



REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE

ANNUAL REPORT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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Holland	Darrell Martin	UTGs	Barb Nolan
Irasburg	Dustin Sanville	(UTGs include Averill, Avery's Gore, Ferdinand, Lewis, Warner's Grant, & Warrens Gore)	
Jay	Dave Sanders		
Kirby	Vacant		
Lunenburg	Jim Peyton		
Lyndon	Steve Gray		
	Vacant		
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Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2024 by processing more recycling compared to 2023 – 2,802 tons in 2024 compared to 2,330 tons in 2023. While tonnages for most commodities remained similar to 2023, several commodities showed modest increases. Compostable material, tires, mixed paper, and clothing lead the way. Glass and electronics decreased slightly. Cardboard, plastic, metal, and batteries were virtually the same as 2023. Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), in general, was up nearly 10% (1,456 tons) in 2024 compared to 2023. Recycling markets were average or slightly above average for most of 2024.

The NEKWMD ended 2024 with a surplus of \$65,746.46. Revenues in 2024 were 22.3% above projections, while expenses were 15.4% above projections. Revenues from tire disposal, scrap metal, and the surcharge were responsible for strong revenues in 2024. Some fees used to generate revenues will increase headed into 2025. The surcharge will increase \$2.75/ton from \$26.75 in 2024 to \$29.50 in 2025. This represents a \$0.07 increase on a standard bag of trash. Hauling fees to service recycling centers and schools will be increasing as well in 2025. The rate for recycling centers will increase from \$49/stop to \$55/stop, and the rate for schools will increase from \$33/stop to \$37/stop. Fees for tires will remain unchanged in 2025 as will the per capita assessment (\$1.16/person).

The NEKWMD is entering 2025 with a budget of \$1,030,997 – an increase of 8.8% compared to 2024. The NEKWMD was staffed by eleven full-time and two part-time employees in 2024. The District will be adding a full-time employee in 2025.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2024. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only the Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD, and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 47,600 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

NEKWMD Executive Committee

Programs

Batteries

Vermont continues to lead the nation in per capita battery recycling. This year was the thirteenth full year of our battery collection program. With 27 District facilities and numerous pharmacy and retail locations, residents have ample access to convenient battery recycling throughout the NEK. These locations accept all primary and rechargeable household batteries, including alkaline, nickel-cadmium, lithium, and metal hydride battery chemistries.

In 2024, NEKWMD locations collected 7.5 tons of primary and rechargeable batteries, a slight increase from 2023. In addition to primary and rechargeable batteries, the NEKWMD collected 7.5 tons of lead acid batteries. These batteries are taken to a battery manufacturer where plastic, lead, zinc, and sulfuric acid are recovered for reuse and recycling.

Current market trends suggest that lithium-ion battery use will greatly increase in consumer products within the next decade. Damaged lithium-ion batteries are prone to cause fires if punctured. Please be cautious when recycling damaged lithium-ion batteries by bagging the battery separately and handing directly to the recycling attendant.

Bulky Waste Events

Bulky wastes are large household items such as furniture, painted or treated wood, and carpeting. During 2024, ten towns offered special collections for bulky waste, and twelve towns collected this material year-round at their transfer stations. In comparison, only four towns held bulky collections in 2002. These events have increased steadily over the years. It is our intention to ensure that all NEKWMD residents have access to this type of service. Special collections for bulky wastes help reduce the illegal dumping and burning of these otherwise hard to dispose of materials.

Clothing

In 2024, the NEKWMD collaborated with Apparel Impact, a NH-based textile recycler, who has placed collection containers in several District communities. A total of 170 tons of clothing was collected from the following District Towns – Barnet, Charleston, Danville, Derby, Groton, Lunenburg, Lyndon, Marshfield, Ryegate, and Waterford. Look for the white bins with red lettering. Communities can host Apparel Impact clothing recycling bins at their recycling center or any other town-owned location (some restrictions apply). Apparel Impact collects clothing, textiles, shoes, and accessories. This program does not accept any moldy or odorous clothing. If interested in learning more about hosting an Apparel Impact clothing recycling bin in your community, visit <https://www.apparelimpact.com/> or contact Apparel Impact at 603-867-3340.

Scrap Metal

The scrap metal yard at our Lyndonville facility saw a steady stream of scrap metal in 2024 with a total of 128 tons of scrap metal being collected. Scrap metal is collected in roll-off containers that are removed as needed.

White goods collected in Lyndonville are drained of all ozone depleting gas and stripped of PCB containing ballasts and transformers as well as mercury containing switches and thermocouples. Scrap metal collections in other NEKWMD towns yielded an additional 281 tons of material. Scrap metal is collected in Albany, Barre, Brighton, Concord, Corinth, Danville, Derby, Glover, Greensboro, Lunenburg, Lyndon, Morgan, Norton, Peacham, Ryegate, Troy, Waterford, Westfield, Westmore, and Wheelock. Bloomfield, Maidstone, and Newbury collect scrap metal at their bulky waste events.

As part of the scrap metal collections, the NEKWMD removed mercury switches from gas stoves and chest freezers, drained over 1,000 Freon-containing appliances, and removed PCB-containing light ballasts.

Used Oil and Oil Filters

Fifteen (15) transfer stations in the NEKWMD currently collect used oil and oil filters – Albany, Cabot, Concord, Corinth, Derby, Glover, Holland, Lunenburg, Lyndon, Morgan, Norton, Peacham, Ryegate, Westfield, and Westmore. These facilities reported receiving over 2,200 gallons of used motor oil. We consistently collect over 1,400 gallons of used oil annually.

In addition to used oil, 1.25 tons of oil filters were collected for recycling. If each filter contains four ounces of oil, then over 150 gallons of oil was kept out of the landfill and, eventually, out of the groundwater. Used oil is burned in our EPA certified used-oil furnace and given to other locations with similar units.

