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Dear Municipal Customer:

We are pleased to announce that our recycling program is expanding. In addition to other acceptable recyclable items at our recycling facility, we now accept cartons and paper cups. Both cartons and paper cups are easy to recognize and recycle:

Food and beverage cartons are used for products like milk, juice, soup, broth, dairy milk alternatives and more!

Cartons come in two types:

- Rectangular-shaped aseptic cartons found on store shelves.
- Familiar gable-top, refrigerated cartons found in the refrigerated section.

Remember to empty your cartons, replace the cap and place whole item in your recycling container (no need to flatten).

Paper cups include coffee cups and cups used for fountain drinks and other cold beverages. Next time you get that beverage to go, remember that you can recycle the cup when you get home. Be sure to empty any remaining liquid and discard straws, lids or stirrers in the trash and then place your paper cup in your recycling container. This advancement is possible thanks to the support of the Carton Council and Foodservice Packaging Institute as part of ongoing initiatives to increase recycling of cartons and cups in communities across the country. Investments like this into Michigan's recycling systems will have a positive economic, environmental and supply chain benefits for the entire state.

Please help us to recover as many cartons and cups as possible from the residential recycling stream by informing your residents that these items are now a part of the recycling program. One of the most effective ways to spread the word is to promote the addition of cups and cartons on your website. We have attached resources that may be helpful in your communications, such as links to royalty-free, high-resolution images of cups and cartons that you may use in your educational materials. Once you update your website, please email alynott@recycle.com. GFL along with the funding partners will be announcing this to the public in early November. To ensure consistent recycling messaging for your residents, please plan to update your website at your earliest convenience.

We are excited to offer this addition to the recycling program and welcome your comments and questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph A. Munem', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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