

# **THE TOWN OF EASTON'S NEW TRASH AND RECYCLING PROGRAM...**

## **Will Save You Money**

- ✓ Priced at \$260, residents will save between \$120-180 per year compared with current costs for private service.
- ✓ As a Town, residents could save ~\$750,000 if all 5,832 eligible (1-3 family) households participate.
- ✓ *With high participation rates, residents will be offered the most cost-effective price available for program services.* Greater participation can control and potentially reduce costs.
- ✓ *For every ton we recycle instead of trash, we reduce program costs and save money.*
- ✓ Large items such as couches, appliances, computer monitors, and TVs will be collected monthly by appointment, so only those needing the service will pay the fee.
- ✓ Five-year contract controls costs over time.

## **Will Increase and Improve Service = Better Value**

- ✓ All participating households get a new 64-gallon trash cart
- ✓ All participating households will get unlimited biweekly collection of mixed paper, bottles & cans, and cardboard for recycling (the most comprehensive program available in Easton).
- ✓ Easton's Board of Health will manage the program with the preferred vendor, allowing for better oversight and compliance with environmental laws.
- ✓ A new collection program for mercury-bearing items is included.

## **Has Been Developed With Assistance from MassDEP**

- ✓ All participating residents will get a new 18-gallon recycling bin, courtesy of a grant from MassDEP
- ✓ MassDEP is providing educational materials and technical assistance to encourage resident participation in this important new program.

## **Help Easton Comply With State Law Prohibiting Disposal of Recyclables with Trash**

- ✓ MassDEP prohibits the disposal of certain items that are either recyclable or toxic. These items may NOT be disposed of as trash. All of the paper items, commingled containers, appliances, and computers/ TVs that can be recycled through our curbside program are banned from disposal in Massachusetts.

## **Help Our Environment**

- ✓ Recycling and reducing waste protects our environment. By producing less trash, we reduce pollution to our air, water, and land. When new products are made from recycled materials, we save water, energy, natural resources, and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.
- ✓ Truck traffic will be reduced, making roads safer and reducing wear and tear, as well as pollution.