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**O'CONNELL ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL SERVICES AT
TAUNTON CONVENIENCE CENTER**

Taunton, MA... Today Mayor Shaunna O'Connell announced additional services available at the Taunton Convenience Center. Residents can now drop off recycling items for free and drop off yard waste for a minimal fee. These services will be in addition to the regularly provided bi-weekly curbside recycling pick up and yearly free yard waste pick ups in the spring and fall.

"We are excited to introduce the Single Stream Recycling Drop-off Service to our community to make it more convenient for Tauntonians and also provide more opportunities for people dealing with the removal of yard waste. Every day at City Hall we are working on improving services and the quality of life in Taunton and we hope these additional services at the convenience center will be helpful," said Mayor O'Connell.

The Taunton Convenience Center is located at 340 East Britannia Street. The hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays and 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Recyclables that will be accepted include plastics, metals, glass, and paper, and must comply with Massachusetts DEP recycling standards, including being free of contamination by trash or wet containers. Cardboard, electronics, and specialty items will remain subject to the current drop-off rates as they will continue to be collected and managed separately.

Yard waste will be accepted for a small fee of \$2 per 30-gallon yard waste paper bag or 32-gallon open barrel, and \$25 per pick-up truck or trailer load (charge will apply to each unit; no commercial loads). Free curbside yard waste collection will continue to be offered during three weeks in the spring and fall each year.

"Mayor O'Connell continually looks to improve and expand services. By streamlining the recycling process, we are removing barriers and encouraging broader participation in sustainable practices. This initiative will help individuals and businesses to make a positive impact on the environment," said Fred Cornaglia, Commissioner of Public Works.

"I want to thank the Department of Public Works and our Finance Team for their efforts in providing these additional services," said Mayor O'Connell.

Any questions regarding City of Taunton recycling and waste management programs may be directed to the Taunton DPW by calling 508-821-1431.###