unless otherwise terminated pursuant to the terms of this agreement or extended in accordance with an amendment to this Agreement approved by Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections 7-339a-7-339l or such other enabling legislation adopted by the General Assembly after the effective date of this Agreement.

1-4. Any municipality that is a party to the Agreement may, by vote of its legislative body prior to June thirtieth in any year, elect to withdraw from this Agreement. The effective date of the withdrawal ("Effective Date") shall be the first day of the fiscal year (July first) that immediately follows the lapse of one year (365 days) from date of receipt of a notice of withdrawal from the withdrawing municipality. Such withdrawal shall not relieve the withdrawing municipality from any liability or obligation it incurred up to and through the Effective Date.

1-5. Unless two or more Municipalities opt to continue this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of this section, the withdrawal of five or more of the Municipalities shall terminate this Agreement as of the Effective Date of withdrawal, as defined in Section 1-4 above. Upon termination of this Agreement, any operating assets shall be distributed among the constituent municipalities in accordance with their proportionate shares for the year in which the agreement is terminated, as established by Article V hereof and any capital assets shall be distributed between the constituent municipalities in the same ratio in which they were purchased. If one or more of the Municipalities wishes to continue operations of the BRRFOC, it will compensate the other municipality for its share of the assets based on the depreciated values as determined by the most recent audit. The amount may be paid over the remaining years of the agreement, or as determined by a duly called vote approved by a majority of the Municipalities that are parties to the Agreement at the time of the of the termination, whichever occurs sooner. Termination of this Agreement shall not affect obligations of any Municipality established under the MSW & Recycling Agreements, including participation in the Bristol Facility Policy Board.

## **ARTICLE II: Powers of the BRRFOC**

2-1. In order to furnish or provide for the joint use or benefit of the Municipalities services, personnel, facilities, equipment, or any other property or resources associated with management and disposal of solid waste generated by the municipalities, with the pledge of the full faith and credit of the Municipalities, the BRRFOC shall have the following powers and obligations:

- a. To provide for the residents and businesses of the Municipalities management and other services including but not limited to personnel, facilities, equipment

and any other property or resources needed to carry out collection and disposal of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste and Municipal Solid Waste, Household Hazardous Waste and recyclables subject to available appropriations authorized in the BRRFOC's annual operating budget.

- b. Ensure accurate reporting of deliveries of Acceptable Solid Waste, Acceptable Recyclables, Household Hazardous Waste, or other materials and provided by one of more of the Municipalities, a facility, or a contractor to the BRRFOC, subject to the reasonable accuracy of such information and in the possession of the BRRFOC in a timely fashion .
- c. In conjunction with reporting of deliveries noted above, confirm the proper amounts allocated to the Municipalities as the "Electrical Revenue Share" (Section 3.1 (d) of the MSW & Recycling Agreements as amended) conform with waste delivery receipts at one or more of the Designated Facilities utilized by Covanta Bristol, Inc. or its assignee.
- d. To perform calculations to establish the "Annual Reserved Capacity", the "Monthly Capacity Limit", and similar contractual parameters established within the MSW & Recycling Agreements.
- e. To act as agent on behalf of the Municipalities with respect to prescribed responsibilities of the Bristol Facility Policy Board, as stipulated in the Section 1.7 of the MSW & Recycling Agreements to the extent such activity conforms with applicable laws of the State of Connecticut.
- f. To undertake such obligations on its behalf or as agent on behalf of the Municipalities pursuant to any subsequent contract regarding the provision of solid waste disposal and recycling services when and if the Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Agreement expires or is terminated.
- g. Adhere to and administer outstanding obligations of the BRRFOC, including but not limited to retaining staff employed as of the date of this Agreement, commitments for employee benefits, vacation, holiday and sick leave, and severance payments.
- h. Manage reserve funds, prepare and distribute financial reports as required by statute including those required by Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections 4-230 through 4-236 and Sections 7-391 through 7-397, and manage retention of documents in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 11-8(a).
- i. To employ staff, fix their duties and determine their compensation within appropriations established in the annual operating budget.
- j. To retain by contract or employ counsel, auditors, engineers, private consultants, and advisers.
- k. To engage legal counsel for purposes of preserving contractual services and advocating for and defending the interests of the BRRFOC Municipalities.

