

Mad River Resource Management Alliance

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The Mad River Resource Management Alliance includes the Towns of Duxbury, Fayston, Moretown, Northfield, Roxbury, 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. Northfield and Roxbury joined the Alliance in 2010.

During 2013, the Alliance held two regular Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day events at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury on May 11, 2013 and on October 5, 2013. A total of 390 households participated in the regular events this year which represents 5 % of our population. We collected over 1095 gallons, 1,500 pounds and 3,684 feet of fluorescent bulbs at the two events. Residents within the Alliance communities are able to bring all their waste pesticides **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. Residents can also bring all their compact fluorescent bulbs(CFLs) or up to ten or fewer non-CFL general purpose mercury containing lamps. Starting with the 2014 season as a result of product stewardship legislation Vermonters will be able to bring their latex and oil based paints to our Household Hazardous Waste Collections. We are again planning two collection day events in 2014 at Harwood Union High School. They are scheduled for May 10 and October 4, 2014. We will also be holding a satellite collection in Northfield on October 4, 2014.

Over 482 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tanks during 2013. The tanks are located in Waitsfield at the Earthwise Transfer Station, Northfield Transfer Station and at the Moretown Landfill, Inc..

The Alliance is working with The Highfields Institute to provide training and educational programs that results in the composting of food scraps that have been diverted from Washington West Supervisory Union school waste streams. A total of 44 tons of food scraps from Washington West Supervisory Union School District were collected during the 2012-2013 school year for composting at the Grow Compost of Vermont facility in Moretown. Grow Compost waived their tipping fee for WWSU to encourage their participation in the program. Thanks for Grow Compost's support of the school program. The Alliance textile recycling program at the Moretown Landfill in conjunction with the Southeastern Vermont Community Action was moved to the side of the driveway at the Moretown Town Office on Route 2. You can bring all your clean clothing, linens and shoes to this site at no charge. A total of 1.6 Tons were collected in 2013 Visit our web site at madriverrma.org. You will find information on solid waste issues on this web site.

The seventeenth truckload sale of compost bins resulted in the distribution of 54 compost bins and 14 kitchen collectors. 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 will hold our Eighteenth Compost Bin Sale this spring. The Alliance held a car and pickup truck tire and metal collection event at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. and at the Earthwise Transfer Station in conjunction with Green Up Day in 2013. A total of ~ 508 tires and ~1 ton of metal were collected during this event. In the fall Alliance residents participated in the Wheels for Warmth Program held on October 26. We are planning to hold a spring tire and metal collection in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 3, 2014. In the fall, the Alliance will again coordinate with the organizers of the Wheels for Warmth Program in Middlesex to encourage participation in this program.

The certification of Cell 3 of the Moretown Landfill, Inc. (MLF). expired on July 15, 2013 and at that point the landfill was closed. An application for a Cell 4 has been submitted to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. The permitting process with public participation will begin in 2014. Alliance residents can bring their mixed paper, glass bottles and jars, metal cans and plastics #1 through #7, except for plastic film wrap and bags and beaded styrofoam for single stream recycling to the Earthwise Transfer Station, RTR Transfer Station or Northfield Transfer Station. 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. The Moretown Landfill, Inc. participated in the free disposal of roadside litter during the Green Up Day celebrations. Computers, printers, monitors and televisions can be recycled at no charge at the Earthwise Transfer Station, RTR Transfer Station or Northfield Transfer Station. From October, 2012 through September, 2013 more than 61 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 and other materials. 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 to stewardship issues.

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 244-7373 and let's see what we can do to help eliminate these types of problems together. The FY 14 assessment for the administrative and program costs is \$2.75 per capita. The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission provides accounting support to the Alliance. We thank them for this assistance.

The representatives of the Alliance include: Duxbury; Diane Lynch; Fayston, Bob Vasseur; Moretown, Jonathan Siegel; Northfield, Ruth Ruttenberg; Roxbury, Dave McShane; Waitsfield, Chris Pierson, Warren, Cindi Jones; Waterbury, Ed Steele and John Malter from Waterbury is the Administrator for the Alliance.