
The Mad River

Resource Management Alliance

For Residents of Fayston, Moretown, Roxbury, Waitsfield, Warren, Waterbury

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Paint Drop and Swap, October 5, 2019

The Mad River Resource Management Alliance (MRRMA), the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and Casella Resource Solutions are sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

When? Between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 5, 2019.

Where? Harwood Union High School, Route 100, Duxbury.

What? Bring your household pesticides, all your architectural paint (oil based and latex) and up to ten additional gallons of household hazardous chemicals at no charge. There is a fee of \$5.00 a gallon for liquid or \$5.00 a pound for solid hazardous chemicals over the amount described above. Check your garage, basement, barn, bathroom, storage shed, or under the sink to see if you have things that require special disposal at this event.

Pesticides: At this special day, as a result of a contract with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food and Markets Division, we have a program to help farmers, growers, and households to dispose of canceled or unwanted pesticides at no cost. Funding for this program comes from the registration fees that pesticide manufacturers pay for their products to be sold in Vermont. Only pesticides are covered by this contract. Planning to bring a large quantity of pesticides to this event? Please pre-register and provide a list of the pesticide types and quantities. Call John Malter, Alliance Administrator, at 244-7373, with pre-registration information.

Mercury Added Products: Items such as

thermometers, fluorescent light bulbs, mercury thermostats, switches, medical and scientific instruments, mercury batteries and other mercury containing products will be accepted at this event. We will swap your mercury fever thermometer for a digital thermometer. One digital per family.

Thermostat \$5.00 Incentive Program

As a result of Expanded Mercury Management Legislation passed in Vermont in 2008, manufacturers of mercury containing thermostats had to develop a collection and financial incentive program to manage these thermostats. The Thermostat Recycling Corporation (TRC) has developed a system that will provide a coupon that must be filled out by the person who brings their mercury thermostat to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. The cover of the thermostat must be included with the product. You will get a receipt and a mail back coupon that will be redeemed for \$5.00 after the TRC receives the thermostat and the coupon.

Batteries

Both single use batteries(primary) and Ni-Cd and small sealed lead rechargeable batteries can be recycled as a result of Vermont's most recent product stewardship laws. The single use batteries include non-rechargeable alkaline, carbon-zinc dry cell and lithium metal batteries. Waterbury True Value Hardware Store, Aubuchon's Hardware, SunCommon in Waterbury and Bisbee's Hardware in Waitsfield collect primary and rechargeable batteries from cell phones, power tools and other electronic equipment to the store at no charge. We can also take these various batteries during the household hazardous waste collection. Vermont leads the country in per capita collection of batteries by weight.

Paint Stewardship Program:

As a result of legislation on Paint Stewardship that was passed in 2013, all

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architectural paints are now eligible for recycling during our household hazardous waste collections (see page 3). This recycling is also available at many retail outlets that sell paint. To get the latest list of retail sites accepting paint for recycling year round check the paintcare.org web site.

Conditionally exempt small quantity generators of hazardous waste from within the Alliance must pre-register in order to participate in our collections. We need to estimate the types and quantities of waste that you plan to take to the event. Please contact Alliance Administrator John Malter (244-7373) to pre-register by October 3, 2019.

Not Allowed?

Some other wastes can't be accepted: radioactive wastes such as some smoke detectors (return them to the retailer or manufacturer), propane tanks and other compressed gases should be returned to the retailer, infectious wastes (contact your doctor's office or hospital for safe disposal); prescription drugs (participate in a DEA Drug Take Back program); explosives such as ammunition and flares (contact the state police for instructions in proper handling and disposal).

Changes in the Mad River Resource Management Alliance

Rodney's Rubbish Transfer Station and Redemption Center is now operating at the former site of the RTR Transfer Station in Waterbury. Besides continuing to offer all of the services he provided at his old location he is also a bottle and can redemption center.

A & J Recycling is now operating on Saturday's behind the Village Grocery in Waitsfield. Information on pricing and hours of operation for both of these services are found on page 4.

Universal Recycling Law, Act 148

A significant portion of the waste stream that is disposed is composed of recyclable products, leaf and yard residuals and food scraps that could be diverted from landfills and put to better use. The goal of this law is to provide all Vermont residents with the opportunity to improve the rate of diversion of these resources from disposal at a landfill. There are phased in bans on certain materials (recyclables, leaf and yard residuals

and food scraps) and by requiring parallel collection (requiring collection of these materials at the same location where trash is collected), more of these materials can be diverted from disposal. Here's the list of materials that are banned from the landfill: Mandated recyclables: aluminum and steel cans, aluminum foil and aluminum pie pans, glass bottles and jars from foods and beverages, PET (#1) and HDPE (#2) plastic bottles and jugs, corrugated cardboard, white and mixed paper, newspaper, magazines, catalogues, paper mail and envelopes, boxboard, paper bags; Leaf/Yard waste and clean wood waste. By July 1, 2020 Food Scraps are banned from landfills.