- l. To purchase, lease or rent and hold in its name such real and personal property as it may deem necessary, convenient, or desirable.
- m. To contract with municipalities, municipal, state, and regional authorities, and state and federal agencies to provide and/or receive waste management services in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- n. To accept gifts or grants of funds, property, or services from any source, public or private, subject to the provisions of this Agreement, with the terms and conditions thereof.
- o. To exercise any authority expressly granted to an operating committee by statute including those granted by Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 7-339l.

### **ARTICLE III: BRRFOC Governance**

3-1. The policy-making legislative body of BRRFOC shall be its Policy Board.

3-2. Composition of the Policy Board. The Policy Board shall consist of one (1) representative from each of the Contracting Communities, which representative shall be, in the case of each Contracting Community, the chief executive officer or designee of the chief executive officer.

3-3. Term of Policy Board Members. Each member of the Policy Board shall serve until a successor is chosen by the legislative body the Municipality, and in the case of a member who is the designee of any chief executive officer, by the chief executive officer of the Municipality

3-4. Policy Board Meetings.

- a. Annual Meeting. An annual meeting shall be held during the month of November, or at the earliest time thereafter when a quorum is convened at a duly called meeting at which time it shall elect officers, adopt or ratify bylaws of the Policy Board, adopt a schedule of regular meetings until the next annual meeting and conduct such other business put before the Policy Board. The bylaws attached hereto and incorporated herein shall be the bylaws of the Policy Board and shall remain effective until the next annual meeting following the Effective Date of the Agreement.
- b. Regular meetings shall be held in accordance with the schedule of meetings adopted at the Annual Meeting.
- c. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or by written petition signed by seven members of the Policy Board and filed with the Secretary.
- d. Notice of meetings shall be provided in accordance with the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Title 1, Chapter 14 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("FOIA"). Unless prohibited by the FOIA, in addition to any requirement of notice imposed by the FOIA, the Secretary shall notify members of meetings by mail or electronic mail notice thereof pursuant containing the date, time, and place thereof and a proposed agenda therefor. Except in the case of an emergency, the notice should be sent not more than twenty (20) nor less than seven (7) days before the meeting date. In the case of an emergency, notice of a meeting Policy Board shall be deemed adequate if given to each

member either orally or by electronic mail or physical delivery at least forty-eight (48) hours before said meeting.

- e. To the extent permitted by the law, the members of the Policy Board may participate in a meeting thereof by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment.
- f. Minutes of all meetings of the shall be taken and mailed by the Secretary or the Executive Director to all members not later than two (2) weeks after each meeting and filed in accordance with any requirements of the FOIA.

3-5. Quorum. At any meeting of the Policy Board a majority of the members will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the event of a quorum not being present, a lesser number may adjourn the meeting to some future time.

3-6. Voting. Except as otherwise provided by the Bylaws, the vote of a majority of the members present is required to approve any motion.

#### **ARTICLE IV: BRRFOC Executive Officer**

4-1. Executive Director. The Executive Director engaged by the Policy Board shall be the chief executive officer of BRRFOC, and in his or her absence, the acting President shall fulfill that position.

4-2. The Executive Director shall represent the interests of the Participating Municipalities with regard to the Agreement. The Executive Director shall be responsible for preparing executing the day to day management of BRRFOC including the preparation of agendas and minutes of Policy Board meetings and related administrative duties, preparation and presentation of a proposed budget to the Policy Board, providing quarterly financial statements to the Policy Board, serving as liaison for the Municipalities and assist with matters of environmental compliance, solid waste management, advocacy, and related tasks supporting the efforts of chief executive officers of the Municipalities.

#### **Article V: Budget, Revenues and Expenditures**

5-1. The Policy Board shall adopt an annual operating budget prior to the start of the Fiscal Year which shall contain estimated expenditures and income for the next fiscal year and may include estimated surpluses and reserves for capital and nonrecurring expenditures.

