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February 2017 – Full of Scrap

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~Recycling Tip of the Day~

Plastic bag and film recycling doesn’t stop with grocery bags. Recycle your dry cleaning, newspaper, & bread bags and also the plastic film on products like paper towels.
FROM THE DIRECTOR’S CHAIR

“I LOVE MY JOB!”

OK, so Valentine’s Day rubbed off on me a little bit. Truth be told, Bonnie and I were on a site visit last month and we got to spend an entire 30 minutes discussing recycling! How can that be anything but a great job! Fraught with frustration because we can’t fix everything at once and make the planet healthier, but at least at the end of the day we have done what we can.

CONFERENCE:

To that aim, NRRA looks forward to its 36th Annual Conference and Expo on Monday and Tuesday, May 22, and 23rd, and to the 8th Annual School Club Conference on Tuesday 5/23. The lineup for presentations is outstanding. It is inspired by the Keynote address of John Casella. We’ve even invited the NH Governor, Chris Sununu! The Exhibit Hall will be overflowing and the Workshops will give attendees face to face contact with commodity markets and hands-on, how-to solutions for composting, electronics, plastics, MSW trash, Construction and Demo including policy issues and State regulations. This is the one not to be missed! We have added 3 additional workshops for a total of 9 workshops on Tuesday – both days will be packed with solid programming. Check out our website for more information and save that date! Early Bird online live registration will open shortly.

USDA Epicure Grant:

On March 15, 2017 at 9AM, NRRA and NHDES are co-hosting an important stakeholder meeting to gather information on the current challenges of composting in NH and potential pilot sites. Please reserve your space early by contacting either NRRA or NHDES as listed. NHDES Training Credit is available to those who attend!
Stakeholder Meeting
Organics and Composting in NH
March 15, 2017; 9:00 – 11:30 AM
Location: Local Government Center, 25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord, NH 03301

Please join us: The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) and the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) invite you and other interested stakeholders to participate in a meeting to exchange information and discuss concerns about current food waste management practices in NH and the region, and alternatives for diverting food waste from being landfilled and incinerated, including composting and other methods.

Background: The amount of food Americans throw away each year is staggering. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency:
- Over 38 million tons of food waste was generated in 2014 in the United States.
- Nearly 95% of food waste goes to landfills and incinerators.
- Food waste makes up 21.6% of municipal solid waste.
The cost of landfilling and incinerating food waste is significant, in both dollars and environmental impacts. Alternative methods are available that can save you money and benefit the environment.

Meeting Focus:
- Existing and alternative options for managing food waste.
- Barriers to developing and implementing options that will reduce the amount of food waste disposed of in landfills and incinerators.
- Strategies, partnerships, tools, and next actions to promote and implement alternatives, including identify potential pilot sites for NRRA EPICURE project.

Agenda:
- introductions / Coffee & Donuts - Mike Durfor, NRRA
- Overview of NH’s regulations, practices, future needs and plans - NHDES Staff
- Overview of NRRA’s EPICURE Project for Organics/Composting - Cindy Sterling, NRRA
- Overview of VT’s Organics Program – Mike Nork, NRRA
- Group Discussion and Q&A
- Next Steps / Wrap Up

Pre-Registration: Space is limited. Reserve your seat today by Email to info@nrра.net or solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov. Put “RSVP” in the subject line and include your name, affiliation and telephone number. For more information, contact:

NRRA: Cindy Sterling at (603) 736-4401 Extension 19 or info@nrра.net
NHDES: Melanie Doiron at (603) 271-2927 or melanie.doiron@des.nh.gov

NH Certified Solid Waste Facility Operators seeking professional development hours for renewal of their Certification will be granted 2.5 hours for attending and participating. When pre-registering, please indicate you are seeking credit.
NRRA NEWS

2017 NRRA COMPOST BIN SALE..Order Now!!

Back by popular demand, NRRA is pleased to announce that we have begun our Annual Compost Bin Sale this year!! We took last year off due to other commitments but are prepared to offer this sale again this year as we have received many requests to do so. We are now taking participation forms so be sure to get your in soon! If we don’t get enough participants, we may have to cancel the sale! This sale makes an excellent fundraiser for your school, garden club, recycling committee or any other group that wishes to celebrate Earth Day 2017 while earning some funds for their organization and supporting a good cause! If you wish to be added to our Compost Bin Sale Mailing List, please email Stacey Morrison at smorrison@nrra.net.

Click Here for the 2017 Information and Participation Packet

Due to transportation/logistics, all orders must be made in full pallets. (See participation packet for pallet sizes/counts). If you are unable to commit to ordering full pallets, we encourage you to work with another group in your town/area and share the order.

