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Martin Luther King Jr. Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule - The Public Works Department will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2017 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Refuse and recycling will not be collected on that day but instead will be collected the following day on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 along with that day's collection. The Transfer Station will be closed on Sunday, January 15, 2017. Excess refuse and recycling may be brought to the Transfer Station free of charge year round on Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 am to 4 pm and Sundays noon to 4 pm.

Basketball hoops/poles – The Public Works Department would like to remind residents that the Town will not be responsible for basketball hoops and poles placed on town property, either at the edge of the road or on a cul-de-sac. Basketball hoops or poles damaged by town vehicles, especially during removal of refuse, recycling, snow, slush, etc. will not be repaired or replaced. These items should be placed on private property.

Mailboxes – While plow truck drivers make every effort to avoid mailboxes, they do, on occasion, hit or knock one over. Operators must report these incidents to their supervisor. However, snow thrown against a mailbox is often sufficient to cause damage to a less than perfect installation. Posts with cracks, dry rot, or deterioration at the bottom are likely to fail when wet snow hits them. Check the attachment hardware - rusty nails or screws eventually fail. If your mailbox has been damaged, please call 860-870-3500 to report it the day after the storm. Mailboxes that are knocked over by heavy, wet snow where no contact with the plow has occurred and where they have not been maintained or adequately mounted or braced will not be repaired by the Town. Also, mailboxes damaged by private contractors, homeowners clearing snow, errant drivers, etc., will not be fixed by the Town.

Ash Disposal - Under no circumstances are ashes to be disposed of in the refuse and recycling cart(s). Wood ash retains enough heat to ignite other combustible materials for several days. Sparking embers are a fire hazard. There is a designated container located at the Public Works Garages located at 375-383 Hartford Turnpike that is available to the public 24/7.

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