



**NORTHEAST KINGDOM
WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE

ANNUAL REPORT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

A Note of Thanks
To Paul Tomasi

District employees and the citizens of member towns would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Paul Tomasi, who retired in 2025. Paul was the Executive Director of the District for 26 years and guided the organization through a tremendous period of geographic expansion and program effectiveness for over two decades. His dedication to increasing recycling opportunities and sound environmental stewardship for District citizens and businesses is a legacy that will continue to benefit our region and state for years to come.

We wish Paul the very best in his well-deserved retirement.

Who's Who in the NEKWMD

<u>Executive Committee</u>	Chair	Nick Rivers	Albany
	Vice Chair	Walter McNeil Jr.	Danville
	Treasurer	Paulette Routhier	Bloomfield
	Clerk	Gene Perkins	Ryegate
	Members-At-Large	Steve Barrup	Newport Center
		Jan Clausing	Newark
		Preston Smith	Wheelock

<u>Staff</u>	Executive Director	Christian Thompson Paul Tomasi (Retired)
	Administrative Assistant	Michelle Trottier
	Outreach Coordinator	Corey Raynor
	Truck Drivers	Steve Hodgdon, Gavin Tellier, Kasen Corey-Hodgdon
	Material Handling Techs.	Eric Dalton, Michael R. Dalton, Michael J. Dalton, Brian Stone, Alexander Newman, Koree Dalton

Board of Supervisors

Albany	Nick Rivers	Maidstone	Paulette Routhier
Barnet	William Douglas	Marshfield	Bobbi Brimblecombe
Bloomfield	Paulette Routhier	Morgan	Vacant
Brighton	Bruce Rumball	Newark	Jan Clausing
Brownington	Lila Stevens	Newbury	John Narowski
Brunswick	Paulette Routhier	Newport Center	Steve Barrup
Cabot	Betty Ritter	Norton	Gina Vigneault
Charleston	Pat Austin	Peacham	Amber Lowell
Concord	Bill Humphrey	Ryegate	Gene Perkins
Corinth	Bob Sandberg	Sheffield	Preston Smith
Danville	Walter McNeil Jr.	Stannard	Vacant
Derby	Irene Dagesse	Sutton	Adam Bruggeman
	Francis Batchelder	Topsham	Jake Thompson
East Haven	Kirwin Flanders	Troy	Anne Quirion
Glover	Theresa Perron-Janowski	Victory	Victory Selectboard
Granby	Ryan Houde	Waterford	Richard Stodola
Greensboro	Ken Johnston	Westfield	Jacques Couture
Groton	Michael Nahmias	Westmore	Miriam Simonds
Guildhall	Vacant	Wheelock	Preston Smith
Holland	Darrell Martin	UTCs	Barb Nolan
Irasburg	Dustin Sanville	(UTCs include Averill, Avery's Gore, Ferdinand, Lewis, Warner's Grant, & Warrens Gore)	
Jay	Dave Sanders		
Kirby	Vacant		
Lunenburg	Brian White		
Lyndon	Steve Gray		
	Vacant		
	Vacant		

Executive Committee Report

The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) finished 2025 by processing slightly fewer tons of recyclables compared to 2024 – 2,727 tons in 2025 compared to 2,802 tons in 2024. Tonnages for most commodities decreased slightly compared to 2024, including compost, cardboard, and plastic. Several commodities showed modest increases, including glass and metals. Paper, batteries, clothing and tires were nearly the same as in 2024. Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) was down 1% in 2025 compared to 2024. Recycling markets were average or slightly below average over the past year.