We will be collecting orders through Friday, March 24th, 2017. All payments collected by you should be made out to your group. Final payment to NRRA should be made in one check from your group to NRRA.

It is your choice whether you sell these at cost or use this event as a fundraiser. Even if you are selling at the fundraiser prices, pricing for all items is still well below retail costs. So unlike other fundraisers, you are offering a great value for the dollar.
NRRA’S 36th Annual Conference-Update

We’ve been hard at work making sure that this year’s conference is another huge success! A lot of ground has been covered in the past month so be sure to frequently visit our Conference Page for updates and new information! Here’s a few highlights of all things NRRA Conference Related:

- **Exhibitors & Sponsors Wanted:** We recently sent out our Call for Exhibitors & Sponsors. If you or someone you know is interested in hosting an exhibit booth at this year’s conference, please be sure to call Marilyn Weir, 736-4401 ext. 11 or fill our newly updated Exhibitor-Sponsor Online Registration form.
- **Conference Media Partners:** We would like to thank to following trade magazines for helping us promote our conference: American Recycler, BioCycle, Construction & Demo Recycling, Recycling Today, Resource Recycling, Waste Advantage and Waste Today. To learn more about any of these publications click on their name to be linked to their website!
- **Annual NRRA Tub Auction:** If you attended last year’s conference you may remember this activity. It was a very popular and successful fundraiser for our organization. All proceeds (100%) are put back into NRRA marketing and educational programs. We recently sent out requests to local (and a few National) retail, dining and entertainment businesses asking for donation items that we will then use to create baskets, or in some cases, “gift packages” that we then use in our silent auction. We ask that if any of you would like to make a donation to this auction of any new item, cash donation, gift card etc., please email us at info@nrra.net. No amount is too big or too small and all donations are tax deductible.
- **2017 Registration Brochure:** Our Speakers are signed up and our workshops are lined up so the 2017 Conference Registration Brochure is in the works! We hope to have it printed and sent out within the next week or so and available electronically (along with online registration for attendees) very soon! Watch the website for updates!

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February 2017 Pricing is Now Available-Members only!

The NRRA February 2017 Pricing guide is now available! To access the February NRRA Pricing guide CLICK HERE. This document is secured with a password, please contact Stacey at smorrison@nrra.net if you need the password. NRRA Members who have a username and password for our website can access the pricing guide, as well as past pricing guides, directly through the website simply by signing in to our site!
Recycled fiber grades are up across the board again this month. As predicted OCC demand continues to be very strong (up $25/ton!!). Meanwhile, mixed paper continues steady climb. We certainly hope this trend continues. However, while fibers are showing strength, ferrous metals such as light iron and steel cans continue to be subject to fits and starts. All gains made in January’s ferrous markets have been lost in February. We hope that things won’t go any lower, but will keep an eye on the situation as it changes weekly/daily. On the other hand, aluminum and other nonferrous grades have remained fairly steady overall. And plastics seem to be holding steady, with a slight uptick in pricing for most major grades.

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Update from Sarah McGraw, NRRA’s School Programs Special Project Manager

School CLUB outreach is fully underway. We are broadening our reach from Seacoast schools such as Somersworth, Oyster River, and Portsmouth to the North Country Schools, Lancaster, Littleton, Berlin, Whitefield and in between, Hollis Brookline and Litchfield. The goal is to conduct STAR of Sustainability Assessments at each school visited, obtain their hauler invoices and district contract. This will give us a picture of the types and amounts of recycling and trash so we can then hopefully save them some money and help them with recycling education. It takes the whole school community to make a sustainable school recycling program and we hope to engage all of the stakeholders involved. We are also inviting schools to the School CLUB Recycling Conference on May 23. If you know of a school/teacher/custodian/administrator that may be interested in our resources, you can email me at smcgraw@nrra.net.

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Free Webinar | Battery Take-Back: A Sustainable Solution

The demand for single-use and rechargeable batteries has significantly increased over the last decade as society switches to using more mobile products. When household batteries aren’t properly disposed, however, they represent a serious threat to the environment and public health, as well as a significant waste of recyclable materials. Proper management is especially an issue in rural areas, where scattered collection sites are inconvenient for residents. In the United States, the industry-funded take-back program, Call2Recycle, provides free collection containers and recycling services for rechargeable batteries to retailers, schools, libraries, and other municipal locations. Call2Recycle also services rural and other jurisdictions in Vermont, which recently passed the country’s first single-use battery recycling law thanks in part to strong support from local governments. In this webinar, PSI’s expert speakers will share tangible strategies for rural communities to increase both rechargeable and single-use battery recycling.

