



Wilton Recycling Center

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Holiday season is upon us so please remember to have your discarded items checked for the appropriate instructions for disposal. The Still Good Shed has been up and running for several months now. Presently it is open Tuesday and Saturday 9am to 3pm PROVIDING there are volunteers signed up to work those hours. **No items are to be left in that area if it is closed.** Check Facebook for the schedule, and general information can be found in the brochure on the Recycling Center page on the website. Consider volunteering!

We have several new collections set up by the stairs going into the office. The Lions club has set up a collection box for various types of film plastics including shopping bags, re-closable bags (Ziploc), bubble wrap, deflated air bags, bread bags, cereal box liners, ice bags, pellet bags - to name a few. This is a nationwide Trex program to help divert plastic from the waste stream. A small table is also set up with a collection can for bread bag tabs plus a box to collect the hard plastic beverage can carriers. Each of these items have their own sponsor, we only need to give our support for the collections. This is a step I have had the desire to initiate for some time now but needed support in starting and maintaining the program. The Lions club has stepped up as well as contacting the other clubs to enlist their participation for the plastic collection. And don't forget the Lions box for eyeglasses.

These are trying times for everyone and the trash business is no different. Rising costs have been hitting us at all angles but we are continuing to pursue less costly avenues, if at all possible. With due diligence from both sides, yours and ours, we continue to have very marketable materials which means revenues are still coming in. The buyers are extremely stringent on the quality of the materials they are buying, therefore it is imperative to take a little extra time to "do it right". They allow 1-2% of contamination in a **full tractor trailer load**, which is not much when you are shipping about 45,000 - 47,000 pounds of materials.

I am once again encouraging you to take several steps to save yourself some costs on a few items. Pay the fee at a tire dealer to dispose of your old tires. They have a much larger volume for disposal pickup than we do so their cost will be more reasonable. All tire vendors in this area (MA, VT, ME) process used tires for recycling purposes. Another cost saving tip: when buying a new mattress have the supplier take your old one. Some stores charge a fee but others take the old for free. This also saves handling and transporting the old one to dispose of it. There again they have a much larger volume of used mattresses for disposal. A few extra minutes calling around to inquire about delivery and pickup fees, if any, could keep the whole effort of buying a new mattress to a minimum.

This may seem early but time is waltzing on, so the following will be our holiday schedule:

Veterans Day (Nov.11)	CLOSED
Thanksgiving Day	CLOSED
Thanksgiving Friday	CLOSED
Christmas Eve	OPEN 8AM to 1PM
New Year's Eve	OPEN 8AM to 1PM

We all wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

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