The NEKWMD ended 2025 with a deficit of \$17,782.96 (1.7%). Revenues in 2025 were 5.8% above projections, while expenses were 7.6% above projections. Revenues from the surcharge on trash were largely responsible for the higher than anticipated revenues in 2025. Fees used to generate revenues will be held steady headed into 2026. Tire prices will be increased in early 2026 after this revenue source showed a significant operating loss (17% below anticipated revenue) in 2025. The surcharge rate will remain unchanged at \$29.50/ton in 2026. Hauling fees to service recycling centers and schools will be unchanged in 2026; the rate for recycling centers is \$55/stop, and the rate for schools is \$37/stop. The per capita assessment (\$1.16/person) will remain unchanged in 2026; this fee is used to provide health care insurance to the District employees. The NEKWMD is entering 2026 with a budget of \$1,017,532 – a decrease of 1.3% compared to 2025. The NEKWMD was staffed by ten full-time and three part-time employees in 2025. It is anticipated that the District will have similar staffing levels in 2026.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2025. We continue to serve the largest geographic area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. The District has member towns in 5 counties (Caledonia, Orleans, Essex, Washington, Orange), and the population served is 3rd largest 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, member towns 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 District staff (Lyndon Municipal Recycling Facility), as well as the employees and volunteers at each town's recycling station, for their continued 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 2025, NEKWMD locations collected 7.3 tons of primary and rechargeable batteries, a slight decrease from 2024. In addition to primary and rechargeable batteries, the NEKWMD collected 6.51 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 2025, eight 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 2025, the NEKWMD collaborated with Apparel Impact, a NH-based textile recycler, who has placed collection containers in several District communities. A total of 168 tons of clothing was collected from the following District towns – Albany, Danville, Derby, Groton, Irasburg, 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 a 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 2025 with a total of 131.4 tons of scrap metal being collected. Scrap metal is collected in roll-off containers that are removed as needed.

White goods (refrigerators, freezers) collected in Lyndonville are drained of all ozone depleting gas prior to disposal as scrap metal. Scrap metal collections in other NEKWMD towns yielded an additional 285.5 tons of material. Scrap metal is collected in Albany, Barnet, 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 drained over 1,000 Freon-containing appliances to ensure that these items are disposed of in an environmentally sound manner.

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 3,220 gallons of used motor oil.

In addition to used oil, 0.89 tons of oil filters were collected for recycling. If each filter contains four ounces of oil, then over 120 gallons of oil was kept out of the landfill and, eventually, out of the groundwater. Used motor oil is burned in EPA certified used-oil furnaces at the NEKWMD District warehouse and given to other locations with similar units such as Town Garages.

Household Hazardous Waste

2025 marked our 25th year of summer-long hazardous waste collection in Lyndonville. We accepted hazardous waste, by appointment, Tuesdays and Thursdays from May 5th through October 1st. 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 Newbury, Guildhall, Bloomfield, Derby, Westfield, Brighton, Marshfield, Lyndon, and Albany. These collections allow residents in outlying areas easier access to dispose of their hazardous materials properly. Nearly 700 households from throughout the NEKWMD participated in hazardous waste collections during 2025.

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 District 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 14,500 tons of material in 2025. 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 \$79,000 worth of recyclables in 2025. That figure is nearly 19% lower than the revenue that was received in 2024. Lower commodity prices and slightly less material contributed to lower recycling revenues in 2025. While costs to process single stream recycling continue to increase, the NEKWMD is still able to generate revenue from the sale of recyclable materials. 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 Lyndon facility began collecting EPS foam (Styrofoam) to divert this high-volume material from the landfill. Since then, collection has expanded to the towns of Barnet, Cabot, Danville, Glover, Greensboro, Morgan, Ryegate, Westfield, Brighton and Newport Center. By the end of 2025, the District had collected over 25 tons of foam for recycling since the start of the program, with 5.2 tons collected in 2025. The recycling process reduces the volume of foam 90:1, and allows it to be reused as packing material, insulation, and other products.

A complete list of materials that are acceptable for recycling in the NEKWMD is located on the inside of the back cover of this report.