When: Thursday, March 2 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Speakers: Todd Ellis, Call2Recycle; Paul Campbell, Sears Holding Company; Suan Bayrakal, Product Stewardship Institute; Paul Tomasi, NEK Waste Management District, VT; Scott Cassel (Moderator) Product Stewardship Institute

Pricing: FREE

Register HERE
SAVE THE DATE: NRRA School CLUB’s 8th Annual School Recycling Conference

This Year’s Theme is “Back to the Future for Recycling...It’s Time“

Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Place: The Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Manchester, NH

Mark your calendar and save the date! We hope you’ll join us as we return to Manchester and the Radisson’s newly re-designed Ballroom and hotel facilities! This One-day event is jam-packed with need-to-know tips & tricks to making recycling strong & sustainable at your school. There will be engaging workshops for students, teachers and administrators alike as well as activities and vendors! The School Recycling CLUB Awards will also be presented. Registration Opening SOON!

The NRRA School CLUB is Pleased to Announce the Keynote Speaker for their 8th Annual Recycling Conference

Alexandra (Allie) Campbell, Hollis/Brookline Senior and Author of DeepGreenBlog.com

Growing up in Montessori schools, Allie spent a lot of time outside—at recess, during lessons, on school trips, and after school. This instilled in her a passion for the outdoors which grew into the desire to protect and give back. She is currently a senior at Hollis Brookline High School. Last fall, she collaborated with school staff to create the “Green Group” (a student environmental club) and helped to initiate a
school wide recycling program. Up until last year, HBHS was not recycling at all, so this was a very exciting step for their community. As an elective course this year, Allie is working on an independent study called “Society and the Environment”. Currently, she is collaborating with the Northeast Resource Recovery Association and a local director of waste management to create a plastic film recycling program for the Town of Hollis, New Hampshire. Her hope is to raise awareness regarding the issue of plastic film waste, make recycling plastic film practical for Hollis residents, and to ultimately establish a permanent program that will divert significant quantities of plastic film waste from landfills. In addition, Allie started a blog (www.deepgreenblog.com) with the aim of inspiring and empowering others to make more sustainable choices in their everyday lives, as well as record and publicize the progress of the plastic film recycling program.

We strive to make this conference affordable to schools so we haven’t changed our pricing this year:
Members:
Students $50
Teachers/Administrators $75

Non Members:
Students $60
Teachers/Administrators: $90

**New Hampshire The Beautiful is pleased to offer grants to NH Schools to cover up to 50% of their total registration fee. Call us for more details!

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Calling All Schools . . .

Milford Middle School Seeks Honest Kids Pouch Brigade

We received the following request from our friends at Milford Middle School in NH:

They have been collecting Capri Sun drink pouches for years through the Terracycle brigade. Unfortunately, that program was discontinued on 12/31/16.

Honest Kids has a pouch brigade but there is a waiting list. Are there any schools in the New England area that are already signed up with the Honest Kids program that would be willing to take Milford’s collection until they can get on the Honest Kids program?

Please contact TheCLUB@nrra.net if you can help!!

Many thanks for helping out and keeping their pouch recycling program going!

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The Amazing Recycling Kid!

From our Friends at Waste360

![Image of Ryan Hickman]

Ryan collects and sorts plastic, glass and tin items before taking them over to Ryan’s Recycling, his recycling center. Photo courtesy of OneGreenPlanet.org

**Seven-Year-Old Launches Recycling Company to Reduce Ocean Waste**

Waste360 Staff | Dec 21, 2016

After visiting a recycling center in Orange County, Calif., at the age of three, Ryan decided that he wanted to run his own recycling center. Now, at age 7, Ryan is doing just that.

Ryan collects and sorts plastic, glass and tin items before taking them over to Ryan’s Recycling, his recycling center. In addition to running his recycling center, Ryan is a youth ambassador for the Pacific Marine Mammal Center in Laguna Beach.

One Green Planet has more details:

**CLUB Update:**

Ryan Hickman has his own website: [http://ryansrecycling.com/about/](http://ryansrecycling.com/about/) and was a guest on “Ellen” on 1/30/17, having raised $10,000 for college! You can access that video at: [http://ryansrecycling.com/blog/](http://ryansrecycling.com/blog/)

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HEALTHY SCHOOL WORKSHOPS 2017

Green Up to Clean Up Our Schools – Wed. April 12 from 8:45 AM—4:30PM (Breakfast, networking, and registration at 8 AM) at Mascoma Valley Regional High School in Canaan, NH. Cost $40 includes breakfast, lunch, vendor exhibits & demonstrations, & door prizes! Register at http://conta.cc/2iMopYa Custodians, School Nurses, & Administrators will learn how to create clean and healthy classrooms! Primary trainer is Steve Ashkin of The Ashkin Group.