While vegetative food scraps and lawn and garden vegetative scrap should be diverted from the landfill, the law does not include meat scraps, fish or bones. These materials can continue to be thrown in your trash.

As a result of changes in global markets in recycling, especially in China, the legislature has recognized that a fee may be charged at facilities that take in recyclables. There has always been a cost associated with managing these resources. The take away on this is by being a thoughtful consumer you can reduce the amount of material that needs to be managed as a waste or a recyclable and ultimately you will save money..

Single Use Products Law

During the last legislative session (**Act 69 of 2019**) was passed and this Act created several significant changes.

Single Use Plastic Bags

The law established prohibitions for stores and food service establishments from providing single-use plastic carryout bags at the point of sale. This does not apply to plastic bags for prescription medicines, dry cleaning, produce bags and other small items bags that are not at the point of sale. Single use paper carryout bags can be offered at the point of sale for a minimum customer charge of ten cents per bag which the stores keep. Instead of using a single use bag, folks should bring their own reusable durable bags. Just remember to stick a bunch of those bags in the back of your car so they are always there for you when you go out and about.

Expanded Polystyrene (Styrofoam) Food and Beverage Containers

Foam cups, take out and to go containers, plates, trays, and cartons for eggs and other foods. This does not apply to meat or fish packaging or food that is packaged out of state or sold out of state. Instead of using single use Styrofoam, use washable, plates, cups, bowls and trays or use paper cups, plates, bowls and to go containers especially those with post-consumer recycled content. Recyclable aluminum and plastic to go containers are also available.

Plastic Straws

Plastic straws will be eliminated by July 1, 2020 except they can be given upon a customer request and hospitals, nursing homes, independent and assisted living and residential care facilities can provide plastic straws. Instead of a plastic straw, drink without a straw, or the store can provide paper or bamboo straws or look into stainless steel straws.

Plastic Stirrers

Once the stores have used up any inventory of stirrers, or other single use products purchased before May 15, 2019 the store has until July 1, 2021 to use up the previously purchased product. Use a washable spoon or wooden stir stick in place of a plastic stirrer.

Random Ramblings

Everyone has an opinion about how to handle recycling and trash. Most folks just want it out of sight and as cheaply and conveniently as possible. We know that we are in a global economy and there is only one operating landfill here in Vermont. You can make a difference by shopping with an eye toward not only making a bunch of yummy meals but minimizing the amount of waste you'll create from your purchase. Consider purchasing your item in bulk with less packaging. Is the product that I'm purchasing using recyclable packaging or something that will wind up in the trash? Your shopping footprint and your waste footprint are tied together in the short and long term. So shop with an eye toward reducing your waste line.

With the holidays just around the corner, you can still purchase a Soil Saver Compost Bin for \$52.00 from the MRRMA. They make an excellent gift and it is the gift that keeps on giving.. Contact John Malter at 244-7373 if you are interested in purchasing a bin and it doesn't need wrapping paper. Happy foliage.



Paint Recycling Program

About the Vermont PaintCare Program

PAINTCARE

Paint manufacturers created PaintCare, a non-profit organization, to set up convenient places for households and businesses to recycle leftover paint. PaintCare sets up paint drop-off sites throughout states that adopt paint stewardship laws.

PAINTCARE PRODUCTS

These products have fees when purchased and will be accepted for free at PaintCare drop-off sites:

- Latex paints (acrylic, water-based)
- Oil-based paints (alkyd)
- Stains
- Primers and undercoaters
- Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes
- Deck and floor paints
- Sealers and waterproofing coatings for wood, concrete and masonry

FEES

PaintCare fees are applied to the purchase price of architectural paint sold in the state as required by state law. Fees, effective 8/1/16 are based on container size as follows:

Half pint or less	\$ 0.00
More than half pint to less than 1 gallon	\$ 0.49
1 gallon	\$ 0.99
More than 1 gallon up to 5 gallons	\$ 1.99


For more information or to find a place to take your unwanted paint for recycling, please ask for the PaintCare brochure, visit www.paintcare.org or call (855) 724-6809.