Compost

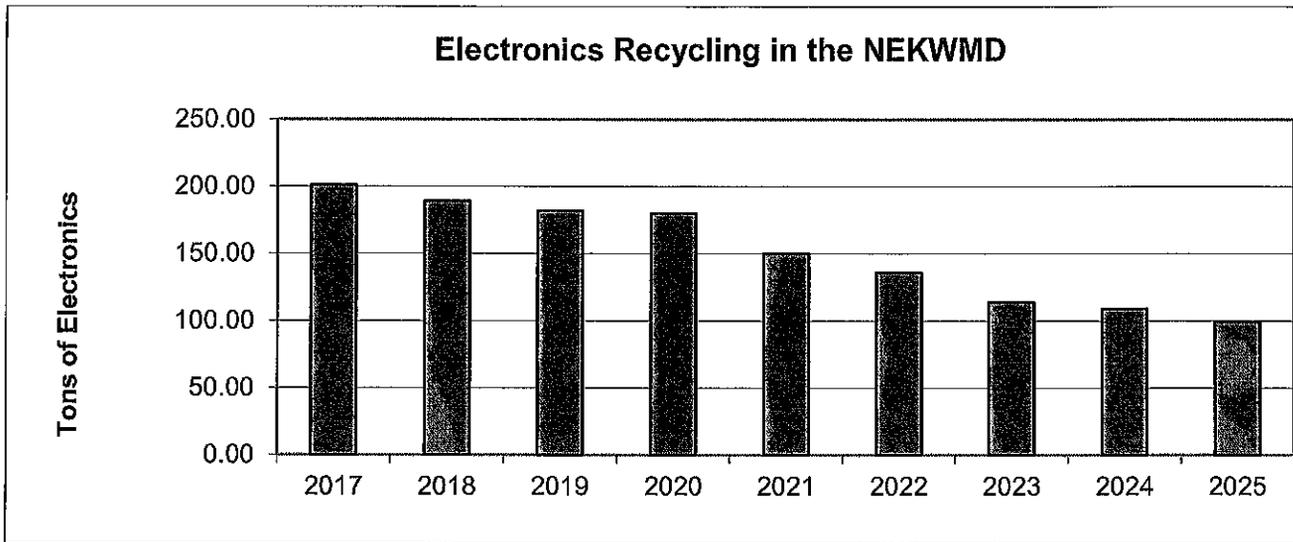
Vermont's Act 148, implemented fully on July 1, 2020, banned organic material from landfill disposal. In 2025, the diversion of organic material (compost and leaf/yard waste) for composting saw an increase of 7.4% compared to 2024. A total of 957 tons of organic material was diverted from landfills in 2025 – up from 891 tons in 2024. 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 waste 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). Also detailed is leaf/yard waste collected (landfill diverted) at select District towns.

Town	Food Waste (Tons)	Leaf/Yard Waste (Tons)	Total
Albany	3.6		3.6
Barnet	5.96		5.96
Brighton	9.65		9.65
Brownington	2.5		2.5
Cabot	6.4		6.40
Charleston	0		0
Concord	11.5		11.5
Corinth	1.29		1.29
Danville	31.74	5.57	37.31
Derby	95.29	22.5	117.79
East Haven	2.03		2.03
Glover	6.36		6.36
Groton	4.35		4.35
Greensboro	70.5		70.5
Holland	0		0
Irasburg	3.87		3.87
Jay	23.58		23.58
Lunenburg	1.74		1.74
Lyndon	512.18	10	522.18
Marshfield	1.23		1.23
Morgan	3.83	40.57	44.4
Newark	4.0		4.0
Newbury	16.08		16.08
Newport Center	2.79		2.79
Norton	0		0
Peacham	8.19	7.40	15.59
Ryegate	6.3	6.25	12.55
Sheffield/Wheelock	8.03		7.86
Stannard	3.82		7.56
Sutton	0		0
Topsham	1.30		1.30
Troy	1.48		1.48
Waterford	8.82		8.82
Westfield	4.0		4.0
Westmore	1.93		1.93

TOTAL 864.34 92.29 956.63

Electronics Recycling



The collection of electronics (televisions, computers and peripherals) decreased in 2025 compared to 2024, continuing a decade-long trend. Electronics collection volume peaked in 2014, and the gradual transition to thinner/lighter TV's, monitors, and computers has reduced the overall weight of recycled electronics over time. NEKWMD residents and businesses recycled 99 tons of e-waste in 2025, a 9% reduction from the prior year. 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 ink/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](https://www.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 help 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.
- <https://www.cvoeo.org/wheelsforwarmth> - Donate your used car and light truck tires for reuse while raising funds for emergency heating assistance

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 willing to promote these events on our website and other social media accounts.

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 2025, 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

Our new website can be found 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 Marcus Berry at outreach@nekwmd.org , or submit your question or comment using the 'Contact Us' button on the website.

Our Personal Commitment

NEKWMD personnel engage in several reuse activities in a continual effort to keep costs down. It is standard office policy to purchase recycled office supplies, limit color copies, make double-sided copies, and use both sides of a sheet of paper before it is discarded for recycling. Additionally, all office and warehouse personnel reduce trash generation and recycle/compost as much as possible.

