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Important Apartment Waste Levy Update

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For Immediate Release

Toronto, Ontario -- The last meeting of the City of Toronto Multi-Family Waste Diversion Working Group was held on June 6, 2008 where staff from the Solid Waste Management Division provided some important updates on the apartment waste levy which will come into effect on July 1, 2008.

Here are some of the important news members should know.

- the levy will initially be charged at the original rate as detailed in the waste calculator which has been attached to this bulletin
- after reviewing the amount the levy generates in July and extrapolating that over a year, if the levy is predicted to raise more than the budgeted \$24 million per year, the rate will be lowered based upon the projected volumes to only net the City the \$24 million
- the billing system for the levy will be through a new combined waste/water bill and the first bills should be expected by the end of August. The bill will show the charges for waste and the property tax reduction (\$157 per unit per year) and *buildings will only pay the net cost*
- Miller Waste Systems will assume the pick up for all multi-family buildings effective July 1, 2008 and the operators will maintain a *manual log* of bins picked up. It is essential that your building staff also *maintain a log* in the event there is a discrepancy between Miller's numbers and the building's numbers
- buildings are encouraged to set up areas for the drop off of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and "bulky" items (like mattresses, furniture, etc.) so they do not go in the main garbage system. *These items will be picked up for free by calling Miller directly*
- the green bin program for apartments has been delayed and will likely not happen until 2010 at the earliest
- "pile collection" sites will initially use bag tags until site visits have been performed to determine if another system can be implemented

Any questions should be directed to the Solid Waste Management Customer Service Centre at 416-338-2010. There is also helpful information at www.toronto.ca/garbage/multi.

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