Household Hazardous Waste

2024 marked our 24th year of summer-long collection in Lyndonville. We accepted hazardous wastes, by appointment, from May 2nd through October 3rd. This collection has made it convenient for residents and conditionally exempt generators (CEG) to dispose of their hazardous materials properly. It has also helped us to have one of the highest participation rates in Vermont with one of the lowest costs per participant. Collection events were also held in the towns of Brunswick, Derby, Greensboro, Lunenburg, Lyndon, Newport Center, Peacham, and Ryegate. These collections allow residents in outlying areas easier access to dispose of their hazardous materials properly. Nearly 3,600 households from throughout the NEKWMD participated in hazardous waste collections during 2024.

Businesses who qualify as conditionally exempt generators may use our disposal services as well. They pay for the cost of disposal but can save money compared to using a

hazardous waste contractor because the NEKWMD pays lower disposal costs than average and absorbs the transportation fees.

Recycling

Recycling remains our most important and visible program. 30 facilities scattered throughout the NEKWMD allow easy access to recycling for most residents. NEKWMD residents and businesses recycled over 15,200 tons of material in 2024. See the charts at the end of this report for information on town recycling rates and a breakdown of the materials that have been recycled through our material recovery facility.

As one of the few waste districts in Vermont to process its own materials, the NEKWMD sold \$97,000 worth of recyclables in 2024. That figure is approximately one and a half times what was received in 2023. Higher commodity prices and slightly more material contributed to higher recycling revenues in 2024. While costs to process single stream recycling continue to increase, the NEKWMD is still able to generate revenue from the sale of recycling. This allows us to continue to offer recycling at rates far lower than some other Districts in the State of Vermont.

As technology and market forces change, the NEKWMD is constantly researching materials to be included in our list of recyclables. In 2022, the NEKWMD collaborated with Foam Cycle, a manufacturer of an EPS foam (Styrofoam) densifying machine, to offer District residents a six-month pilot project for EPS foam collection and recycling throughout the NEKWMD. We began collecting EPS foam in Lyndonville in August of 2022 and have expanded collection to Barnet, Cabot, Danville, Glover, Greensboro, Morgan, Ryegate, and Westfield in 2023, and Brighton and Newport Center in 2024. We sought and received grant funding to purchase the machine outright in 2023. We would like to thank the USDA and Town of Lyndon for their grant contributions to fully fund this very popular program. At the end of 2024 we had collected just under 20 tons of foam for recycling. A complete list of acceptable materials is listed on the inside of the back cover of this report.

Compost

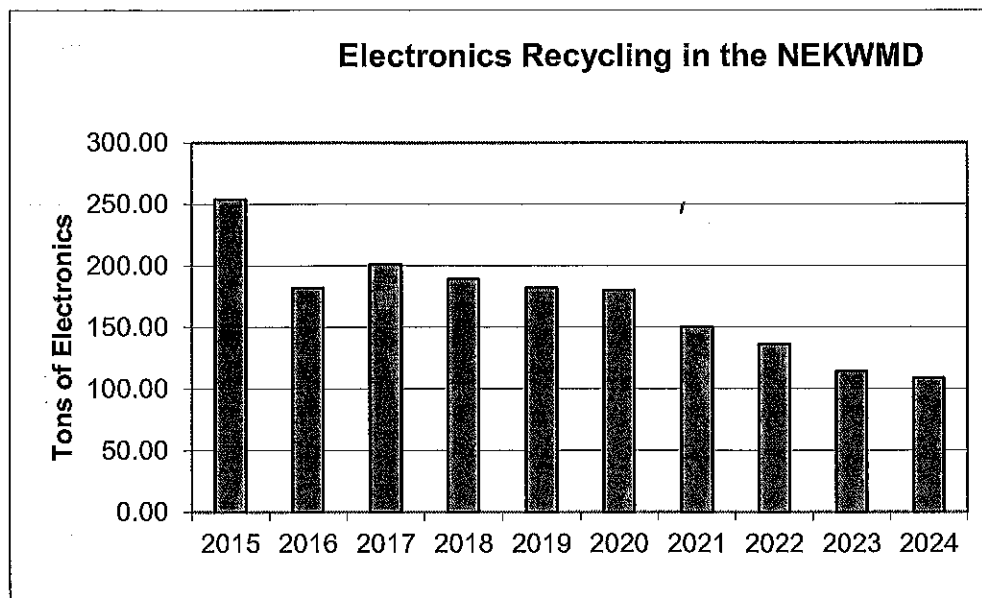
In 2024, the diversion of organic material for composting saw an increase of 7% compared to 2023. As of July 1, 2020, organic material is banned from landfill disposal. A total of 703 tons of organic material was diverted from landfills in 2024 – up from 656 tons in 2023. All transfer stations within the NEKWMD accept food scraps. In addition, several recycling-only facilities collect food scraps for composting and/or feed for chickens. The NEKWMD continues to look for ways to expand composting opportunities throughout the district. We would like to extend a special thanks to all residents and businesses for their time and effort in diverting food waste from area landfills and keeping these programs running smoothly.

The following in-District totals include food wastes collected by the NEKWMD, Agri-Cycle (S. Portland, Maine) Cloud's Path Farm (Sheffield), Black Dirt Farm (Stannard), Four Town Composting (Danville), Keep-It-Green (Albany), Mar-Jo Acres (Irasburg), and Casella (formerly Grow Compost of VT).

Town	Food Waste	Leaf/Yard Waste	Total
Albany	6.1		6.1
Barnet	9.07		9.07
Brighton	5.67		5.67
Brownington	2.5		2.5
Cabot	7.34		7.34
Charleston	0		0
Concord	9.07		9.07
Corinth	1.35		1.35
Danville	47.78	5.36	53.14
Derby	49.10	24	73.10
East Haven	2.79		2.79
Glover	13.62		13.62
Groton	2.47		2.47
Greensboro	70.52		70.52
Holland	0		0
Irasburg	2.85		2.85
Jay	15.21		15.21
Lunenburg	1.58		1.58
Lyndon	489.93	10	499.93
Marshfield	.75		.75
Morgan	3.54		3.54
Newark	5.33		5.33
Newbury	14.76		14.76
Newport Center	8.94		8.94
Norton	0		0
Peacham	8.4		8.4
Ryegate	6.83	6.25	13.07
Sheffield/Wheelock	7.86		7.86
Stannard	7.56		7.56
Sutton	0		0
Topsham	1.35		1.35
Troy	.75		.75
Waterford	9.63		9.63
Westfield	4.59		4.59
Westmore	1.88		1.88

TOTAL 805.41 71.61 890.73

Electronics Recycling



The collection of electronics (televisions and computers) dropped again in 2024. The amount of e-waste being collected appears to have peaked in 2014. While we still receive some of the larger, older TVs and computer monitors, most of the units we see these days are far lighter than their older counterparts. NEKWMD residents and businesses recycled 109 tons of e-waste in 2024. Televisions, computers, and computer peripherals are collected free at 22 locations throughout the NEKWMD. Check our website for the location nearest you.

