

2014 Washington Transfer Station Annual Report

Recycling Markets remained relatively stable in 2014. Commingled containers still cost us a small fee per ton to tip at the Keene recycling Center. And mixed fibers has had its ups and downs. We receive revenue for recycled items like scrap steel, copper, aluminum and lead acid batteries. This was the first year in 10 that the price per ton for light iron showed a decrease. This year Washington has received approximately \$10,000 dollars in recycling revenue. This revenue is set-aside in a trust fund to offset equipment replacement costs like containers. The current balance in this trust fund is about \$52,687.00 dollars.

Washington has entered into an agreement with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission to participate in a household hazardous waste collection in the summer of 2015. This will be a regional collection and other member towns will be able to attend. Washington will pay only for those households that participate at the collections which will be hosted this year in Newport, Lebanon, and Sunapee. Other towns will be billed separately. By participating in a regional collection, several towns split the set up fee therefore reducing Washington per household cost by approximately half. Look for more information this summer.

The household hazardous waste collection hosted by Washington in 2014 was a huge success. Over 80 households from Washington participated marking the collection as the most attended in our history. Participants from Goshen, Lempster, New London, Newbury and Sunapee also attended. The HHW collection in 2011 that Washington conducted on its own cost \$7,500.00. By partnering with other local towns the total cost to Washington for the 2014 collection was \$4,798.00.00, a significant savings.

Scale fees are assessed at .06 cents per pound for bulky items and construction and demolition debris. These fees are deposited into the town general fund and used by the Selectmen to offset taxes for the next year. Washington received approximately \$12,500.00 dollars in scale revenue this year. In addition to the scale revenue, Washington receives about \$10,000.00 dollars in Reimbursements from the Town of Stoddard for use of our transfer station per year which is also deposited into the Town General fund to help offset the cost of the transfer station.

The Town stopped accepting oversized wood and logs in 2014. Per State law, we may not burn any wood over 5" in diameter in the burn pile. Because there used to be a market for the oversized wood, we used to accept it and haul it to get chipped or ground. Now it costs the town to dispose of this wood and therefore we stopped accepting it. We apologize for the inconvenience and confusion this may have created last year.

The household trash compactor is running smoothly, however, the power unit that supplies the Rotary Phase three phase power to operate it failed last year. As a result we investigated a new technology that uses a power inverter to supply the current required

for the compactor. It is a very efficient way to generate 3 phase and will ultimately save the Town money for a long time.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all the residents and townspeople for their continued recycling efforts. Should you have any ideas or comments please share them with us.

Below is a comparison of wastes collected at the Transfer Station for 2013 and 2014:

Recyclables

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	
Commingled cans, bottles, plastic	68	63.5	Tons
Commingled paper, cardboard	49	52	Tons
Scrap steel	45	65.5	Tons
Construction Demolition	94	95	Tons
Lead acid batteries	2	1	Tons
Cathode Ray tubes/ Electronics	11	10.5	Tons
Used oil for recycle	1400	860	Gallons
Used antifreeze for recycle	50	45	Gallons
Air conditioners and refrigerators	66	86	Units
Automotive Tires	7.5	7	Tons
Propane Tanks	.64	.75	Tons

Land filled Waste

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	
Household compactor waste	386	374	Tons
Land filled Bulky waste	140	164	Tons

Respectfully submitted,
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