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Dear Recycling Contacts,

The launch of MassDEP's ***Recycling Dividends Program*** has been a resounding success. Nearly 100 communities qualified for a total of \$360,000 in payments and more than 25% of payments have already been issued. This email contains important information about changes to next year's Recycling Dividends Program. We believe the criteria and rewards outlined below will provide even greater incentive for your municipality to strive for RDP eligibility and benefit from RDP earnings.

Summary of Year 1

Analysis of this year's applications shows that in general more points are earned by municipalities that have lower tons disposed per household served. This gives us confidence in the general structure of the program. There are a few areas that will be modified and these are described below. We received 108 RDP applications of which 95 qualified for an RDP payment after an extensive validation process. Award letters and contracts were mailed on September 16th.

What stays the same

- Must earn 6 out of a total of 20 possible points to qualify for an RDP payment
- Program criteria must be fully met by the SMRP grant deadline in order to qualify; anticipated to be mid-June

Changes to criteria

1. Solid Waste – curbside only – NEW 3-point option for a trash limit of 48-gallons per week utilizing 48-gallon cart. In order to be eligible, there must be no free option for any overflow. For example, a town that has distributed 48-gallon trash carts to all households served would qualify if residents must purchase an official town trash bag for any trash in excess of the 48-gallon cart. A municipality would not be eligible if residents are allowed to take excess trash to the transfer station, unless a per bag fee is imposed at the transfer station.
2. Solid Waste – curbside and drop-off – PAYT sticker and punchcard programs will be eligible next year and earn 4 points
3. HHW – adding a 1-point option for municipalities that fund two comprehensive events per year. To be eligible, a town must host one comprehensive HHW event and be partnered another municipality that holds a comprehensive event. All residents from both towns must be allowed to participate in either event at no cost to the resident. The dates and locations of both events must be advertised on the municipal website.

4. CHARM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials) – in order to claim that a material is accepted and recycled at a CHARM, the municipality must provide tons recycled on the annual Recycling and Solid Waste survey. If a municipality's residents are allowed to use a CHARM in a contiguous town, that will be indicated on the RDP application.

Earnings potential

We have adjusted the dollars earned per point and the household served payment brackets as indicated in the chart below. For example: a town serving 10,000 household will earn \$1,500 per point. A minimum of 6 points must be earned to qualify for an RDP payment.

Households Served by Municipal Trash Program	\$ Earned per Point	Minimum Payment (6 points)	Maximum Payment (20 points)
1 - 1,999	\$ 200	\$ 1,200	\$ 4,000
2,000 - 4,999	\$ 400	\$ 2,400	\$ 8,000
5,000 - 7,499	\$ 800	\$ 4,800	\$ 16,000
7,500 - 9,499	\$ 1,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 20,000
9,500 - 12,499	\$ 1,500	\$ 9,000	\$ 30,000
12,500 - 16,999	\$ 2,500	\$ 15,000	\$ 50,000
17,000 - 24,999	\$ 3,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 60,000
25,000 - 31,999	\$ 3,500	\$ 21,000	\$ 70,000
32,000 - 54,999	\$ 6,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 120,000
55,000+	\$ 10,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 200,000

The updated criteria, household served brackets and \$\$ earned per point will remain in effect for the 2nd and 3rd year of the program. It is our intention to publish year 4 program changes after assessing year 2 results.

As always MassDEP's Municipal Assistance Coordinators and Recycling Program staff are ready to assist you in building your recycling programs to maximize your RDP earning power.

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