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 \$10,000 annually. The open and closed top steel drums used by the household hazardous waste program alone would cost approximately \$5,000 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 2025. 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, Outreach, Etc	\$109,639.50
VT Agency of Natural Resources	Pesticide Grant	\$5,000.00
National Electronic Manufacturer Association	Fluorescent Light Bulb Disposal	\$4,410.10
	2025 Total	\$119,049.60

Indebtedness Statement as of 12/31/2025

<u>CHANGES IN DEBT FOR 2025</u>		
Equipment Loans (including interest)		
	'23 Skid Steer	<u>\$52,140.24</u>
TOTAL NOTES PAYABLE 2025		\$52,140.24
Reductions in notes payable		
	' 23 Skid Steer	<u>(\$34,760.16)</u>
REMAINING NOTES PAYABLE 12/31/2025		\$17,380.08

Fund Balance as of 12/31/2025

DISTRICT FUND BALANCE **(\$17,728.98)**

Figure 1 - Total Recyclables Processed

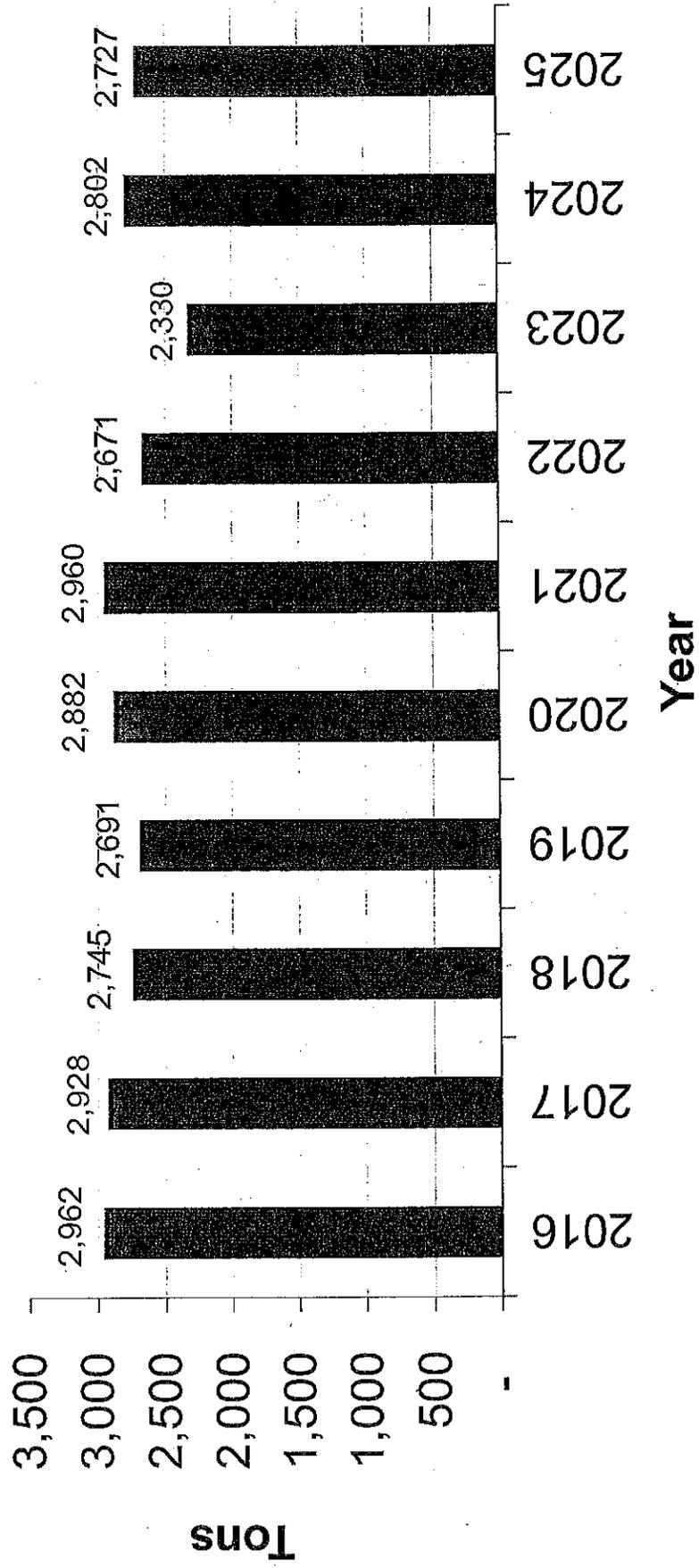


Figure 2 - Town Comparison Chart - 2025

Town	Population		Seasonal Population	Trash Generation		Recycling (3)		Diversions Rate	Total waste Generation (tons)	Disposal per person per day (lbs)	Diversion per person per day (lbs)
	2020 census	Population		Tons (MSW)	Generation - Tons	Generation - Tons					
Albany/Irasburg	2209	145	478	375	44%	853	1.11	0.87			
Barnet	1663	233	431	430	50%	861	1.25	1.24			
Bloomfield	217	92	70	50	41%	120	1.24	0.88			
Brighton	1157	326	572	496	46%	1068	2.11	1.83			
Brownington	1042	85	205	176	46%	381	1.00	0.85			
Brunswick	88	45	47	24	34%	71	1.94	0.98			
Cabot/Marshfield	3026	221	1034	1148	53%	2182	1.74	1.94			
