

On February 28, 2022, MIRA sent a letter to the Mayor/ Firsts Selectman of each of its Tier 1 participating municipalities, as follows:

“This letter is to provide our Connecticut Solid Waste System (CSWS) customer towns with the tipping fees established for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY2023) together with important information concerning the status of the CSWS and future plans.

On February 23, 2022, the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) Board of Directors approved the Fiscal Year 2023 Tier 1 Short Term Disposal Fee applicable to towns executing the Second Amendment to Municipal Service Agreement (MSA Amendment) recently distributed by MIRA for execution. The MSA Amendment distributed for signature by the towns anticipated a Fiscal Year 2023 tipping fee of \$116. The MIRA Board’s action reduced this tipping fee for Fiscal Year 2023 to \$111.00 per ton and authorized MIRA to execute modifications to the MSA Amendment reflecting this reduction. This action was taken to further encourage town favorable consideration and execution of the amendment.

The MIRA Board also adopted a lower than anticipated Fiscal Year 2023 tipping fee applicable to Tier 1 Long Term towns declining to execute the MSA Amendment. The Board intends this reduction to provide towns declining or undecided on the MSA Amendment a less costly disposal option as they consider their future waste management decisions.

Despite being heavily subsidized by reserves and non disposal revenues, tipping fees for FY 2023 are increased versus the prior 2022 fiscal year adopted MSW tipping fee. This increase was necessary to ensure continued reliable service to our participating towns and is attributed to a host of factors reducing revenue and increasing costs, including the potential for limited, reduced operation of the Hartford Trash-to-Energy Facility and the commencement of transfer and transportation of Town waste for disposal in out of state landfills.

In FY 2023 MIRA is continuing the practice of accepting and processing residential recyclables from its Tier 1 participating communities at a \$0/ton tipping fee.

Additionally, the tipping fees charged to all participating municipalities is the same regardless of whether MSW is delivered direct to the Hartford Trash-to-Energy Facility, or to the Torrington, Essex or Watertown transfer stations. All transfer costs, as well as the costs of processing, marketing and sale of recycling commodities are included in the MSW tipping fee. The tipping fee for towns agreeing to the amended MSA (please provide the signed amendment to MIRA By March 31, 2022) will enjoy a lower tipping fee as a result of our ability to assure multi-year volume and term commitments to our contractors and disposal providers. The MIRA board of directors intends to maintain this pricing advantage for towns amending the MSA for the remaining term of the Agreement. The tipping fees effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 (FY2023) are shown below.

WASTE STREAM	7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 Tipping Fee
Tier 1 Short Term - Amended Agreement (per ton) MSW	111.00
Tier 1 Long Term - Not Amended (per ton) MSW	116.00
Bulky Waste (per ton)	\$120.00
Mattress/Box Springs Surcharge (per unit)	\$30.00
Residential Recycling; Single or Dual Stream (per ton)	\$0.00

The full MIRA FY2023 budget is available for viewing at <http://www.ctmira.org/records-reports/budget/>

The MSAs also require an annual calculation of the Opt-Out Disposal Fee. This calculation establishes the tipping fee which, if exceeded, permits our Tier 1 Long-Term customer towns to unilaterally exit the MSA within the prescribed 30 day window. For FY 2023, the Opt-Out Disposal Fee calculates to \$73.72, signaling each Tier 1 Long Term town not signing the MSA Amendment is eligible to opt out of their MSA participation.

For your information, please know that because the [Name of Tier 1 Participating Municipality] has an MSA with MIRA, private waste hauling companies serving commercial and residential subscription accounts in [Name of Tier 1 Participating Municipality] are required to deliver Town MSW to MIRA and will also enjoy MSW disposal services at the municipal rates.

Finally, MIRA invites you to a meeting of the MIRA customer towns, scheduled for March 16 at 10:00 (via Zoom). We look forward to hearing from our towns and reviewing MIRA's future plans for disposal and recycling.”