Discarded electronics go to Good Point Recycling in Middlebury, Vermont where they are refurbished or de-manufactured and recycled. The NEKWMD also accepts most stereo, video, gaming systems and components, cellular phones, and toner cartridges for recycling at no charge.

The NEKWMD has been collecting E-wastes since 2001. We collected 1.53 tons that first year.

Reuse & Repair

Reuse is a great opportunity for items that still have life in them but no longer have use to you. There are many local forums to both offer and find reused goods.

- www.frontporchforum.com – This Vermont-specific forum is organized by region so postings are only shared in the immediate area. This forum is a great way to connect with the community.
- facebook.com/marketplace – You must have a Facebook account to use marketplace. This forum is another great tool to offer items locally.

- <http://vermont.wheelsforwishes.org/> - Donate your car or truck or RV and get a tax deduction. Proceeds from the sale of your donated vehicle go directly to Make-A-Wish-Vermont and helps local children.
- Good News Garage also takes cars and gives to community members in need. <https://goodnewsgarage.org/>
- Instead of putting a working computer in the E-waste bin, Community Hub in St. Johnsbury will take them, give you a generous tax write off, and make sure a community member in need receives the equipment. Check this local organization out at <https://www.stjcommunityhub.org/>
- <https://vermont.craigslist.org/>- Craigslist is another widely-used forum to offering/finding reused products.

In addition to these on-line services, you can still find print sources for reuse opportunities in many local stores. *The Green Mountain Trading Post* and *Uncle Henry's* are two of the more popular sources. Local newspapers throughout the Northeast Kingdom often advertise yard sales, rummage sales, clothing drives, and other reuse activities.

While the NEKWMD is not directly involved in clothing swaps, we are always looking for these opportunities throughout our region and promoting them on our website and other electronic means.

Schools

Through our continued contact with Northeast Kingdom schools, we have helped implement school recycling programs throughout the NEKWMD. Since 2015, all District schools have a recycling program. Likewise, the vast majority of schools have food scrap composting programs, many of which are utilizing our off-site hauling service or composting on-site with NEKWMD resources.

The NEKWMD Outreach Coordinator is available to assist schools in member towns with waste management education and training, recycling/composting program implementation, in-class presentations, scheduling tours and field trips of our recycling facility or other regional waste management facilities.

This year the NEKWMD concentrated our outreach efforts on connecting with school custodian and maintenance staff. Outreach focused on proper and safe disposal of landfill-banned materials, including food scraps, food waste, household hazardous chemicals, and EPR products.

Outreach

In addition to school outreach, our Outreach Coordinator is available for educational and technical assistance to help businesses and organizations in member towns comply with Vermont's Universal Recycling Law, landfill disposal bans, and the Single-Use Product Ban. The NEKWMD offers technical assistance, employee training, signage, or any other resource available to help the business comply with Act 148.

The NEKWMD Outreach Coordinator supports member towns in educating residents by periodically updating our website with informational resources as well as conducting in-person outreach with informational tables at recycling centers, county fairs, farmer's markets, school community open houses, and other community gatherings.

Regulatory Services

Compliance

With the adoption of the Universal Recycling Law - Act 148, Vermont has taken an ambitious step to reduce the amount of material that goes to the landfill. Universal Recycling gives all Vermonters the opportunity to keep valuable materials out of landfills by providing convenient and consistent services for recycling and composting throughout the state.

In 2024, the District continued to assist our membership with compliance in accordance with Act 148. The NEKWMD completed Certification and recertification applications to the State of Vermont for transfer stations and recycling centers. Certifications are completed as new towns enter the NEKWMD and present towns rebuild or relocate facilities. Existing facilities are re-certified every ten years in accordance with State law. The NEKWMD ensures that over 30 facilities throughout the NEKWMD are properly certified by the State of Vermont.

The NEKWMD completes facility reports for 28 member towns, including Albany, Barnet, Brighton, Brownington, Cabot, Concord, Corinth, Danville, Derby, Glover, Greensboro, Groton/Ryegate, Holland, Lyndon, Morgan, Newark, Newbury, Newport Town, Norton, Peacham, Sheffield/Wheelock, Troy/Jay, Waterford, Westfield, and Westmore. We are willing to complete facility reports for any member town that may need assistance.

Summary of Universal Recycling Law - Act 148

The Universal Recycling Law calls for trash to be charged on a per unit basis, often referred to as unit-based pricing (charge per bag or by weight). Simultaneously, the law phased in landfill disposal bans on listed recyclables, leaf and yard debris, clean wood debris, and food scraps. Universal Recycling also provides more opportunities for residents to separate recyclables, food scraps, and leaf and yard debris by requiring solid waste haulers, transfer stations, and drop-off facilities to offer residential collection services for these materials. The bans were phased-in based on the type of material (recyclables, leaf and yard debris, clean wood debris, or food scraps), and the type and size of the generator (businesses, municipalities, solid waste facilities and haulers, or residents). The phased timeline also allowed for the gradual development of services and infrastructure needed to recycle and compost all of these valuable materials. As of July 1, 2020, the law has been fully implemented.

Get to Know Us

On the Web

Check us out on the web at www.nekwmd.org. Residents can find tips for reducing waste, an up-to-date A-Z waste disposal guide, and answers to questions about recycling, composting, hazardous waste disposal, and more. The calendar of events is updated bi-annually as new events are scheduled. There are also links to other sites of interest. We can also be contacted on our Facebook page where we answer questions and post events from our calendar. If you have any questions or would like to see additional information posted on our site, please contact Corey Raynor at outreach@nekwmd.org.