Charleston	1021	185	277	192	41%	469	1.26	0.87			
Concord/Victory	1211	314	330	356	52%	686	1.19	1.28			
Corinth	1455	208	348	366	51%	714	1.15	1.21			
Danville	2335	270	492	604	55%	1096	1.03	1.27			
Derby	4579	318	2225	2822	56%	5047	2.49	3.16			
East Haven	270	49	32	64	67%	96	0.55	1.10			
Glover	1114	286	313	357	53%	670	1.23	1.40			
Granby/Maidstone	292	260	98	90	48%	188	0.97	0.90			
Greensboro	811	406	1074	321	23%	1395	4.84	1.44			
Groton/Ryegate	2149	302	516	519	50%	1035	1.15	1.16			
Guildhall	262	45	97	52	35%	149	1.73	0.93			
Holland	632	158	155	115	43%	270	1.08	0.80			
Kirby	525	41	27	76	74%	103	0.26	0.00			
Lunenburg	1246	172	340	218	39%	558	1.31	0.84			
Lyndon	5491	63	2166	2136	50%	4302	2.14	2.11			
Morgan	638	469	196	265	57%	461	0.97	1.31			
Newark	584	284	60	137	70%	197	0.38	0.86			
Newbury	2293	323	653	518	44%	1171	1.37	1.09			
Newport Center	1526	166	999	313	24%	1312	3.24	1.01			
Norton(2)/JTGs(1)	194	433	49	93	66%	142	0.43	0.82			
Peacham	715	218	111	195	64%	306	0.65	1.14			
Sheffield/Wheelock	1441	211	243	370	60%	613	0.81	1.23			
Stannard	208	30	16	39	71%	55	0.37	0.90			
Sufton	913	50	196	150	43%	346	1.12	0.85			
Topsham	1199	156	432	239	36%	671	1.75	0.97			
Troy/Jay	2273	530	1290	701	35%	1991	2.52	1.37			
Waterford	1268	62	261	263	50%	524	1.08	1.08			
Westfield	534	127	154	135	47%	289	1.28	1.12			
Westmore	357	406	135	151	53%	286	0.97	1.08			
Totals	46938	7689	16122	14558	47%	30680	1.62	1.46			

(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 from information 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 2025 (2,727 total tons)