5-2. The Municipalities shall pay their proportionate share of costs and current expenses necessary for the operation and management of the BRRFOC as delineated in the adopted Fiscal Year operating budget. The costs and expenses of furnishing and providing the services, personnel, facilities, equipment, other property or resources shall be prorated based upon the proportion of each town's residential municipal solid waste delivered in the immediately preceding calendar year for the subsequent Fiscal Year Annual Budget, or prorated as otherwise determined by the Policy Board, which shall fix the date or dates of payment of such costs and expenses during each fiscal year. The Policy Board may provide special, out of the ordinary services as requested by a constituent municipality, provided the cost of such services is borne entirely by said municipality.

5-3. Expenditures of the BRRFOC shall not exceed the funds allocated by the approved budget. The BRRFOC may receive funds from the Municipalities for necessary expenditures. The BRRFOC may transfer any unexpended balance of any line item or items included in the budget to any other line item or items.

5-4. The fiscal year of the BRRFOC shall begin on July 1, and end on June 30 of the following calendar year.

#### **ARTICLE VI: Miscellaneous**

6-1. Arbitration: All disputes between the parties to this Agreement shall be first mediated and if not resolved, arbitrated. Either party can ask for mediation in which case arbitration of the dispute shall be deferred until the mediator determines an impasse has been reached. Arbitration may be done under the auspices of a private alternative dispute resolution organization located within Middlesex or Hartford Counties and all costs and expenses of the arbitration shall be awarded by the arbitrator. All decisions of the arbitrator shall be binding and final and not subject to appeal to the courts of Connecticut. All expenses of mediation shall be borne equally by the parties.

6-2. Indemnification: Each constituent municipality shall obtain indemnification of itself and the officials, including any designee as defined by Section 3-2 of this Agreement, officers or employees hereunder, to the extent required by Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 7-101a by means of insurance or otherwise against any losses, damages, or liabilities arising out of the receiving, obtaining, furnishing, or providing of services, personnel, facilities, equipment, or any other property, or resources, pursuant to this Agreement.

6-3. Separability: If any provision, Section, Article or clause of this Agreement, or the application of any such provisions, Section, Article or clause, to any person, or circumstances, shall for any reason be held invalid, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and the application of such provision, Section, Article, or clause to persons, or circumstances, other than those as to which it shall have been held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

#### **Article VII: Definitions**

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall be given the meanings as defined herein:

“Acceptable Recyclables” means items designated as items required to be recycled under regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat §22a-241b or as otherwise required to be recycled by statute.

“Acceptable Solid Waste” means mixed household solid waste and commercial solid waste generated within the boundaries of one or more of the Municipalities (including trash, refuse and garbage); other than Recyclable Materials, which has the characteristics of Solid Waste and which is (i) normally collected or disposed of by householders or other residents and by churches, schools and other municipal buildings (which for purposes of this Agreement shall be deemed to be household waste) or by commercial businesses, and (ii) permitted under then Applicable Law



to be accepted at the Delivery Point, processed at the Designated Facility and/or disposed of at a Landfill, and which is not Unacceptable Waste or Recyclable Materials or Acceptable Bulky Waste.

“Agreement” means this restated inter-community agreement between the Municipalities.

“Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee” or “BRRFOC” shall mean the political subdivision of the state of Connecticut formed by the Municipalities pursuant to this Agreement and Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections 7-339a-1 and 22a-221a.

“Conn. Gen. Stat.” shall mean the Connecticut General Statutes.

"Costs" shall mean all costs, or expenses, which are, or shall be incurred by the BRRFOC, or its employees and agents, under this Agreement, in connection with the receiving, obtaining, providing, or furnishing of services, personnel, facilities, equipment, other property or resources, or the performance of any of the functions or activities contemplated by this Agreement.

"Inter-community agreement" means the agreement dated as of August 1, 1985, by and among the towns and cities of Bristol and New Britain and the towns of Berlin, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, and Washington, as such agreement has been amended to include the towns of Wolcott, Warren, Hartland, Branford, Seymour, and Prospect and subsequently amended from time to time.