Our Personal Commitment

NEKWMD personnel engage in a number of reuse activities in a continual effort to keep costs down. It is standard office policy to purchase recycled office supplies, make double-sided copies, and use both sides of a sheet of paper before it is discarded for recycling. At the same time, all office and warehouse personnel compost coffee grounds and other suitable organic wastes.

All of NEKWMD's equipment such as pallets, metal and fiber drums, large plastic bags, and Gaylord boxes used at your local recycling center is, in fact, reused. This practice has allowed us significant savings. If purchased new, any such equipment would be an estimated \$8,000 annually. The open and closed top steel drums used by the household hazardous waste program alone would cost approximately \$3,000 annually, if purchased new.

As a public service organization, NEKWMD staff is continuously striving to find areas for improvement and cost savings.

Financial Information

Grants

The NEKWMD received several grants in 2024. A summary of the grants is provided in the following chart.

Granting Authority	Purpose	Grant Amount
VT Agency of Natural Resources	Solid Waste Implementation Plan – HHW, Etc.	\$73,583.66
VT Agency of Natural Resources	Organics	\$61,521.45
VT Agency of Natural Resources	Pesticide Grant	\$2,497.50
USDA Grant	Polystyrene Grant	\$36,000.00
	2024 Total	\$173,602.61

Indebtedness Statement as of 12/31/2024

<u>CHANGES IN DEBT FOR 2024</u>		
Equipment Loans (including interest)		
	'23 Skid Steer	\$52,140.24
	'21 Truck	\$101,308.12
TOTAL NOTES PAYABLE 2024		\$153,448.36
Reductions in notes payable		
	'23 Skid Steer	(\$17,380.08)
	'21 Truck	(\$101,308.12)
REMAINING NOTES PAYABLE 12/31/2023		\$34,760.16

