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Hull re-joins South Shore Recycling Cooperative, providing access to Hazardous Waste collections

Last month the SSRC Board voted unanimously to add Hull to the fourteen municipal members of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative. The Hull Board of Selectmen signed the Inter-Municipal Agreement, which is in force through June 2018, in early April.

Among other benefits, Membership will enable Hull residents to attend any of the SSRC Member Towns' household hazardous waste collections. There are two more collections scheduled this spring, in Hingham on June 10, and Scituate on June 17. Twelve collections throughout the SSRC service area are scheduled in the spring and fall of each year.

Membership also enables the Town to use the SSRC's HHW contract and services to host its own HHW collections. A collection in Hull has been scheduled for Sept. 23. The Town will work with the SSRC to set up some sort of recycling and/or trash management system for its residents in the coming years.

Hull was an SSRC Member from 2001-2010, thanks largely to the efforts of then-residents **Nancy Kramer** and **Jo Ann Rose**. The Hull Sewer Dept. ran annual household hazardous waste collections with Cohasset during its SSRC membership. The Town hasn't held one since, a fact about which Health Director **Joyce Sullivan** has been increasingly concerned. Hull residents occasionally attend SSRC collections at their own expense, but it is anyone's guess where most of Hull's hazardous waste goes. If it goes in the trash or down the drain, this can pose serious public and environmental health and safety hazards. If it's accumulating in residents' basements, this puts firefighters at greater risk in the event of a fire or spill.

The Town withdrew from the Cooperative in 2010 after an override to fund the operation of Hull's Recycling Center failed to pass. Hull is one of a few Mass. municipalities that does not provide or contract for municipal trash and recycling service to its residents, so multiple haulers service its residents privately.

MassDEP's area Municipal Assistance Coordinator **Todd Koep** flagged the value of the services the SSRC provides to DPW Director **Jim Dow**, who has been with the Town for five years. Dow and health

director Sullivan are both interested in making it more convenient and less costly for Hull residents to properly manage their waste. While offering recycling service is a requirement for Hull's private trash haulers, the additional charge results in many residents opting out. Either a municipal recycling center, a town-wide contract, or a requirement that private haulers bundle recycling with trash service at all one price would reduce the cost to residents to properly recycle, and the amount of valuable materials being disposed.

The Town will be represented by DPW Director Jim Dow and Health Director Joyce Sullivan on the SSRC Board.



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