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Dear Commercial Business/Property Manager or Landlord:

This letter is to advise you that all commercial and institutional establishments in New Jersey must establish and maintain recycling programs for those items mandated to be recycled pursuant to their county's District Solid Waste Management Plan and the Recycling Ordinance of the municipality in which their property is located.

Based on random inspections throughout Burlington County, we have found that many commercial and institutional locations have failed to meet this mandate. The two main violations are:

1. Sites have no recycling service provided, as evidenced by a lack of recycling containers.
2. Recycling containers are mixed with trash and/or trash containers are mixed with recycling.

IT IS ILLEGAL FOR YOUR WASTE HAULER TO SERVICE TRASH CONTAINERS THAT CONTAIN VISIBLE AMOUNTS OF RECYCLABLES.

IT IS ILLEGAL FOR YOUR RECYCLING HAULER TO SERVICE RECYCLING CONTAINERS THAT CONTAIN VISIBLE AMOUNTS OF TRASH.

In accordance with New Jersey Recycling Rules:

N.J.A.C. 7:26A-10.2

Any generator who fails to separate, store and set out waste in accordance with the recycling ordinance of the municipality in which the property is located is subject to a \$3,000 fine.

N.J.A.C. 7:26A-10.4(a)2

Additionally, **generators** must provide annual written documentation to the municipality of the total number of tons recycled or they may be subject to a fine of \$3,000.

Note: your hauler is able to provide reports on your behalf if permitted by the municipality.

N.J.A.C. 7:26A-8.3

Any hauler found to service containers as noted above is subject to a fine of \$4,500 per incident.

It is our intent to initially educate generators rather than impose fines. Please contact your waste hauler to understand your options for attaining compliance or contact the Burlington County Department of Solid Waste by phone at 609-499-1001 or via email at recycle@co.burlington.nj.us.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation, as we work together to improve recycling in Burlington County.

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