Fund Balance as of 12/31/2024

DISTRICT FUND BALANCE **\$65,746.46**

Figure 1 - Total Recyclables Processed

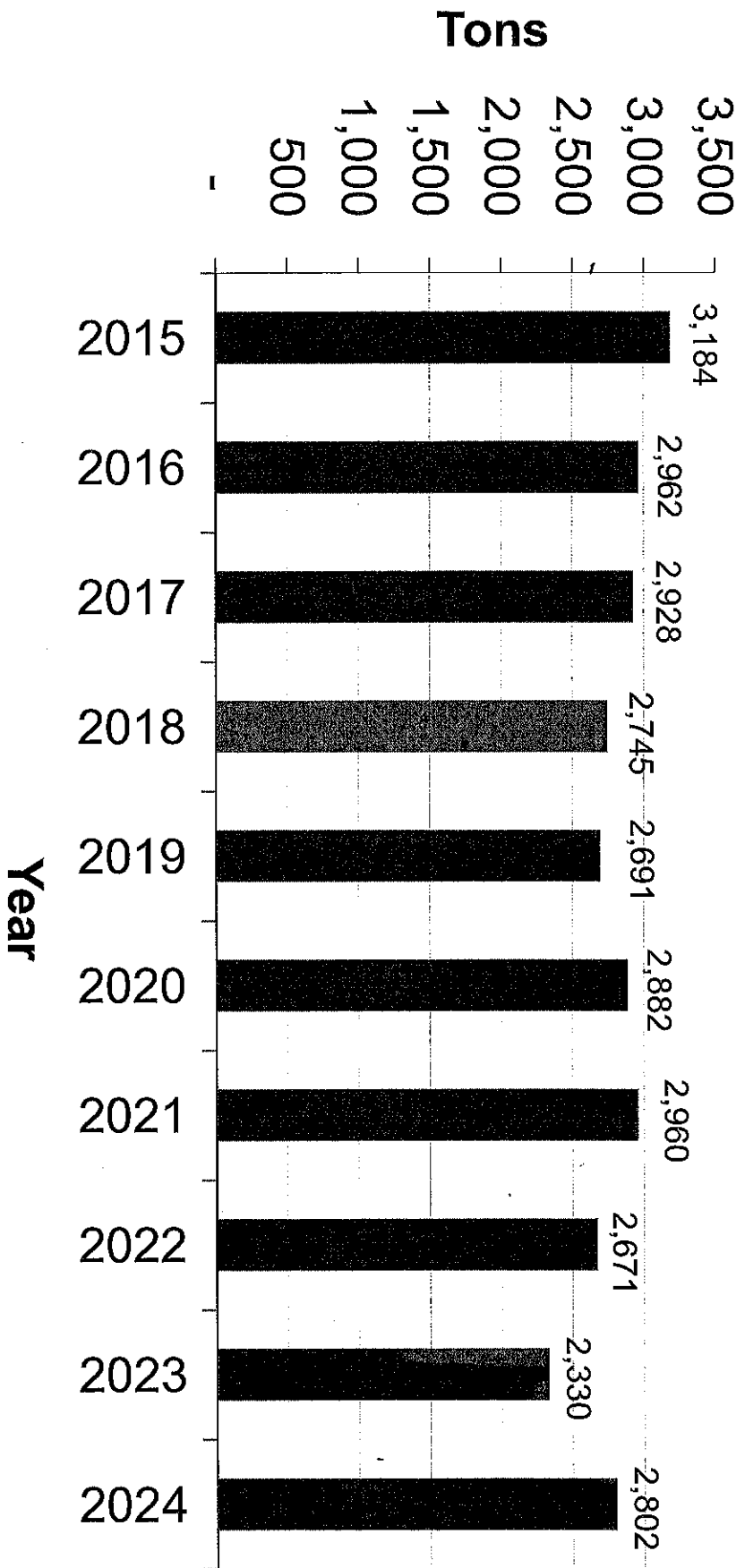


Figure 2 - Town Comparison Chart - 2024

Town	Population 2020 Census	Seasonal Population	Trash Generation Tons	Recycling (3) Generation - Tons	Recycling Percent	Total waste Generation (tons)	Disposal per person per day (lbs)	Diversion per person per day (lbs)
Albany/Irasburg	2209	145	463	384	45%	847	1.08	0.89
Barnet	1663	233	436	431	50%	867	1.26	1.25
Bloomfield	217	92	55	50	47%	105	0.98	0.88
Brighton	1157	326	545	437	44%	982	2.01	1.61
Brownington	1042	85	206	182	47%	388	1.00	0.88
Brunswick	88	45	43	25	37%	68	1.77	1.03
Cabot/Marshfield	3026	221	1064	1166	52%	2230	1.80	1.97
Charleston	1021	185	293	198	40%	491	1.33	0.90
Concord/Victory	1211	314	331	375	53%	706	1.19	1.35
Corinth	1455	208	417	331	44%	748	1.37	1.09
Danville	2335	270	511	633	55%	1144	1.07	1.33
Derby	4579	318	2387	2610	52%	4997	2.67	2.92
East Haven	270	49	59	70	54%	129	1.01	1.20
Glover	1114	286	318	305	49%	623	1.24	1.19
Granby/Maldstone	292	260	81	88	52%	169	0.80	0.88
Greensboro	811	406	997	373	27%	1370	4.49	1.68
Groton/Ryegate	2149	302	543	550	50%	1093	1.21	1.23
Guildhall	262	45	88	53	38%	141	1.57	0.95
Holland	632	158	159	132	45%	291	1.10	0.92
Kirby (3)	525	41	32	77	71%	109	0.31	0.00
Lunenburg	1246	172	340	273	45%	613	1.31	1.05
Lyndon	5491	63	2500	2793	53%	5293	2.47	2.76
Morgan	638	469	201	233	54%	434	0.99	1.15
Newark	584	284	73	140	66%	213	0.46	0.88
Newbury	2293	323	616	491	44%	1107	1.29	1.03
Newport Center	1526	166	551	326	37%	877	1.78	1.06
Norton(2)/UTGs(1)	194	433	62	92	60%	154	0.54	0.81
Peacham	715	218	130	219	63%	349	0.76	1.28
Sheffield/Wheelock	1441	211	323	357	53%	680	1.07	1.19
Stannard	208	30	12	43	78%	55	0.28	0.99
Sutton (3)	913	50	233	156	40%	389	1.33	0.89
Topsham	1199	156	404	243	38%	647	1.63	0.98
Troy/Lay	2273	530	1278	720	36%	1998	2.50	1.41
Waterford	1268	62	292	291	50%	583	1.20	1.20
Westfield	534	127	151	187	55%	338	1.25	1.55
Westmore	357	406	132	178	57%	310	0.95	1.28
Totals	46938	7689	16326	15213	48%	31539	1.64	1.53

(1) The Unified Towns and Gores of Essex County include Averill, Avery's Gore, Ferdinand, Lewis, Warner's Grant and Warren's Gore

(2) Norton's recycling figures are provided by Coos County, NH

(3) This column represents total recycling from all sources - figures 1 & 3 represent recycling processed through Lyndonville

