

Talkin' Trash in the Summer of 2019

A Community Newsletter from the Waste Disposal Committee

Happy Summer Frankestown! It's nice to hear the birds chirping, see the flowers blooming and people smiling, like Cheshire cats, as the temperatures get warmer and the sun gets stronger. Enjoy Summer!

The State of NH has a goal of a 40% recycling rate. In 2018 Frankestown is at a 40% recycling rate. What that means is 60% is still being thrown in the compactor. In 2018 we transferred a total of 714.47 tons with 283.11 tons being recycled materials and 431.36 being compactor materials. Let's make it a goal to increase our rate in 2019! Let's turn those numbers around. ☺

The Waste Disposal Committee would like to thank you for all your recycling efforts and for making a difference in two very important ways.....our tax dollar and the environment.

~ Teamwork Gets the Job Done ~

Household Hazardous Waste Day in 2019 - NO

The Transfer Station will not be hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Day this year. We typically host Household Hazardous Waste Day every other year. We held one last year that was very successful. We spent just under the allocated amount of \$4000 and no one was turned away. We will recommend that we place \$4000 in the 2020 budget to host a Household Hazardous Waste Day next summer. Hosting this event during the summer allows all residents to participate. ☺

Show Me the Money.....

Revenues are generated 2 ways at the Transfer Station. One way is resident fees for E-Waste, CD & Bulky and Tires. Mixed Paper, Aluminum Cans and Metal (all collected and sold) is the second way. There was \$16,133.58 put into the general fund in 2015 for all of these commodities sold. Of that, the residents generated \$10,619 for CD & Bulky, Tires & E-Waste. It may be economically reasonable to put the Transfer Station revenues into a CIP account each year. When a major project needs to be done the money would be in the fund which would have to be voted by the town to release at Town Meeting. The probability of having to ask for monies thru taxation would be nil.

Items Transferred	by Ton	Commodity	Revenues
Compactor (MSW)	392.9	CD & Bulky	\$7,842.75
CD & Bulky	91.26	E-Waste	\$2,052
Paper	109.21	Tires	\$724
Glass	62.79	Mixed Paper	\$2,333.10
Co-Mingled	34.9	Cans	\$2,402
E-Waste	4.69	Metal	\$779.73
Metal	20.18	Total Revenues	\$16,133.18

It Pays to Recycle!! Did I mention how good it is for the environment? You know it is!

Summer Hours Began Wednesday, May 29th

Operating Hours are: Wed 1pm-8:00 Sat 8:30-4:30 Sun 8:30-1pm

Some friendly reminders: PLEASE continue to **break down** your boxes and card board products. **Clean 1 & 2 Plastics ONLY. Crush** your cans. Thanks for your cooperation. ☺

What to do with Leftover Latex Paint

Latex paint UNDER 25 years old is very easy to get rid of. The easiest way to dispose of paint would be to use it up completely. Apply a second coat to your project or use it up on a piece of old cardboard or scrap wood. Let the can dry out and dispose of it in your regular garbage. You can add shredded newspaper, saw dust, sand, kitty litter or Waste Paint Hardener (available at most hardware stores) to your latex paint. Let the paint dry out completely. This should be done in a well, ventilated area and away from children and pets. After the paint has dried, put the container in your garbage with the lid off.

If you have a quantity of paint many local groups (churches and housing authorities) will accept leftover paint and put it to good use. Our local Welfare Administrator, Tom Anderson, may also know of someone in need of paint. You can also post it on the Bulletin Board in the Swap Shop room.

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Recruiting Committee Members

The Waste Disposal Committee is looking for a 4th & 5th member to fill the committee. Anyone interested please contact Jamie Pike at the Selectmen's office. The job requires monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month and a desire to help your community.

IMPORTANT CHANGES WE MUST COMPLY TO

Plastics:

We have had to make changes to the way we recycle our plastics and glass due to the market. We are now recycling **plastics 1 & 2 ONLY**. Plastics 3-7 should be thrown in with the compactor trash. There are no brokers who handle the low grade plastics anymore. It was costing more money than the return they got on their investment. It is also very important **to rinse out these 1 & 2 plastics**. It will keep things from being recycled properly. The cost for plastics has decreased because we are not hauling as often as we were when we recycled 1-7. Please make your best effort to put only 1 & 2 plastics in the bin, it will assist the attendants in doing their job as well.

Glass:

Here is an exert out of a recent letter from our Glass broker:

Due to recent contaminates found in glass loads being delivered to Keene, we are sending a reminder to all members to please follow the guidelines laid out in the "Clean Glass Spec Sheet" (attached). Towns that are found to have contaminates present in their clean glass will be given one warning. The next contaminated load brought in will result in a \$150.00/ ton charge. If a third contaminated load is brought in, you will be banned from delivering glass to Keene.

It is very important that we follow the guidelines given us.

Acceptable Materials

ANY clear/colored glass beverage container, rinsed (remove caps)
ANY clear/colored glass food container, rinsed (remove caps)

Unacceptable Materials

Headlights - Asphalt - Thermometers - Excessive Rocks or Dirt - Incandescent or Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Wood - Plastics - Aluminum/Tin - Automotive/Windshield Glass - Plexiglas - Pyrex - Mirrors - Drinking Glasses - Trash - Window Panes - Ceramics (i.e., coffee mugs) - Porcelain (i.e., toilets, sinks, etc.)

Originally glass was being crushed and used in road aggregate. This is no longer the case. The glass is now being shipped to Canada and is being used for medical purposes. This is the reason for the changes in the glass requirements. The medical field needs a much cleaner product.

BRUSH PILE: Be sure to be putting ONLY BURNABLE brush and wood in the Burn Pile.

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