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Greetings District Selectboards, Supervisors, Town Clerks, and Attendants,

This letter is to provide an overview of the updated compost hauling contract between the NEK Waste Management District and Cloud's Path Farm. Cloud's Path Farm, the District's current compost hauler, was awarded the contract to continue providing hauling services to the waste district for the next three years.

Cloud's Path Farm's new contract terms will begin on January 1, 2022. The fee for a 48-gallon tote will decrease from \$13.50 to \$10 each, which you will see reflected on your January, 2022 invoice. While the tote fee is decreasing, there will be a new "ZERO tolerance policy" for contaminated compost materials. Please see below for more information on this policy, copied directly from Cloud's Path Farm's contract.

Our (Cloud's Path Farm's) new policy:

*1. First warning- We will inform the NEKWMD of the contaminated bin, photos of the contamination, bin number, date of offense and ask that they inform the district member. **That member will have two months from the date of offense to inform the public.***

*2. Second warning- We will inform the NEKWMD of the contamination including the photo of the contamination, bin number, and date of offense and ask the NEKWMD to inform the district member. **That member will have an additional 2 months to address the contamination issue.***

*3. Third Warning- You will have 2 more months to do outreach to the public to educate them on the need for source separation. During that time If the district member can keep the compost free and clean of any contamination the price will remain at \$10 per tote. **If not, and contamination continues then the rate per compost tote will revert to \$13.50 per tote for the remainder of the contract period for that district member.***

We offer training as part of our outreach program and it is included in the price quoted. Eliza will go to any district members compost location to help out their transfer station attendants with training and compost education.

If the District receives a notice of contamination from Cloud's Path Farm, that information, including the bin number and photos of contamination will be sent via email to the Selectboard, Town Clerk, Supervisor(s), and Attendant(s) within one week of receiving the notification.

While the zero-tolerance policy is stringent, the lower per tote price gives all food waste generators the incentive to greatly reduce and/or eliminate contamination. We ask that you share this information with all those using the service, so they understand the importance of keeping the material clean.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions about the compost program or the new policy.

Thank you all for your efforts,

Shannon Choquette
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