



MEMORANDUM

To: Municipal Recycling Coordinators and Local Cleanup Groups

From: Kristin Littlefield, Municipal Program Coordinator

Date: March 1, 2019

Re: Waiving of Disposal Fees for Earth Day 2019

Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (Resource Recovery) will once again be waiving disposal (tipping) fees on solid waste for those groups involved in a litter cleanup effort in honor of Earth Day, from April 1, 2019 to May 18, 2019. Please thoroughly read the guidelines and procedures below. Should you have any questions after reading this memo, I can be reached at 942-1430 ext. 252 or municipal@rirrc.org. Thank you and good luck in your clean-up effort!

Guidelines and Procedures

Eligibility

This program shall not benefit the cleanup of areas that normally fall under municipal or state responsibility (i.e. the municipality or state keep the area clean normally and/or regularly provide pick-up of the waste containers located in the cleanup area). Groups who are normally charged with the task of litter-cleanup and have the funding to do so will not be eligible for a tip fee waiver (if a group's mission or funding is in question, the group will be specifically asked to submit a one-time letter, on official letterhead, stating that the cleanup falls outside of their mission and funding ability).

The intention of this program is to aid groups in disposing of litter that was improperly disposed of in public areas such as along roads, in neighborhoods, beaches, shorelines, parks, and other public areas of enjoyment. The tip fee waiver is not to be used for any "special waste" collection of items from residents or businesses, nor will this program fund construction and demolition projects, deconstruction projects, or any other home or building construction or improvement project.

Tip fee waiver

Each municipality will be granted a waiver for up to 10 tons and private groups will be granted a waiver of up to 5 tons each. These are limits per municipality or per private group, and not per authorization form.

Delivery of materials

All cleanup loads must be delivered to Resource Recovery no later than one week from the date of the cleanup, or last cleanup listed. The driver must have a signed copy of a completed tip fee waiver authorization form in hand at the time of delivery along with the list of cleanups.

Mixed loads

If cleanup debris must be mixed with other trash for the purpose of collection efficiency, the organizer is responsible for providing Resource Recovery with an estimate of the cleanup debris' weight, attaching this to their authorization form, in the form of a weight slip or data sheet that shows how the estimate was calculated.

Municipally organized cleanups

Each municipality may choose to sponsor cleanups with eligible entities (see "Eligibility" above). If an area of the city/town that does not normally fall under municipal responsibility is chosen as a cleanup site, the municipality may agree to temporarily extend municipal classification to the waste from the cleanup. These cleanups will collectively be eligible for a tip fee waiver of 10 tons which will not count against the municipality's Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) cap. Any tons over the 10 ton waiver will be charged to the MSW cap at \$47/ton.

Privately sponsored cleanups

Private groups without municipal sponsorship for cleanups will be eligible for a tip fee waiver of 5 tons. These groups will be charged \$110/ton for any tons over 5 tons.

Required cleanup information

A date, location, organization name, on-the-ground contact name and email or phone are required to be listed on the authorization form for each cleanup. An "on-the-ground contact" is any organizer or participant that is present at the cleanup site for the event and can confirm the completion of the cleanup.

Fees

Bulky waste (e.g. appliances with CFCs, box springs, mattresses, tires, car batteries, etc.) items will still carry their normal charge for disposal, as listed in the current fiscal year's [Fee Schedule](#). Bulky waste fees and overage tons will be charged directly to the municipality, for municipally organized cleanups. For privately organized cleanups, the group must provide on their authorization form, the information necessary to set up a free account with Resource Recovery. The account may be the group itself if incorporated or may be a member of the group. Fees may also be paid at the time of disposal via [accepted payment methods](#). Per RI General Law § 23-24.10-5, there is a disposal ban on TVs, monitors, computers, laptops and tablets, and these items will not be accepted as part of Earth Day loads. For these items found during cleanups, municipally organized cleanup groups must follow the E-waste Disposal Protocol and privately organized groups must bring these items in a segregated load to be recycled or contact their city or town for options.

Application/Authorization

There are official Resource Recovery authorization forms for both municipally and privately organized cleanups on [our website](#). The appropriate form must be filled out completely, signed by both the organizer (municipal or private) and the driver, and handed to scalehouse staff at the time of delivery. Copies of the original form are allowed, but the original text of the authorization form is not to be altered in any way. Altering the text of the form or creating any other version of the form will result in loss of eligibility for the municipality or private group submitting it. Groups may submit a separate list of cleanups attached to the authorization form.

Approval

After processing the waiver, scalehouse staff will send the authorization form(s) to the Municipal Program Coordinator for review. Resource Recovery reserves the right to charge a private group's account or a municipality's account/MSW cap for an entire load if the text of the form has been altered, or if any of the listed cleanups from that load are found to be non-compliant with the statements on the form.