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Attention village of Washburn

To whom it may concern,

I attempted to send an email, but didn't receive confirmation that it was received. I want to inform you of an ongoing issue we have been experiencing with the material collected in the recycling trailer we provide to Washburn.

We are encountering unacceptable material in the recycling bins. In the past, we addressed used cat litter, urine soaked newspaper and cat feces being put into the bins several times. Twice, very recently, we encountered medical waste consisting of catheter tubing, dialysis equipment, bright yellow fluid and an overwhelming odor of urine.

We realize that the city isn't able to monitor every item placed in the bins. However, it is assumed that for a reasonable person, this type of material would be considered hazardous waste, and is not recyclable. While we appreciate the willingness of the village to support our program, we also have a responsibility to ensure a safe working environment for our workers. All material that is collected in our bins is hand sorted, so I hope this issue can be resolved.

This letter serves as a notification that if we encounter any further medical waste/hazardous material in the future, we will be forced to discontinue recycling services for your village.

Feel free to contact me for questions or discussion in regards to this matter.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Crow', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Roger Crow

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