

Dear Resident,

Let us start by saying we are proud of you. Because of your recycling efforts, our current recycling rate has almost doubled over the past decade. But we know we can do better! We noticed that over the past two years the town's trash and recycling tonnage has stayed flat and the recycling rate has stalled at 28%. We challenge you to make some changes in your household that results in throwing away less trash and recycling more. We have a few recommendations:

- \* **Start composting.** This can be as simple as digging a 1'x2' hole in your backyard or buying a compost bin. (The Earth Machine compost bin is sold at the town hall at cost for \$50.) By composting your fruit/vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, etc, your household trash will weigh an average of 25% less. If every household in Hampstead composted, our trash could decrease by 593 tons (over 1.1 million pounds!) each, which would be an annual savings of over \$41k.
- \* **Donate items and clothing.** Please keep in mind that if you have clothing that is ripped or tattered and not wearable, donate it as it can still be recycled.
- \* **Buy less stuff.** Ok, so it may be easier said than done, but consider this: the less you buy, the less that has to be eventually thrown away.

Over the past year the Committee has been meeting with residents at local functions, troop meetings and at school about the importance of recycling and ways to reduce trash. We are eager to answer your questions and help you find ways to reduce trash, increase recycling and start a compost bin/pile. Please join us at an upcoming event at the Hampstead Library at **6:30 p.m.**

**Monday, August 1**

**Tuesday, September 20**

**Wednesday, October, 12**

Also, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish our Chairman, Patrick Bracken, a happy retirement. He was an original member when this committee started 24 years ago, and has been Chairman for the past 15 years. We are grateful for the countless hours Pat put in to making Hampstead a greener and better place to live.

**Lastly, we want to hear from you! Take a quick survey so we can learn more about your thoughts with our current trash/recycling pick-up.** Visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/BCQRTMJ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BCQRTMJ) or click on the link from our Facebook page or website. All survey respondents will be entered to win a free compost bin.

Thank you for your recycling efforts.

Regards,

The Hampstead Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee

P.S. If you'd like to get involved with the town's recycling efforts, we encourage you to attend a Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee meeting. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall at 7:30pm. We hope to see you there!

## Questions?

Web: [www.hampsteadnh.us](http://www.hampsteadnh.us)

Email: [HampsteadRecycles@gmail.com](mailto:HampsteadRecycles@gmail.com)

Town Hall Tel: 603.329.4100



Join us on Facebook - Group Name: Hampstead Recycles

# Join Us for Informational Recycling/Composting Classes

The Recycling and Waste Disposal is here to help answer your questions. Feel free to drop us an email ([HampsteadRecycles@gmail.com](mailto:HampsteadRecycles@gmail.com)), visit our Facebook page and/or attend one of our informational classes at the Library on one of the following dates.

All classes will be at the Hampstead Public Library, 6:30 pm.

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## Recycling & Trash Guidelines

Hampstead recycling is single stream, which means all recycling materials are placed in one recycling bin.

Running out of room in your bin? You can use any container, it just has to be clearly marked "Recycling" and our hauler will take it.

Please note: **do not put your recyclables in plastic bags, and do not put plastic bags in your recycling bins.** Plastic bags get tangled in the facility machinery, which can damage the equipment.

### Weekly Curbside Trash Bag/Barrel Limits:

- Single family residents: Two 30-gallon barrels OR four 15-gallon trash bags OR two 30-gallon trash bags
- If you have more trash than these guidelines allow in a given week, you can purchase a sticker for each additional trash bag for \$2/bag. The sticker must be placed visibly on each additional bag and not on the trash barrel. Any additional trash bags outside of set limits without a sticker will not be picked up. Stickers are sold at Town Hall.

### The following items are recyclable:

- All plastics marked 1 – 7
- Glass bottles and jars
- Empty aerosol cans
- All types of paper, including catalogs, magazines, newspapers, phone books, books, brown bags, milk cartons, paper egg cartons, shoe boxes, cardboard boxes broken down to 2' x 2'
- Aluminum cans
- Juice Boxes (remove straws)
- Junk Mail (windowed envelopes OK), grease-free pizza boxes (remove wax liner and food)
- PLEASE NOTE: You can recycle shredded paper curbside, but it MUST be placed in a paper bag that is sealed with tape or a staple. Please mark on the bag "Shredded Paper." If shredded paper is placed in your recycling bin in a plastic bag, it can't be recycled.