School Chemistry Lab Science & Safety – Mon. May 22 from 9AM-4PM (Breakfast and registration at 8AM) at River Valley Community College in Claremont, NH. Cost includes breakfast, lunch, & materials. Register online at http://bit.ly/SafeChemistry Trainer is Dave Waddell of Seattle.

Art Teacher & Artist Chemical Safety – Tues. May 23 from 10AM-3PM (Breakfast and registration at 9AM) at the AVA Gallery in Lebanon, NH. Cost $35 includes breakfast, lunch, & materials. Register online at http://bit.ly/ArtSafetyWorkshop Trainer is Dave Waddell of Seattle.

FOR MORE INFORMATION visit registration pages or contact Victoria Davis at 603-448-1680 or vmodules@uvlsrpc.org at the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

Would you like to host a TOLD, Garbage Guerrillas or another Workshop at your school? Let the CLUB Help!

- Improves academic performance, especially in science and math
- Can lead to financial savings for schools
- Decreases the school’s carbon footprint through practical solutions that reduce energy and water consumption
- Reduces school waste and conserves natural resources
- Encourages student environmental awareness and stewardship
- Increases parental involvement
- Helps students and teachers develop stronger relationships with their communities
Previous EPA EE-funded research at over 200 New England schools completed by the NRRA School Recycling CLUB (the CLUB) found that the single most challenging area for school recycling programs was in providing curriculum integrations that brought recycling and sustainability into classrooms to be used as the subject matter for meeting state and local curriculum standards. The intention of the CLUB programs is to address just that issue in schools across all six New England states. Our goal is to use the CLUB’s workshops and technical assistance programs, all experiential and hands on, as a tool for educating K-12 students about consumption, proper diversion of waste, the resulting impacts on climate change and what they can do to change it. Through these offerings, we are also afforded the opportunity to link these priorities to curriculum standards. In addition, these workshops will model, for educators or community leaders, exemplary ways of teaching in creative, effective, and efficient methods about human health threats from environmental pollution as well as how to minimize human exposure to preserve good health. Click here to learn more or contact us at theclub@nrra.net or call 1.603.736.4401 ext. 19

NH THE BEAUTIFUL

NH The Beautiful now offers 18 Gallon Curb Side Recycling Bins as well as ClearStream Containers (and replacement bags).

Click the links below to find out how you can get yours!

Click HERE for Curb side Recycling Bin Info - please note bin pricing has increased ONLY MINIMALLY ($0.20) due to the increase in the size of the bins
Grants Program for NH Municipalities

Do you need equipment for your facility? A Floor Scale? Storage Containers?

All New Hampshire municipalities are eligible to apply for grants toward the purchase price of recycling equipment. For more information or to apply for a grant, go to http://www.nhthebeautiful.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/equipment_grant_app_710.pdf, print & fill out the form and fax it to 603-736-4402. If you do not have access to the internet, please give us a call, and we can fax or mail a form to you. The next NH the Beautiful Board Meeting will be in February 2017.

NH the Beautiful Provides FREE Facility Signs

All NH municipalities are eligible to apply for FREE facility signs. NhtB has been providing professional looking signs for NH municipalities since 1983. Under the NhtB Sign Program, New Hampshire Municipalities are all eligible to apply for signs (60 points each fiscal year or until funds run out). The NhtB fiscal year runs November 1-October 31. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Stacey at 603-736-4401 x.20. To maximize your points, you can also order “recycled” signs or overlays for existing signs!

For a complete list of sign options and to order signs, click here Complete Sign Packet. Simply print the forms you need, mail or fax them to 603-736-4402.

Please NOTE!!! You can only use points to order signs that are on the list. Words can be removed, but nothing can be added. Custom signs are available for purchase. Contact the NRRA for details.

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Litter Free NH Blue Bags...Coming Soon!

We’ve already received several requests for 2017 Litter Free NH Blue Bags! Though we haven’t begun our “official” campaign, we do have the 2017 Litter Free NH Packets available. We will soon be sending the packets out via email but you can get yours by clicking the link above. Our shipment of Blue Bags is not expected to arrive until late to mid-March so stay tuned. We do have about 80 cases left over from last year and will give those out on a first come, first served basis. However, with all the snow we’ve been getting here in NH, it’s unlikely that you’ll be holding your “Spring Clean-up” until April!