**Figure 3 - Processed Recyclables 2024
(2,802 total tons)**

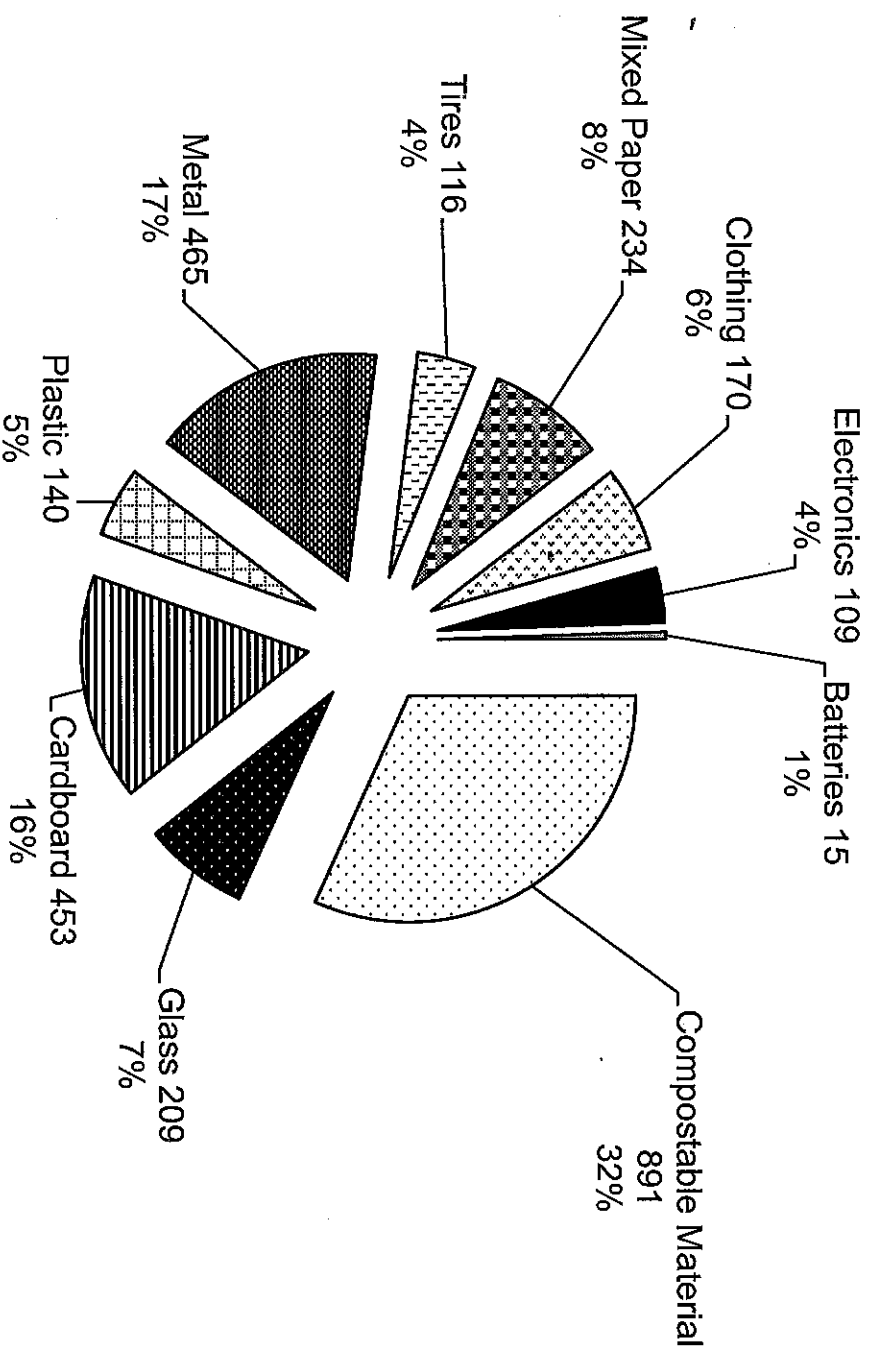


Figure 4 - NEKWMD Budget Trend

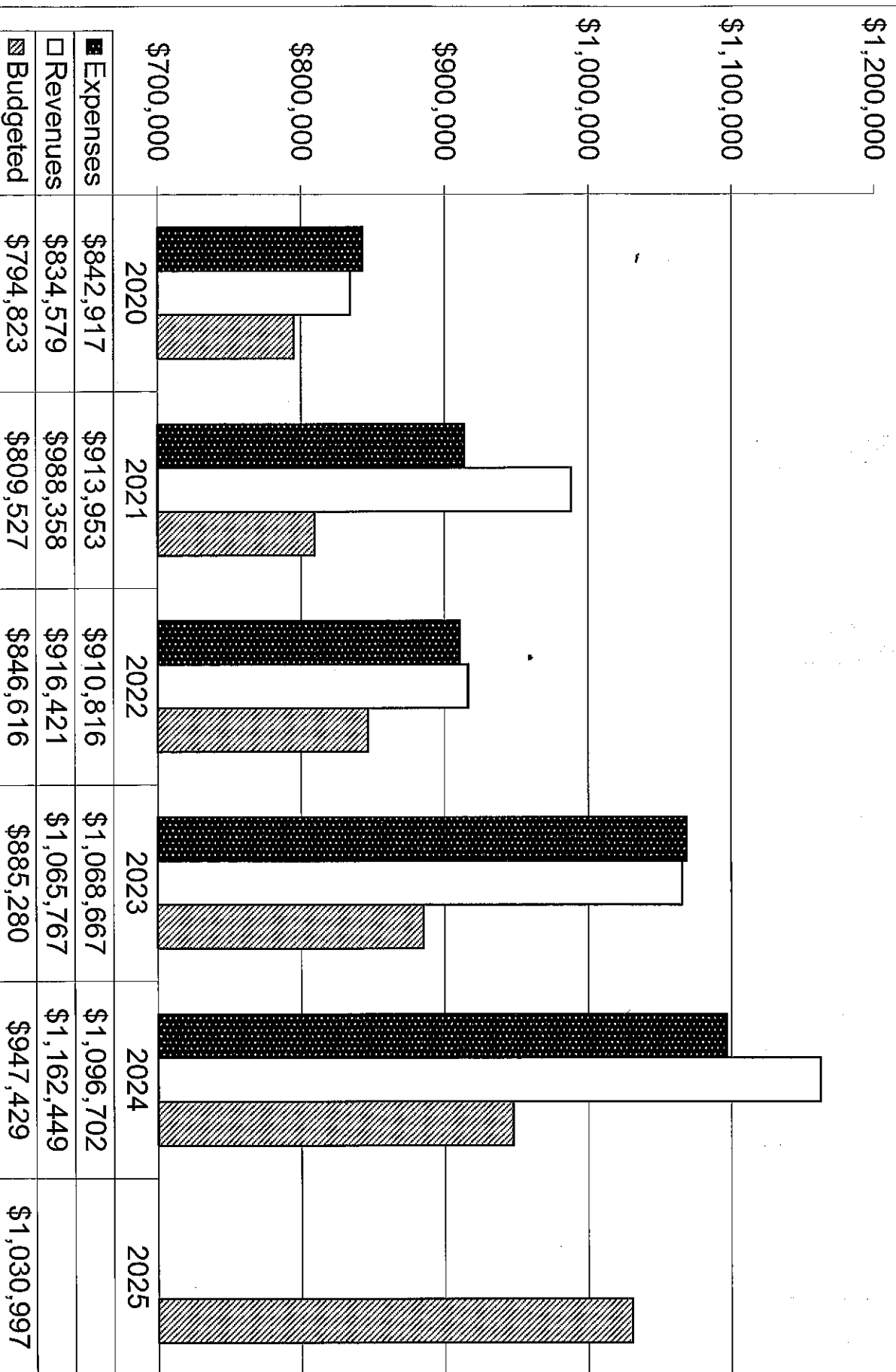


FIGURE 5 - NEKWMD HHW TOTALS - 2024

Material	Totals
Flammable Liquids	2,475 gal
Paint (Oil & Latex)	28 cubic yd
Lab Pack Aerosols	440 gal
Lab Pack Pesticides	495 gal
Oil Filters	1.25 tons
Aerosols*	210 drums
Acids	165 gal
Bases	165 gal
Flammable solids	10 cu yds
Antifreeze	0 gal
Propane Tanks - 20 Lbs (each)	49
Propane Tanks - 1 Lbs (each)	4,650
Propane/Other Cylinders (each)	134
PCB's	0
Lab Pack Mercury	0
Oxidizer Lab Pack	110 gal

OTHER MATERIALS COLLECTED

Materials	Amount
Computers/Televisions	109 tons
Fluorescent bulbs	6 tons
CFLs, HG Vapor, U-Tubes	0.59 tons
Lead-acid batteries	7.5 tons
Waste oil	2200 gal
Primary/Rechargeable Batteries	7.5 tons

HHW PARTICIPATION 2024

Event	# Participants
	Households
Walk-in Appointments	180
HHW Collections	309
Oil/Battery/Bulb collections*	3,100
Totals	3,589
Area Households	21,275
Percent participation	16.87%

