**Mad River Resource Management Alliance**

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**The Mad River Resource Management Alliance (MRRMA) includes the Towns of Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren and Waterbury. The Alliance was formed through an Interlocal Agreement that began in 1994. We changed our name in 2008 to reflect the fact that we are managing resources not wastes.**

**2022 was the first time in three years that the MRRMA was able to hold both a Spring and Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day event at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury. Our Spring event was held on April 2, 2022 and the “Fall” event was held on August 20, 2022. A total of 424 households participated in these events. We collected 12.22 tons of household hazardous waste at the events. Residents within the Alliance communities were able to bring all their architectural paints, waste pesticides, alkaline batteries and up to 10 additional gallons of hazardous waste to each event for disposal at no charge. The Alliance will swap your mercury fever thermometer for a digital thermometer at no charge at these events. Bring your mercury thermostats to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection and you will receive a coupon that can be redeemed for a $5.00 rebate by the Thermostat Recycling Corporation which will process the thermostats. We are planning two collection day events in 2023 at Harwood Union High School. They are scheduled for May 13, 2023 and October 14, 2023. We are working with US Ecology our new contractor.**

**A total of 300 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tank during 2022. The tank is located in Waitsfield at the Earthwise Transfer Station.**

**In 2022 textiles were collected at Rodney’s Rubbish Transfer Station and the Earthwise Transfer Station. The textiles are collected by Helpsy, a textile recycling company with facilities in New York and Massachusetts. They take clothing, footwear, linens, and accessories in any condition that are clean, dry and odorless at no charge. A total of 24.45 tons of textiles were collected in 2022.**

**Grow Compost of Vermont in Moretown and Casella collected food scraps and food processing residuals from the Washington West Supervisory Union waste streams, from other large generators in the MRRMA and in collection totes at the Moretown facility. A total of ~327 tons of food scraps were collected by Grow Compost of Vermont and Casella in 2022 in the MRRMA. Visit our web site at madriverrma.org. You will find information on solid waste issues on this web site.**

**The twenty sixth truckload sale of compost bins resulted in the distribution of 29 compost bins and 3 Green Cones. It is estimated that each compost bin can compost 650 pounds of garden and kitchen waste annually. This means rich soil to add to your garden and less waste to go to the landfill. We held two composting workshops for Alliance residents this year and expect to hold two more in 2023. The Alliance held a car and pickup truck tire and metal collection event at the Earthwise Transfer Station with additional collection at Rodney’s Rubbish Transfer Station in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 7, 2022. A total of 10.26 tons of tires and ~1 ton of metal were collected during this event. We are planning to hold a spring tire and metal collection in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 6, 2023**

**Alliance residents can bring their mixed paper, glass bottles and jars, metal cans and plastics #1 through #7, except for plastic film wrap, plastic bags, black plastic and beaded styrofoam for single stream recycling to the Earthwise Transfer Station and Rodney’s Rubbish Transfer Station and Redemption Center. There are also local haulers and Saturday Fast Trash Collections available in the Mad River Resource Management Alliance. Currently the recyclables are taken to the Chittenden County Materials Recovery Facility for processing.**

**There is a charge for collecting and processing recyclables. Computers, printers, monitors and televisions can be recycled at no charge at the Earthwise Transfer Station or the State Surplus Property Office on Route 2 in Waterbury. Other e-waste can be brought to the State Surplus Property facility in Waterbury and recycled at a small per pound fee. During 2022, a total of 17.89 tons of e-waste was collected. Additional information on this program is found on our web site. The Alliance is a member of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association which helps us market some recyclable commodities such as tires, propane cylinders other materials and assists with educational programs. The Alliance is also a member of the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI). As a stakeholder in the PSI we work with other entities to reduce the environmental and health impacts of a variety of consumer products. This is accomplished by looking at the life cycle impacts of products and their packaging. Things like energy and materials consumption, emissions during manufacturing, toxicity, worker safety and waste disposal are among the issues reviewed. The objective of product stewardship is to rethink the way things are created in order to have more sustainable products in the future. We are also a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council which provides a local focus on legislative initiatives and other stewardship issues.**

**Our Solid Waste Implementation Plan(SWIP) is updated every five years. The update is available for review at our website, madriverrma.org.**

**Backyard burning of trash is illegal and causes air pollution problems. Be a good neighbor and don’t burn trash. If you know of any illegal dumping sites within your town that would benefit from an Adopt a Site Program give John Malter, Alliance Administrator a call at 802-244-7373 and let’s see what we can do to help eliminate these types of problems together. The FY23 assessment for the administration and programs remains at $7.00 per capita.**

**The representatives of the Alliance include: Fayston, Chuck Martel; Moretown, Jonathan Siegel; Waitsfield, Sal Spinosa; Warren, Margo Wade; Waterbury, Alec Tuscany and John Malter from Waterbury is the Administrator for the Alliance.**