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Visit NH the Beautiful on Facebook and Twitter

To see all the latest that NH the Beautiful is doing for NH check out their Facebook Page! Click the following link – https://www.facebook.com/pages/NH-The-Beautiful/253682871403932

We are also on Twitter and Instagram

NH the Beautiful, Inc. (NHtB) is a private non-profit charitable trust founded in 1983 and supported by the soft drink, malt beverage, and grocery industries of New Hampshire. By offering municipal recycling grants (over $2.5 million) and signs, anti-litter programs, and technical assistance to recycling programs, NHtB is a unique organization that represents a voluntarily-funded alternative to expensive legislation intended to achieve the same end results. NHtB supports the NRRA School Education Program (the Club). The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (www.nrra.net) administers the New Hampshire the Beautiful programs.

NH DES NEWS

Annual Facility Reports

The Annual Facility Report (AFR) form for active solid waste facilities is now available (see below). Please note that the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has revised the AFR form and there is only one report form for all active solid waste facilities, regardless of type. Solid waste facilities in New Hampshire are required by their permit and Env-Sw 1105.07(b) to submit an Annual Facility Report to NHDES
by March 31 of each year. The purpose of the AFR for active solid waste facilities is to inform NHDES of solid waste management activities occurring at your facility. The AFR assists NHDES in its mission to help sustain a high quality of life for all citizens by protecting the environment and public health of New Hampshire.

Use your facility records to complete the form and submit it to: NHDES, Waste Management Division, Solid Waste Management Bureau, P.O. Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095. For more information, contact staff at (603) 271-2925 or solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov.

The 2016 Annual Facility Report form can be found at the link below:

Annual Facility Report form for Active Solid Waste Facilities

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Solid Waste Operator Training

The NHDES Solid Waste Operator Training & Certification Program has populated the 2017 Calendar with both Basic Training and Continuing Professional Development opportunities in multiple areas of the state. All information regarding the SWOT Program including initial/renewal application, the schedule of classes and BMPs for handling different waste streams can be found at http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swrtas/index.htm. In March 2016, NHDES hired a new SWOT Coordinator to handle all aspects of the program for operators and SW Facilities. You are encouraged to contact her at Tara.Albert@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-3713 to ask questions regarding your operator certificate and training opportunities.

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MASSACHUSETTS NEWS

Wellesley partners with EPA program to reduce, reuse, recycle

January 7, 2017 by Deborah Brown Leave a Comment

Wellesley’s new bag bylaw and the BYO Bag initiative, the resident-approved plastic bag ban that goes into effect on Jan. 25 for big stores and April 12 for small ones, both are part of a broader campaign to reduce waste in town. In addition, for more than a year, the Natural Resources Committee has been partnering with the Wellesley Sustainable Energy Committee and the Wellesley Recycling and Disposal Facility to find new ways to implement the three Rs: reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Thanks to a program sponsored by the US Environmental Protection Agency and the MA Department of Environmental Protection, this town-wide effort has a new name: WasteWise Wellesley. Through the EPA’s national WasteWise program, Wellesley joins other communities and organizations throughout the country that have committed to reducing waste.

According to the Sustainable Energy Committee, there is a tendency to assume that harmful environmental impacts arise primarily when we dispose of things. However, the production and use of materials also have significant environmental implications. Ellen Korpi, Chair of the Town’s Sustainable Energy Committee reported that “the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) estimates that 42% of greenhouse gas emissions in
the US are generated from the provision of goods and food. However, our throw-away culture depletes finite resources, wastes enormous amounts of money, and contributes to ever-growing greenhouse gas emissions that damage the planet.”

The EPA says that within just one year, half to three quarters of annual resource inputs to industrial economies are returned to the environment as waste. WasteWise aims to reverse these trends. The program helps its partners to reduce their purchasing and waste disposal costs and decrease their contributions to climate change and other adverse environmental and human health impacts arising from our consumption, use, and disposal of materials.

WasteWise partners are eligible for technical assistance and public recognition for their work. At the Wellesley RDF, Superintendent Jeff Azano-Brown has encouraged more recycling by reinstating the RDF’s Sunday hours and establishing a program to accept used gypsum wallboard and hard plastics. The RDF is also working with the 3R Working Group to reduce waste generation overall, and to encourage recycling by entities that do not use Town disposal services.