“Hazardous Waste” means any waste which by reason of its quality, concentration, composition or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics is deemed to be a hazardous waste pursuant to Conn. G.S. § 22a-115 and Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 22a-449(c)-101. With regard to materials or substances which are not Hazardous Waste as of the Effective Date of this Agreement, if any law shall subsequently declare, or if any governmental agency or unit having appropriate jurisdiction shall thereafter determine, that such materials or substances are hazardous, then such materials or substances shall be considered Hazardous Waste for the purposes of this Agreement as of the effective date of such governmental determination.

“Mixed Municipal Solid Waste” means municipal solid waste that consists of mixtures of solid waste which have not been separated at the source of generation or processed into discrete homogeneous waste streams such as glass, paper, plastic, aluminum or tire waste streams provided such wastes shall not include any material required to be recycled pursuant to section 22a-241b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

"Municipalities" shall mean the Cities and Towns of Berlin, Branford, Bristol, Burlington, Hartland, New Britain, Plainville, Plymouth, Prospect, Seymour, Southington, Warren, Washington, and Wolcott.

“Municipality” shall mean any single one of the Municipalities.

“Municipal Solid Waste” means solid waste from residential, commercial, and industrial sources.

“Policy Board” means the legislative body of the BRRFOC constituted by the Municipalities to consider matters relating to this Agreement.

“Recycling” means the processing of solid waste to reclaim materials there from.

“Recycling facility” means land and appurtenances thereon and structures where recycling is conducted, including but not limited to, an intermediate processing center as defined in section 22a-260 Connecticut General Statutes.

“Solid Waste” means unwanted or discarded solid, liquid, or semisolid or contained gaseous material excluding solid waste consisting of incidental amounts of recyclable solid waste, significant quantities of hazardous waste as defined in section 22a-115 of the Connecticut General Statutes, land clearing debris, demolition debris, biomedical waste, sewage sludge and scrap metal.

[signature lines to be included]

BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

- I. Inter-community Agreement: Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee (BRRFOC)
  - A. The 1985 Agreement included Berlin, Bristol, Burlington, New Britain, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, and Washington; later adding Branford, Hartland, Prospect, Seymour, Warren and Wolcott, and expires July 2020
  - B. The prior Agreement is obsolete following defeasance of bonds issued for the construction of the Bristol trash to energy facility, and commencement of new agreements in July 2014 between Covanta (owner/operator) and the 14 municipalities
  - C. The current Covanta Agreements are between the company and each of the fourteen communities; previous responsibilities of the regional Operating Committee no longer apply; there is no outstanding debt assumed by the Operating Committee, nor is the Committee responsible for making payments to Covanta

II. Organization's current responsibilities

A. Waste capacity & operations

- 1. Deliveries to Bristol, the primary facility, and **diversion of waste to four other facilities**; member communities deliver waste to these locations which counts towards the municipalities' aggregate, minimum annual commitment of 93,000 tons; diversion in Fiscal Years 2019 and 2018 were 14,581 and 17,980 tons, respectively
- 2. New England has limited disposal capacity, and BRRFOC towns may face challenges in the next few years with likely closure of the Hartford MIRA trash to energy facility and increased reliance on out-of-state disposal
- 3. Amounts delivered by each town affect several contractual parameters, including electrical revenue share and outreach credits, with Branford amounts listed below:

Fiscal Year	Electrical Revenue	Outreach
2019	\$18,211.17	\$5,887.00
2018	\$15,177.60	\$5,887.00
2017	\$20,925.95	\$5,887.00
2016	\$18,623.64	\$5,887.00
2015	\$19,604.30	\$5,887.00

- 4. BRRFOC verifies calculation of the tip fee which is subject to annual escalation (estimated \$57.00 per ton effective July 2020)
- 5. BRRFOC verifies calculation of the Maximum Capacity Limits for commercial waste (monthly allocation for the regions' haulers)

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6. BRRFOC administers the Bristol Facility Policy Board, established under the agreements with Covanta in 2014, which receives approximately \$70,000 annually from Covanta
7. BRRFOC is under contract with the Wallingford Policy Board (Cheshire, Hamden, Meriden, North Haven and Wallingford), and receives approximately \$70,000 from the organization for administrative services

