Public Works Department
2014 Landfill/Transfer Station Report

In 2012 the Department of Public Works (DPW) worked closely with its' consultant, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), and with Northeast Earth Mechanics to complete the closure of the Town of Farmington's landfill in October 2012. Additionally, the town submitted an application for partial reimbursement of the landfill closure costs to the NHDES. The application for reimbursement was approved in December 2013.

In May 2012 the Town officially opened and began operating our new transfer station. A list of the materials that the transfer station is permitted by the NHDES to accept is posted on the Town's website, and is also located at the transfer station and Municipal Building. With the opening of the transfer station the Town discontinued sorting, bailing and marketing its recyclables to outside vendors and/or end-users, and began receiving and processing its recyclables utilizing the "single-stream" method which allows all recyclables (including all plastics) to be disposed of by the Town's residents into one compactor. Acceptable recyclables include plastic number 1 thru 7 narrow necked containers, tin, aluminum, glass containers, and paper materials including newspaper, magazines, mixed paper, junk mail, and cardboard. We encourage all residents to recycle. Recycling reduces your individual costs by reducing the number of Town trash decals you have to purchase and also saves the Town budget $46/ton in tipping fees.

Thank you to all those who continue to use the Town's transfer station and who actively participate in the Town's recycling efforts. In 2014 the Town sent 509.04 tons of municipal solid waste to the Turnkey landfill for disposal along with 287.41 tons of bulky/demo wastes. Residents recycled 319.76 tons using single stream recycling with a recycling rate of 38%. The residents also recycled 10,295 pounds of electronics and 44.26 tons of scrap metal. We continue to encourage comments and/or suggestions that may assist us as we continue to fine tune the operations of our new transfer station in 2015. Our mission is to continue to better serve the residents of Farmington in a professional, courteous, timely, and efficient manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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