



"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"

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The Northeast Resource Recovery Association is pleased to announce that it has been awarded the contract to administer the State of Vermont's E-Cycles program starting July 1, 2011. NRRA and the Association of Vermont Recyclers have worked with Goodpoint Recycling of Middlebury, Vermont as a primary recycler to begin the process of collection. The program will offer free collection of computers, monitors, printers and computer peripherals from residents, non-profit organizations, school districts, and small businesses with 10 or fewer employees at year-round collection sites statewide.

NRRA and its partners were selected from a competitive RFP process in late April based on their ability to provide oversight and transparency to a very detailed tracking process required by State law. The Program is reimbursed by manufacturers of covered electronics.

As of today, over 70 collection sites have registered and more will be signing up in the weeks ahead to offer a convenient set of locations as required by the State Standard Plan. NRRA will be working to provide outreach and training materials to each of the collections sites and will have a strong component for school programs as it has done over its 30 year history.

For general inquires and questions from the general public about where to recycle electronics, what is covered, and other questions, please contact the VT Department of Environmental Conservation's special E-Cycles hotline at 1-855- 6ecycle (1-855-632-9253).

For an up-to-date list of the locations accepting electronics under the plan, please visit <http://www.vtecycles.org> and click on the tab at the left marked “Where Can I Recycle?”

For collection locations and transfer stations that wish to participate in the program or have questions, please contact NRRRA at (800) 223-0150 x 19 or email them to vtewaste@nrra.net.

Since early May of this year the NRRRA has been working diligently with its partners the Association of Vermont Recyclers and Good Point Recycling to develop a contract that would implement a state wide E-waste plan for the State of Vermont on July 1, 2011. Throughout this process NRRRA and AVR have worked hard to balance the competing interests of the general public for a convenient system, the recyclers who process the material, and most of all the collectors at transfer facilities who deal with the material on a daily basis. NRRRA and AVR have worked in collaboration with the Agency for Natural Resources in Vermont to insure that the system will be transparent, accurate, and as simple to operate as possible.

Over the course of the next year, NRRRA will continue to work to improve the initial system where possible, and for those of you in Vermont who have questions, please contact **Norm Staunton, NRRRA Vermont Ewaste Project Manager at 1-800-223-0150 x19**, or check out the online FAQ's at www.nrra.net. You can also email any questions to vtewaste@nrra.net.

While this contract is a major undertaking for NRRRA, we are confident that the experience and expertise of Bonnie, Adam, and Marilyn in member services, and the addition of Norm Staunton as the Project Manager will provide Vermont with the best possible plan management. Rest assured that it will in no way diminish the outstanding work of member services for those of you who already contact us for all your other material movement needs. It will allow Vermont facilities to learn more about NRRRA's outstanding work supported by members helping members for the last 30 years.

Recently this email communication has featured many recycling related accomplishments of our members and I encourage you to continue to let us know when one of your programs is working well so we can share your success with the rest of New England. Starting with our next regular issue we hope to relay these as a regular feature so if you have anything you think might interest our readers please let us know and we'll be happy to include it in the upcoming issues. Pictures are always great.