B. Recycling

1. BRRFOC issued proposals for recycling services in 2014 and 2019 (currently 9 of 14 towns), and monitors calculation of the recycling fee (now higher than the tip fee for trash), which varies with market pricing for commodities
2. BRRFOC communities are currently working on a proposal for services upon expiration of the current recycling agreement with Murphy Road Recycling (June 2021); while it is difficult to estimate future costs or revenues, in the near term, it is unlikely the Town of Branford will realize significant income from marketing of commodities

C. Advocacy

1. Work with legislators, state agencies to promote sensible policies which serve the public interest in protecting public health and the environment
2. Monitor legislation which may impose unfunded mandates on municipalities

D. DEEP initiatives – state agency “wish list”

1. “Pay-as-you-throw” – the agency has been a proponent of “unit based pricing”, which may include requiring residents to purchase plastic trash bags @ \$1.50/ea.; DEEP claims this will reduce the amount of trash by up to 40%
2. Product stewardship and extended producer responsibility initiatives put forth by the agency may increase costs to businesses and taxpayers for items such as packaging and consumer products
3. Food waste – DEEP has placed a high priority on reducing the disposal of organic materials

What to put in your Town of Branford Recycling Bin  
 If you don't see it in the list below, please don't recycle it in your bin

**KEEP OUT!!**  
 Exclude ALL Plastic Bags From Recycling Bins

Material	How to Handle	Exclude From Recycling
Cardboard Includes: corrugated only	Flatten and put in bin	Greasy cardboard- trash it!
Mixed Paper Includes: newspaper, glossy magazines, catalogs, phone books, flattened non-corrugated boxes (cereal, tissues, etc.), office paper	Put in a paper bag or tie it up with string and put in bin	Plastic envelopes, bubble-wrap envelopes-trash them!
Rigid Plastics ( #1, #2, #5) Includes: milk jugs, detergent jugs, non-refundable beverage bottles, yogurt containers, clear "clamshells" for berries, etc.	Do not put in paper bag with paper. Do not out in a plastic bag!	ALL STYROFOAM - trash it! Black or white plastic take-out food containers and lids – trash them!
Glass Bottles	Rinse and put loose in bin. Do not put in a plastic bag!	Ceramics disqualify entire load! Exclude mirrors, dishes, light bulbs – trash them!
Metal Food Containers	Rinse and put loose in bin. Do not put in a plastic bag!	Exclude food-covered items, pots and pans, aerosol cans, coat hangers, extension cords – trash them!
Foldable Containers Includes: milk cartons, juice boxes, broth boxes	Rinse, flatten, and put loose in bin	

## **Recycling Text for 6/10/2020 SWMC Meeting**

While Branford residents are spending more time at home, there is an opportunity to improve our recycling practices. Branford residents are great at recycling, but the present recycling market is working against our efforts. Branford has traditionally collected revenue from sales of recyclable cardboard and paper, but recently those recyclable material streams have undergone economic change and we have started to pay fees to dispose of recyclable material.

Our recyclable material has been characterized as unacceptable by our recycler and they have disposed rather than recycled much of it. The user's guide in this flyer describes our newest recycling guidance.

We get our greatest benefit by recycling clean, corrugated cardboard and single-material paper, including single-ply cardboard, like cereal boxes. We want to ensure that we collect and recycle the best cardboard and paper that we can provide. Hard plastic containers and metal cans are also easy to handle. A lot of materials, including things that have a "recycling triangle", are costing Branford as much to recycle as they would to dispose as trash. In fact, such materials are ending up as trash after going through numerous fuel-using steps before being rejected.

Branford is committed to recycling, and we ask that your bins be used to collect things with the best chance to be reused. Recycling options and receptacles are available at the transfer station for other materials like textiles, clothes, plastic film and other material. If we put the right things in our bins, we can reduce trash disposal costs and increase the amount of recyclable material that gets reused.

# Collection & Holiday Schedule

**2020**

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**2021**

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- Leaf Collection Week

H – Holiday, Transfer Station is Closed

ALL COLLECTIONS ARE DELAYED ONE DAY AFTER A HOLIDAY