NON-PAINTCARE PRODUCTS

- Paint thinners and solvents
- Aerosol paints (spray cans)
- Auto and marine paints
- Paint additives, colorants, tints, resins
- Wood preservatives (containing pesticides)
- Asphalt, tar and bitumen-based products
- 2-component coatings
- Coatings used for Original Equipment Manufacturing or shop application
- Any non-coatings (caulk, spackle, cleaners, etc.)



Recycle with PaintCare

RECYCLABLES & OTHER MATERIALS/WHAT THEY ARE/WHERE THEY GO FALL 2019			
	Earthwise Transfer Station, Waitsfield	Rodney's Rubbish Transfer Station and Redemption Center, Waterbury	A & J Recycling, Behind Village Grocery, Waitsfield
Hours of Operation	8 a.m.-3 p.m./ Mon, Wed, Fri. 8 a.m. -1 p.m./ Sat	9 a.m.-6 p.m./Wed. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. /Thurs-Fri. 8 a.m.-2 p.m./Sat Redemption Center closes a half hour before the transfer station	7 a.m.-11:30 a.m./Sat.
Charges	\$8.50/45 gal bag trash; \$5.00/30 gal. bag trash; 2.85/15 gal bag, \$4.50/30 gal for Sr's, 2.50/15 gal bag for seniors; Recycling~ 30 gal. or less \$2.00 add \$1.00 for each additional 15 gal; cardboard \$4.00/cu. yd; crankcase oil \$4.50/gal, no limit; \$6.00/car pu trk/off rim; \$12.00/ car pu trk tire on rim; \$55/cu. yd construction debris but shingles and sheet rock \$90/cu. yd; Yard/garden material \$50/cu. yd. Food scraps \$2.00/gal. CFLs and primary batteries taken at no charge. E-waste collection site-computer systems and peripherals, monitors, printers, televisions-no charge for residents, non-profits, small businesses and school districts	\$5.00/30 gal. bag of trash, \$6.00 for heavier bag, Equal amount of trash and recycling, no charge for recycling; \$2.00 per 30 gal. bag of additional recycling, construction and demolition debris \$35.00/cu. yd.; asphalt shingles \$75.00/cu. yd.; T.V's- \$5.00, Computer Towers Free, \$5.00-car and pickup truck tire with rim to 18", \$7.00 or more for tires > 18"; 1 # propane cylinder-\$2, 20 # -\$10; Yard waste-\$20/cu. yd.; Food scraps-\$30/15 gal. bag	\$2.50/13 gal. bag of trash, \$4.50/30 gal., \$8.00/45 gal, more if overweight, min. \$1.00/30 gal bag of recycling, \$0.50 each additional 15 gal., construction and demolition debris \$55/cu. yd., asphalt shingles \$90.00/cu.yd., TV, Computer, Monitor, Printer, first one free per customer after that \$4.00/unit, car tires no rim 17" and less \$7.00 each, with rim-\$15.00, Truck tire >17" \$35.00, with rim-\$50.00, Commercial truck tire-\$50.00, with rim \$65.00, 1# empty propane cylinder-\$1.50, 20 #-\$3.50, Yard waste-\$80.00/cu. yd. Food Scraps-\$5.00/5 gal. bucket
Phone	496-6394	793-3640	505-0630
Cardboard, including corrugated and boxboard	Yes	Yes	Yes
Glass Containers	All colors, no bottle caps	All Colors	All Colors
Newsprint	Yes	Yes	Yes
Office Paper including white, colored and mixed office paper	Yes	Yes, No paper towels or plates, no wrapping paper	Yes
Only Metal food and beverage containers	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gable-top milk and juice cartons and drink boxes	No	No	No
Plastic containers (#1) through (#7) except no plastic bags (#4) or foam polystyrene (#6), No black plastic, no flower pots, toys or bins	Yes	Yes, , no oil, dry gas or antifreeze containers	Yes
White goods such as refrigerators, freezers, washers and dryers	Yes, \$15.00 /appliance, Freon containing products i.e. freezers and refrigerators add \$40.00, Commercial coolers-\$150.00	Yes, Freon containing products i.e. refrigerators and air conditioners add \$25.00.	Yes, Small appliances-\$12.00, large appliances \$10.00, Freon containing products \$35.00/unit, Larger Freon appliances may be more.
Tires	Yes	Yes	Yes
Construction and demolition debris	Yes	Yes	Yes
Used crankcase oil	Yes	No	No
Household refuse	Yes	Yes	Yes