*Estimated

2025 NEKWMD APPROVED BUDGET

	A	B	C	D
1	BUDGET ITEM	2024 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2024	2025 PROPOSED BUDGET
2	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
3	Advertising	\$300.00	\$324.00	\$200.00
4	Audit -- Financial	\$9,000.00	\$11,050.00	\$8,500.00
5	Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
6	Bank Charges	\$25.00	\$75.00	\$25.00
7	Surplus	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8	Cleaning	\$2,000.00	\$2,995.00	\$2,500.00
9	Copier	\$1,500.00	\$1,410.61	\$1,500.00
10	Deficit 2023	\$2,899.63	\$0.00	\$0.00
11	Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$6,500.00	\$6,199.28	\$5,000.00
12	Heating Fuel	\$1,500.00	\$1,059.28	\$1,600.00
13	Liability & Casualty Ins.	\$16,000.00	\$26,802.38	\$21,000.00
14	Legal Fees	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
15	Professional Services- ED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
16	Postage	\$2,000.00	\$1,889.87	\$2,000.00
17	Office Supplies	\$3,500.00	\$4,409.53	\$3,200.00
18	Secretary Stipend	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
19	Telephone/IT - Office	\$7,500.00	\$13,533.26	\$9,000.00
20	Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$67.55	\$500.00
21	Water/Sewer	\$1,400.00	\$1,224.15	\$1,400.00
22	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$59,924.63	\$71,639.91	\$69,525.00
23	Gross Wages	\$457,414.00	\$443,887.44	\$529,000.00
24	OT Wages--Warehouse	\$9,000.00	\$9,827.97	\$6,500.00
25	Fica (Employer Match)	\$28,918.00	\$27,245.36	\$34,637.00
26	Medi (Employer Match)	\$6,763.00	\$6,371.74	\$8,100.00
27	Unemployment/HCP Insurance	\$7,150.00	\$7,585.55	\$5,250.00
28	VMERS (Retirement)	\$30,709.00	\$29,520.85	\$33,135.00
29	Health Insurance	\$72,000.00	\$39,169.69	\$55,000.00
30	Workman's Comp. Insurance	\$34,000.00	\$51,856.87	\$38,000.00
31	VT- Child Care Tax	\$0.00	\$1,050.22	\$2,500.00
32	Mileage - Employee	\$5,000.00	\$1,939.32	\$2,000.00
33	Life & Disability	\$7,750.00	\$9,949.85	\$9,000.00
34	Personnel Equipment	\$750.00	\$694.70	\$500.00
35	Training	\$500.00	\$25.00	\$800.00
36	TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$659,954.00	\$629,124.56	\$724,422.00
37	EQUIPMENT EXPENSES			
38	Baler Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$3,709.78	\$4,000.00
39	Baler Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$8,337.25	\$5,000.00
40	Box/Truck- Insurance	\$0.00	\$12,400.00	\$0.00
41	Forklift Fuel	\$3,000.00	\$2,790.69	\$3,000.00
42	Forklift Repairs	\$3,500.00	\$7,782.29	\$4,000.00
43	Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
44	Skidsteer Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$11,492.30	\$2,000.00
45	Warehouse Supplies	\$3,500.00	\$7,070.34	\$2,500.00
46	Trucks--Diesel	\$28,000.00	\$20,141.92	\$24,000.00
47	Trucks- Repair	\$27,500.00	\$95,798.39	\$5,000.00
48	Truck Lease	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
49	TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$77,500.00	\$169,522.96	\$100,500.00

2025 NEKWMD APPROVED BUDGET

	A	B	C	D
	BUDGET ITEM	2024 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2024	2025 PROPOSED BUDGET
50				
51	BUILDING EXPENSES			
52	Electricity	\$5,400.00	\$5,856.93	\$6,000.00
53	Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$2,655.99	\$1,000.00
54	Trash Removal	\$3,800.00	\$5,676.86	\$4,800.00
55	TOTAL BUILDING	\$10,700.00	\$14,189.78	\$11,800.00
56	PROGRAMS EXPENSES			
57	Composting	\$23,000.00	\$22,340.00	\$23,500.00
58	Composter/Bin	\$3,500.00	\$6,812.01	\$5,000.00
59	Organics VT Grant	\$0.00	\$61,521.06	\$0.00
60	Education Outreach	\$8,000.00	\$7,840.25	\$7,000.00
61	Hazmat Disposal	\$40,000.00	\$45,089.43	\$40,000.00
62	Hazmat Supplies	\$5,500.00	\$2,278.19	\$4,500.00
63	Recyclables Processing	\$22,500.00	\$32,584.08	\$17,000.00
64	Special Collections	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
65	Supplies	\$500.00	\$1,889.08	\$500.00
66	Tire Disposal	\$15,000.00	\$18,620.80	\$15,000.00
67	TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$118,250.00	\$198,974.90	\$112,750.00
68	SUB-TOTAL	\$926,328.63	\$1,083,452.11	\$1,018,997.00
69				
70	Capital Improvement Fund	\$24,000.00	\$13,250.00	\$12,000.00
71	TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$24,000.00	\$13,250.00	\$12,000.00
72				
73	TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$950,328.63	\$1,096,702.11	\$1,030,997.00
74	Grants--St of VT	\$111,000.00	\$112,081.16	\$117,000.00
75	Grants--Organics	\$0.00	\$61,521.45	\$0.00
76	Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$59,000.00	\$56,756.00	\$61,000.00
77	Haz Mat/Paint Care	\$5,000.00	\$5,290.29	\$5,000.00
78	Interest Income	\$30.00	\$65.06	\$50.00
79	Insurance- Truck Claim	\$0.00	\$44,836.40	\$0.00
80	Miscellaneous Income	\$2,500.00	\$2,814.52	\$2,000.00
81	Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$1,500.00	\$530.00	\$500.00
82	Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
83	Sale of Recyclables	\$100,000.00	\$97,228.49	\$110,333.00
84	Compost Income	\$23,000.00	\$19,337.50	\$20,000.00
85	Deficit 2023	\$2,899.63	\$0.00	\$0.00
86	Electronics Income	\$19,000.00	\$17,169.13	\$17,000.00
87	Scrap Metal Income	\$18,000.00	\$30,976.94	\$28,000.00
88	Battery Income	\$5,000.00	\$2,938.50	\$3,000.00
89	Tire Income	\$15,000.00	\$20,920.00	\$15,000.00
90	Per Capita Assessment	\$54,506.00	\$54,503.76	\$54,506.00
91	Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$533,743.00	\$635,404.37	\$597,458.00
92	TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$950,328.63	\$1,162,448.57	\$1,030,997.00