Wellesley Free Library’s recently launched “Library of Things,” designed to encourage sustainable materials management. Need a specialty cake pan, a puzzle for your visiting grandchildren, or electronic adapters? Rather than buy something new to use it only once or twice, borrow the item from the library, and save money, and the planet’s resources. According to Wellesley Free Library Director Jamie Jurgensen, “There are many possibilities for expanding the Library of Things. What about a sewing machine that you could borrow for that rare project, or a lending library of power tools?”

The WasteWise theme also applies to the bag bylaw. In an effort to reduce litter and non-recyclable waste in town, while encouraging residents to bring reusable bags whenever they shop, the Wellesley Board of Selectman has designated January 2017 as Bring Your Own Bag Month. In keeping with this goal, Wellesley High School students have designed a special reusable bag now on sale at Roche Brothers.

For questions, call Marybeth Martello, Sustainable Energy Administrator, 781 654-5004, mmartello@wellesleyma.gov

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South Shore Recycling Cooperative Updates

SSRC hires RECO!
January Board Meeting notes
Complete Recycling Solutions
Bylaws Review
Paper index subscription cost
Maximizing 2017 RDP grants
SSRC hires Recycling Education and Compliance Officer!

It is the Director’s sincere pleasure to announce that after interviewing four candidates out of 77 applicants, our RECO Hiring Committee (Randy Sylvester, Paul Basler, Pete Buttkus, and Janice McCarthy) offered the position of Recycling Education and Compliance Officer to Julie Sullivan of Brockton, and she accepted. Julie is a recent graduate of UMass Amherst, with a Masters in Sustainability Science. She is fearlessly friendly, passionate about reducing waste, and well versed in material management. In 2015, most of our Solid Waste Managers sent letters of support for the SSRC to hire “field staff”. The letters helped us receive a MassDEP grant for the position. Our former MAC Janine Delaney is now our Grant Manager. Julie’s official start date was Wednesday, 2/8. Our own Lorraine Mavrogeorge (Abington’s Waste Reduction Enforcement Coordinator) gave her a brief orientation. Julie and the Director met for a few hours to get started, and are definitely on the same wavelength. She will tour the Needham Transfer Station and learn about their pilot program to reduce contamination next week. Her work email address is sscreco@gmail.com.

We will introduce Julie at our Wed., 2/15 meeting in Duxbury. She will be assigned to help each of our Member Towns for at least 5-6 weeks over the next two years. Towns may select projects to either: 1. reduce contamination in the recycling stream, 2. increase the diversion of recyclables from the trash, or 3. identify and assist in reversing noncompliance of private haulers with local recycling rules. She will use the Recycling IQ Kit developed by The Recycling Partnership to assist with education. To receive Julie’s RECO services, there will be requirements for town support and regulations, details to come soon.

The Director has no doubt that Julie will be a great asset to the SSRC, and to the recycling community.

VERMONT NEWS

Report: Vermont has potential to take waste diversion even further

Cole Rosengren @ColeRosengren

Published in Waste Dive

Dive Brief:
In a recently released Biennial Report on Solid Waste, Vermont’s Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) detailed progress on its diversion efforts and laid out plans to reduce the disposal rate for municipal solid waste 25% by 2022. This would mean bringing the state’s annual disposal tonnage down from approximately 400,000 to 300,000, as reported by VTDigger.org.

If these efforts are successful, the DEC projects that Vermont’s MSW diversion rate would increase from 35% to 47% during that timeframe. This would require reducing the average daily per capita disposal rate from 3.62 pounds to 2.69 pounds.

The DEC estimates that the MSW diversion rate could eventually be increased to 66%, with annual MSW disposal of around 200,000 tons, once the state’s Universal Recycling Law is fully implemented. Product stewardship initiatives and targeted recycling efforts for materials such as textiles would also be required to reach those goals.

Click Here for More

NATIONAL NEWS

In defense of dual-stream: Maybe the best education is source separation of recyclables

By Ted Onufrak, Waste Dive

Editor’s Note: This viewpoint piece was written by Ted Onufrak, executive director of Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority in Bellefonte, PA. The opinions represented in this piece are independent of Waste Dive’s views.

Throughout 2016, numerous articles concerning the promises and pitfalls of recycling efforts across the country have graced my computer screen. CEOs and other upper management folks stating things have to change; markets need to improve; the focus must shift to “other” materials and everyone keeps searching to create a better wheel. One thing that certainly does seem to change is the headlines — the articles essentially carry the same story, but the authors create a better headline to make readers believe they’ve found a new wheel.

