

Eco - Depot in NS
August 6, 2016 - Saturday
NS High School Parking Lot
8 am - 1 pm

Household hazardous waste includes: CFL bulbs, paints, propane tanks, antifreeze, mercury thermostats, lawn chemicals & sprays driveway sealers to name a few.

This is a safe, FREE way for RI residents to handle this waste. Make an appointment today at 942-1430 x 241.

Victory Day Holiday
August 8, 2106 - Monday
Trash & recycling will not be collected on the holiday and will be postponed by one day for the rest of the week.



TOWN of NORTH SMITHFIELD - RECYCLING - Donna Kaehler - 767-2200 x 345
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NS RECYCLING UP FROM LAST YEAR



The town is pleased to announce our yearly recycling numbers. This year, NS sent more tons of waste to be recycled, (1,494 to be exact), and less tons of trash (3,117 tons) were landfilled. These new numbers mean what we collected in the blue bins, gave us a recycling rate of 32.4%, up from 29.3% last year.

Recycling rates, if we hit certain benchmarks, give rebates back to the town. This year's recycling rate, qualifies us for a rebate of \$2 per ton or \$6,200. And the town will also receive an additional check based on market value the recyclables earned. Last year that meant another \$7,000 for NS.

While we are pleased to reach 32%, our goal is a recycling rate of 35%. NS is inching closer. That would up the recycling rebate to \$3 per ton and we would also reach the mandatory recycling rate set by our state. Five towns have already hit this target.

Residents, visitors at our parks, students & school staff are all need to help us reach this goal. Simply all we have to do is make sure ALL accepted recyclables are out of our trash bags. For a complete list of what belongs in the recycle bin, visit www.recycletogetherri.org.

But don't stop recycling there. Our town & state have many additional drop off programs that recycle waste beyond what's allowed in the curbside bin. Clothing, metal, large plastics, TVs, household hazardous waste, plastic bags are additional items we can also keep out of the trash and recycle instead.

We hope this year brings more recycling, reaching our goal and ultimately less trash. We will save town money, help our environment as well as save precious landfill space. (See how our RI landfill is doing below).

MATTRESS DROP - OFF @ The Garage



NS residents are welcome to bring recyclable mattresses & box springs to the highway garage on Saturdays 9 am - 3pm.

Mattresses that have been used in RI that are dry and in reasonable condition will be accepted at no charge. Please, only 4 pieces can be accepted per visit.

Because these pieces are being dismantled and recycled, items that are heavily soiled, infested, mangled or soaking wet cannot be accepted. Beds in that condition need to go directly to RIRRC as trash and will incur disposal fees.

WHAT'S ALLOWED in the TRASH ?



Only weekly household trash can be collect in the town curbside program,. That means waste generated from your home during regular activities.

Unfortunately our service does not allow waste from renovations, hazardous items, mattresses, yard waste or other recyclable items. Not sure. Call before you move items out to the curb. Sorry, but we have to leave any unaccepted items.



LANDFILL FILLING QUICKLY

In just 6 months, the first section of Phase IV, the final area of the landfill, has been "floored". This means the entire bottom layer is already filled with trash. This filled quicker than expected which could alter the 22 year life expectancy of RI's only landfill.

Again this brings up the looming question, "What happens after the landfill runs out of space?" Unfortunately, no set solution is known at this time.

Solid waste professionals can only suggest - more recycling and less trash as the quickest, easiest solution to prolong the use of our current facility. The hope is all residents & businesses will make sure and pay attention to what they actually place in their trash bags. We must become responsible recyclers now -- otherwise the bigger, more expensive problem will be here sooner rather than later.

NS Highway Garage - 281 Quaker Highway
Summer hours: Mon.- Friday 7-3; Sat. 9-3