RECYCLING IN THE NEKWMD

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All NEKWMD facilities accept the below materials:

<div> <div>↓</div> <div>SORT ITEMS</div> <div>↓</div> </div>	
<p><u>MIXED PAPER</u></p> <p>Newspapers, catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts, paperback books, colored & white paper, wrapping paper and junk mail. Any color or type of paper except: <i>NO brown Kraft bags, boxboard, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or metallic wrapping paper.</i></p>	<p><u>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, & BROWN KRAFT BAGS</u></p> <p>All Cardboard and Boxboard food packaging. Remove excess tape. Staples are OK. <i>NO wax-coated cardboard, cardboard soiled with food waste, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or Styrofoam.</i> *BOXES MUST BE FLATTENED*</p>
<p><u>TIN CANS</u></p> <p>Labels are OK. Flattening is not required. Separate from aluminum cans. Tin is magnetic. *MUST BE RINSED*</p>	<p><u>ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS</u></p> <p>Labels are OK. Flattening is not required. *MUST BE RINSED* <i>Snack bags and candy wrappers are trash.</i></p>
<p><u>GLASS BOTTLES & JARS</u></p> <p>*Rinse, Remove Lids (recycle with tin)* <i>NO porcelain, Pyrex, windows, crystal, light bulbs, lids, metal or wood.</i></p>	<p><u>BATTERIES</u></p> <p>All types including primary, rechargeable, and lead acid Defective or damaged batteries should be brought to attendant for special handling NO lithium batteries over 300kwh</p>
<p><u>PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1 – #4 & #5 Food Containers</u> <u>REMOVE CAPS/MAX SIZE 2 Gallons / NO BLACK PLASTIC / *MUST BE RINSED*</u> Includes food containers, cleaner containers. #5 accepted <i>if it's a food container.</i> <i>NO plastic bags or film, black plastic, screw-top caps, automotive fluid bottles, pesticide bottles, vinyl siding, toys, CD cases, VHS tapes, syringes, or medical devices.</i></p>	

ADDITIONAL ACCEPTED MATERIALS at Lyndonville Recycling Center:

FOOD SCRAPS: All food scraps, including meat, bones, dairy, shells, coffee grounds. Remove PLU stickers. Not accepted are store bought floral arrangements, milk/juice cartons, compostable utensils, cups, or bags.

#6 PLASTIC FOAM (STYROFOAM): #6 Expanded Polystyrene Foam. Any color, size including clean meat trays & egg cartons. Must be rigid and dry. No tape, labels, or other adhesives. No packing peanuts.

ELECTRONICS: TVs, computers (incl. mouse/keyboard/speakers), computer printers, radios, stereos, gaming systems, telephones, fax machines. No coffee makers, hair dryers, toaster ovens, etc.

SCRAP METAL: Metal appliances (stoves, washer/dryer, dishwasher), grills, water tanks, microwaves, metal roofing, pots and pans, bicycles. Any item that is primarily metal. Drain fluids if necessary.

FREON-CONTAINING APPLIANCES: Refrigerators, freezers, A/Cs, dehumidifiers

SPECIAL WASTES: Oil, oil filters, metal aerosol cans, fluorescent bulbs, hard cover books, and tires (fees apply)

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES: Apparel Impact bin on location. Swaps, secondhand stores- call us for other options.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: – May through the beginning of October **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** in Lyndonville, & special Saturday events throughout the district. Call for details. Fees apply for business waste.

STUMP DUMP: - Clean, unpainted, untreated wood and yard debris only. No brush bigger than 3" diameter. The Lyndonville Recycling Center is open to residents of any NEKWMD town.

Open M, W, F from 8-4 and Saturday from 8-3. *Monday and Friday we reserve the right to close recycling if necessary.*

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS – CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AT (802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602. www.nekwmd.org, e-mail outreach@nekwmd.org



Unacceptable Plastics Include:

Any **black** plastic containers

Screw-top Caps

Containers over 2 gallons

Motor oil, gas containers

Pesticide containers

Styrofoam of any kind

Planting pots and trays

Plastic furniture

Plastic Toys

Coffee Makers

Coat hangers

Vinyl Siding

Maple Tubing

CDs, DVDs, VHS, and cases

Water line pipes and plastic tubing of any size

Hard, rigid plastic (if it shatters, it's not accepted)

**NO PLASTIC BAGS, MAILERS, BUBBLE WRAP
OR FILM**

Unacceptable Aluminum

Chip Bags, Snack Wrappers, Pop tart Wrappers

Aluminum Flashing (recycle with scrap metal)

Coffee Bags

Unacceptable Tin

Recycle these with Scrap Metal

Frying Pans

Large Pieces of Metal

Nails, Screws, Fasteners

Any tin that is a non-food container

Unacceptable Cardboard

Pringles containers

Milk and Juice Cartons of any kind

Ice cream and waxy or plastic frozen food boxes

Cardboard with metallic interior

Single-use coffee cups

Soiled Cardboard

Waxy Cardboard

Large boxes (must be broken down 34" or smaller
to be accepted)

Unacceptable Paper

Kraft brown paper bags (recycle with cardboard)

White or Brown Boxboard (recycle with cardboard)

Shiny, glossy, or metallic papers

Paper plates, cups, bowls

Napkins, paper towels, tissue paper

Photographs

Three ring binders

Unacceptable Glass

Crystal

Incandescent light bulbs

Automotive lights

Pyrex

Porcelain

Unacceptable Food Scraps

PLU Stickers (sticks on fruits, vegetables)

"Biodegradable" bags, cutlery, bowls, plates

Juice/milk cartons

Animal mortality

Plastic bags

Store bought floral products

Keurig cups

Unacceptable #6 Plastic Foam (Styrofoam)

Bendy foam (pool noodles), Packing peanuts, Foam with a label or tape, Wet or dirty foam, Insulated foam board