If there is anything that all these articles (whether you call them blue cart or single-stream) agree upon, it’s the need for a “beefed up” education program. As if someone has determined that those of us currently performing education programs are failing and are the real cause for increased contamination. After over 25 years in this business I never really realized I have to educate people that engine blocks and bowling balls don’t belong in carts or bins. Is this the new expectation of those who clamor for more education? It seems that educational efforts are being graded upon contamination rates — which aren’t really due to lack of education, but often times due to the collection method. These “easy” ways to recycle are easy because you can contaminate without fear of being caught. Around my workplace, we call that “wishcycling.”

I’ve yet to see any articles on the impact of single-stream recycling on pay-as-you-throw programs. A number of municipalities in my county have a “low usage” refuse rate which allows only one bag per week. Single-stream, with its high contamination rates, would seem to cause an increase in single bag customers. It simply shifts the disposal cost to the MRF instead of the refuse hauler.
A Play-By-Play of Super Bowl LI’s Waste Diversion Efforts

Mallory Szczepanski | Feb 06, 2017, Waste 360

Approximately 150 new recycling bins were placed throughout NRG Stadium, and about a dozen local agencies helped capture unserved, surplus food from the stadium.

Millions of sports fans (and entertainment fans) tuned in to watch Super Bowl LI yesterday, which concluded with the New England Patriots victory over the Atlanta Falcons in a first-ever Super Bowl overtime. And while those fans were busy munching on tasty snacks, drinking refreshing beverages, cheering on their team and catching up with friends and family, the NFL and the staff at NRG Stadium in Houston were working to divert as much waste from landfill as possible.

In preparation for the big game, approximately 150 new recycling bins were placed throughout NRG Stadium, and about a dozen local agencies were recruited by the Houston Food Bank to help capture unserved, surplus food from the stadium.

Additionally, NRG Energy Inc. and its subsidiary Reliant partnered with the NFL to provide 100 percent Green-e certified renewable energy to NRG Stadium for a certain time period before, during and after the big game.

“As the official electricity company of NRG Stadium, we are proud to support the NFL and Houston by powering the largest U.S. sporting event with renewable energy certificates together with the onsite efficiency and renewable energy solutions,” said NRG Vice President of Sustainability Bruno Sarda in a statement. “At NRG, we want fans to benefit from sustainable solutions and together with the NFL, we can demonstrate that even a huge event like the Super Bowl can significantly reduce its energy usage.”
These sustainable efforts by NRG and its partners go hand-in-hand with its everyday goals to divert more material from landfill and to make its venues more sustainable.

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CLASSIFIEDS

Help Wanted

Part Time Transfer Station Attendant-Dunbarton

The Town of Dunbarton, NH is seeking a Transfer Station Attendent. 24-32 hours per week, Saturdays are mandatory. Uniforms and boots provided after six months. Starting at $12.28 per hour. Apply online, at the Transfer Station or at the Town Offices, Monday through Friday 8-4.

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Full Time Recycling Attendant-City of Lebanon

Applications are now being accepted for the Full Time position of Recycling Attendant, Solid Waste Management Group as further described below:

JOB TITLE: Recycling Attendant

GRADE: AFSCME/3

COMPENSATION RANGE: $18.60 to $22.17 per hour (hire rate: $18.60)

DEPARTMENT/GROUP: Public Works/Solid Waste Management

POSTING DATE: January 26, 2017

CLOSING DATE: February 24, 2017

DESCRIPTION:

Position performs skilled labor tasks involving the operations and maintenance of the recycling facility. Responds to emergency situations as necessary. Representative duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Operates the recycling facilities, monitors disposal and performs processing, and operates
2. Inspects inbound loads for compliance with policies, procedures and city
3. Determines product type and disposal
4. Maintains accurate records of all outbound and inbound loads in accordance with established policies and procedures and prepares daily, weekly and monthly
5. Performs daily checks and performs preventative and on-going maintenance as necessary to maintain the facilities and
6. Performs general maintenance on the recycling facilities and scale house to include housekeeping, painting, light carpentry and other maintenance
7. During snow removal operations, may operate a light truck with plow and assists with hand shoveling and other snow removal tasks as
8. Performs walk around inspection on assigned equipment and preventative maintenance tasks such as greasing, fluid top offs, necessary for the proper operation of equipment.
9. Promotes and maintains positive community
10. Operates scales and performs weighmaster duties as required.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

Graduation from High School or the equivalent; three (3) to five (5) years experience in solid waste operations; valid driver’s license; NHDES Solid Waste Operator and Weighmaster Certification. Current CDL desirable.