### The following are not recyclable:

NO light bulbs, diapers, window glass, hypodermic needles, sharp objects, bubble wrap, toys, packing peanuts, vinyl siding, dirty paper plates, napkins, pans, paper towels, plastic shopping bags, pots or styrofoam (even if it has a recycling symbol)

Learn more at [www.hampsteadnh.us](http://www.hampsteadnh.us)

## 2016/2017 Holidays that Delay Trash Pickup by One Day

Note: A one day trash pick-up delay occurs when a major holiday falls on a Monday through Thursday.

### 2016

- \* Monday, July 4, 2017 (Fourth of July)
  - \* Monday, September 5 (Labor Day)
  - \* Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving)
- Note: Since Christmas and New Year's Day are on Sundays, there is no trash pick up delay for these holidays in 2016.*

### 2017

- \* Monday, May 29, 2017 (Memorial Day)
- \* Tuesday, July 4, 2017 (Fourth of July)
- \* Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)
- \* Thursday, Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving)
- \* Monday, December 25 (Christmas)
- \* Monday, Jan. 1, 2018 (New Year's Day)

## Kent Farm Transfer Station Schedule & Information

**Open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on the following Saturdays in 2016/2017 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of month) for BULK TRASH:**

**2016:** July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12

**2017:** April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11

**Open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on the following Saturdays in 2016/2017 for BRUSH & LEAVES only:**

**2016:** October 15, November 19

**2017:** January 14 (Christmas Trees Only), April 15, May 20, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 & Jan 13, 2018 for trees only

**Transfer Station Stickers are required to access the Kent Farm Transfer Station**

Annual Sticker Fee: \$20.00/year

One-day Sticker Fee: \$20.00 for any size car/truck PLUS a 1-time annual sticker purchase required

**Allowable Disposal Items:**

Sofas | Chairs | Mattresses | Metal Items | Appliances | Electronics

*Note: large items must be disassembled, and where applicable, drained of fluids, documented Freon Free*

**Allowable Disposal Items with Additional Fee:**

Car & light pick-up truck tires (remove rims) \$4

Television/Monitors: up to 24 inches \$10 // over 24 inches \$20 // Console TV \$30

Appliances containing Freon \$20

**Non-Allowable Disposal Items:**

Hazardous wastes | Commercial Wastes | Shingles | Treated or Manufactured Building Debris

Residential Refuse or Garbage

## Additional Disposal & Recycling Options in Hampstead

- Car Batteries, Used Oil, Thermostats, 20 lb & 30 lb Empty Propane Tanks
  - Accepted at the Town Garage, 35 Stage Rd, Open 8-1 the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month
- Soft and Hard Cover Books in Good Condition [Note: You can recycle old/moldy books curbside]
  - Big Hearted Books container at the Town Garage, 35 Stage Rd
  - Hampstead Library (Recent magazines accepted too)
- Clothing
  - Planet Aid container, Hazel Drive
  - Goodwill container, Hannaford parking lot
  - In-season clothes accepted at the Hampstead Library for the Hollyhock Thrift Store
- Large Items (ie: furniture, mattress)
  - For \$15/item you can get these items picked up curbside. Purchase item disposal stickers at the Town Hall. Note - this does not include televisions/computers/monitors/ appliances.
  - Derry Transfer Station will take items for a fee. For information, call 603.432.4650 or visit [www.derry.nh.us/Pages/DerryNH\\_Transfer/transfer](http://www.derry.nh.us/Pages/DerryNH_Transfer/transfer).
- Plastic Shopping Bags can be recycled at Hannaford, Market Basket & Walmart

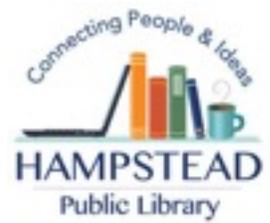
*NOTE: There will be one Hazardous Waste Day for residents this fall.*

*Please visit [www.hampsteadnh.us](http://www.hampsteadnh.us) in September for full details.*

### Did you know?

- Is your recycling bin too small? You can use your own barrel as long as it's clearly marked "recycling." "Recycling" stickers for your barrel are available at the Town Hall.
- Is your recycling bin damaged? Call the Town Hall to arrange for a replacement bin.
- Looking for a great compost bin? The "Earth Machine" compost bin is sold at cost to residents for \$50. There are a limited number of bins. To purchase, call Town Hall at 603.329.4100.
- Are you staying up to date? Join our Hampstead Recycles Facebook group for recycling updates, trash/recycling pick-up reminders, tips to reduce your trash and more.

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**Hampstead Public Library**  
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Hampstead, NH 03841



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### 2016/2017 Recycling & Waste Disposal Information

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- **Kent Farm Transfer Station Schedule & Information**
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or visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/HelpHPL](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HelpHPL)



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