Full job description and City of Lebanon Employment Application are available online at http://www.lebanonnh.gov/jobs. A City of Lebanon Employment Application is required. Applications should be sent to human.resources@lebcity.com or by mail to: Human Resources, City of Lebanon, 51 North Park Street, Lebanon, New Hampshire 03766.

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Part-Time Director Wanted

The Composting Association of Vermont seeks a part-time Director. This position has variable hours, 15 – 30 per week. Most hours accrue November thru April. Competitive hourly rate; up to six months transition overlapping retiring Director. Job description, required experience, compensation, and Application Guidelines at: http://compostingvermont.org/jobs/director/

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Assistant Solid Waste Manager Wanted

The Town of Swanzey, NH is accepting applications for the position for Assistant Solid Waste Manager. This full time position works at the Town’s Recycling Center, assisting and participating in the management of the facility as well as its operations processing recyclables and accepting other solid waste. The position requires performing very physical tasks and experience with driving a bobcat and use of solid waste machinery is a must. Solid Waste Operator Level 1 certificate required and completion of Level 2 certification required within 1 year of hire. Pay range is $12.50 to $14.00 hourly.

A full job description and application is located on the town of Swanzey Website www.town.swanzey.nh.us TO APPLY, SEND RESUME AND APPLICATION TO: Town of Swanzey C/O Edna Coates, Humans Services and Resources Coordinator P.O. Box 10009, or deliver to 620 Old Homestead Hwy. Swanzey, NH 03446 or email to ecoates@town.swanzey.nh.us
Full Job description available on Town of Swanzey website:
http://www.town.swanzey.nh.us/vertical/sites/%7B760A44B6-0D83-4ACA-89A3-80792F1CB951%7D/uploads/Assistant_Solid_Waste_ManagerJob_Description.pdf


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Solid Waste Operations Foreman

The Town of Walpole is accepting applications for a Solid Waste Operations Foreman at the Walpole Recycling Center. The foreman will supervise the daily operation of the Recycling Center, hold or be able to qualify for a NHDES Level 1 Solid Waste Certificate, have mechanical aptitude, be a competent operator of motorized equipment and maintain department records.

A complete job description can be found at The Town of Walpole’s website at http://www.walpolenh.us/employment-opportunities

An employment application and a letter of interest can be mailed to the Town of Walpole Selectboard Office, Attn: Manager of Administration, PO Box 729 Walpole, NH 03608 or e-mailed to sdowning@walpolenh.us.

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Job Wanted-Senior Principal Operator

Senior Principal Operator seeking employment at a Transfer Station/Recycling Center in Northern part of state, preferably within 75 miles of Pittsburg. Currently employed as Transfer Station Supervisor in central NH, looking to move further north to help my aging Mom. 15 years experience in the waste management field, loader, backhoe, roll off experience, and forklift experience, have CDL-A. Working weekends not a problem. Please call 603-491-2780

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Items for Sale-Northwest Solid Waste District

Northwest Solid Waste District in Fairfax, Vermont have the following 3 items for sale. “Make an Offer” to Barry Domina: bdomina@nswwd.org
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VERTICAL BALER FOR SALE: — $5,000 or best offer

International Baler Corp
Model #CEB-603
Serial #0793132
Date of manufacture 7/93

Contact: City of Franklin, NH — 603-934-4103

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For Sale

USED 94 GALLON TOTERS FOR SALE

Count: 76
Cost: $20/each
Seller will Deliver.
Vendor’s (Seller’s) Logo on one side
Please call Joe at 1-978-670-7140

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Diesel Hyster Forklift & Two Balers for Sale

The Town of Canaan, NH has the following items for sale, Please contact Mike Samson (603-523-4501 x 5) if interested or if you have any questions.

1) 1986 Diesel Hyster H40 XL forklift, Load capacity 4,000 lbs.

2) TWO , Advance Lifts Downstroke Balers BR9000 SN 18004 997A and BR9000 SN 18004 997B. Looks like it’s rated for 15 HP but I haven’t climbed up to look.

Both in excellent condition. Acquired from NETC.

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More NH Municipal Job Postings...

Can be found at: https://www.nhmunicipal.org/Resources/ClassifiedAds

NRRA CALENDAR

February 2017

- February 16: NH the Beautiful Board Meeting-8:30 a.m. NRRA Offices
- February 20: NRRA Offices Closed-President’s Day

March 2017

- March 8- NRRA MOM Meeting-9:00 – 10:30 @ NRRA Offices
- March 15-Composting & Organics Stakeholder Meeting – 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. @ Concord Local Government Center, Triangle Park Drive, Concord
- March 24th-All Compost Bin Sale Orders Due no later than 4:30 p.m.