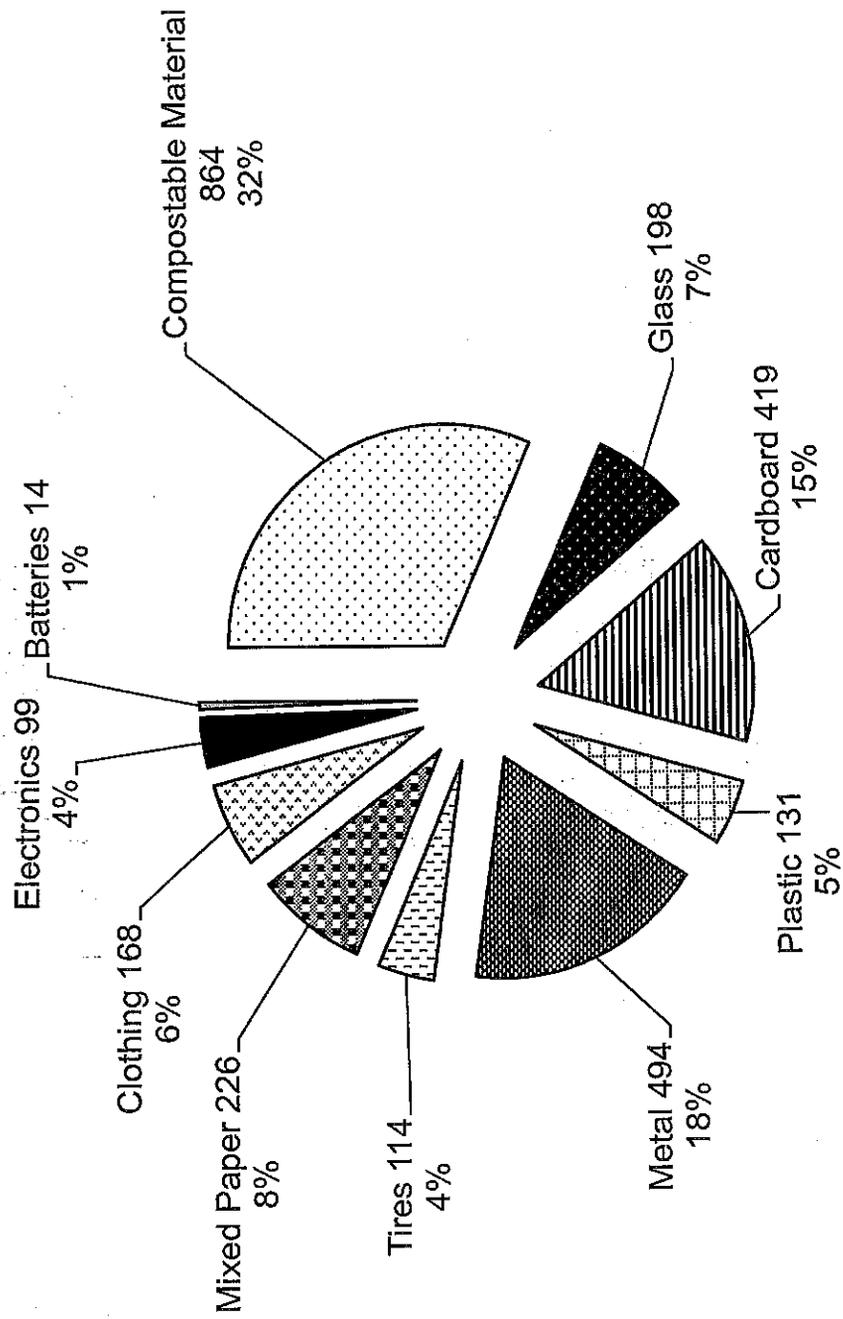


Figure 4 - NEKWMD Budget Trend

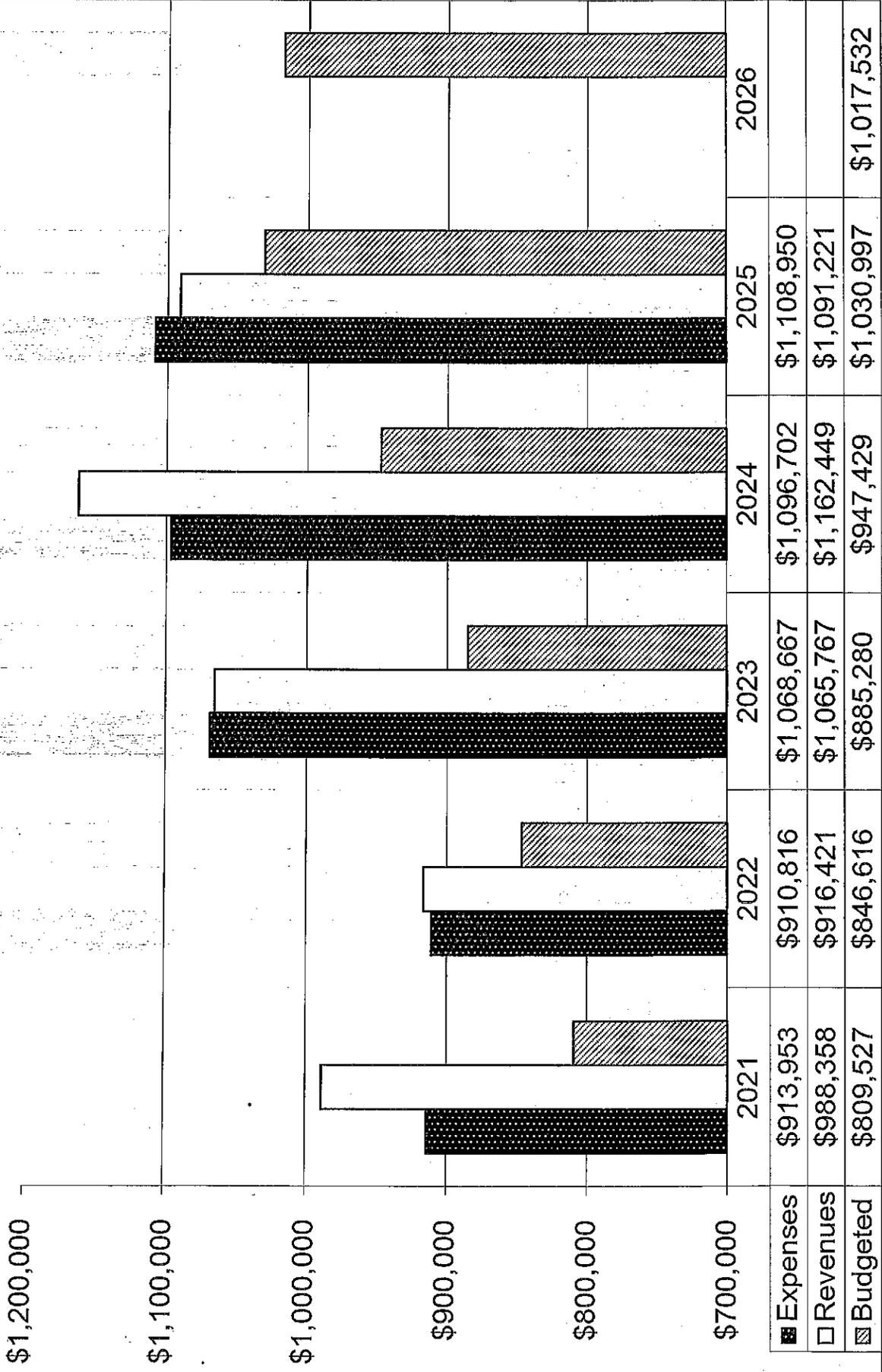


FIGURE 5 - NEKWMD HHW TOTALS - 2025

Material	Totals
Flammable Liquids	5,917 gal
Paint (Oil & Latex)	34 cubic yd
Lab Pack Aerosols	763 gal
Lab Pack Pesticides	509 gal
Oil Filters	0.89 tons
Aerosols*	415 drums
Acids	262 gal
Bases	209 gal
Flammable solids	40 cu yds
Antifreeze	52 gal
Propane Tanks - 20 Lbs (each)	53
Propane Tanks - 1 Lbs (each)	1,300
Propane/Other Cylinders (each)	92
PCB's	0
Lab Pack Mercury	0
Oxidizer Lab Pack	209 gal

OTHER MATERIALS COLLECTED

Materials	Amount
Computers/Televisions	99.07 tons
Fluorescent bulbs	4.19 tons
CFLs, HG Vapor, U-Tubes	0.09 tons
Lead-acid batteries	6.51 tons
Waste oil	3220 gal
Primary/Rechargeable Batteries	7.3 tons

HHW PARTICIPATION 2025

Event	# Participants
	Households
Walk-in Appointments	167
HHW Collections	470
Oil/Battery/Bulb collections*	3,100
Totals	3,737
Area Households	21,275
Percent participation	17.57%

*Estimated

2026 APPROVED BUDGET

	A	B	C	D
1	BUDGET ITEM	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2025	2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
2	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
3	Advertising	\$200.00	\$132.00	\$200.00
4	Audit -- Financial	\$8,500.00	\$14,175.50	\$9,000.00
5	Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
6	Bank Charges	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
7	Cleaning	\$2,500.00	\$3,640.00	\$3,400.00
8	Copier	\$1,500.00	\$1,376.86	\$1,500.00
9	Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$5,000.00	\$6,528.38	\$6,400.00
10	Heating Fuel	\$1,600.00	\$1,259.00	\$1,600.00
11	Liability & Casualty Ins.	\$21,000.00	\$19,244.71	\$21,000.00
12	Legal Fees	\$2,000.00	\$2,597.73	\$2,000.00
13	Professional Services- ED	\$8,000.00	\$9,754.11	\$0.00
14	Postage	\$2,000.00	\$1,936.99	\$2,500.00
15	Office Supplies	\$3,200.00	\$3,414.03	\$3,200.00
16	Secretary Stipend	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
17	Telephone/IT - Office	\$9,000.00	\$10,282.50	\$9,000.00
18	Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$218.12	\$500.00
19	Water/Sewer	\$1,400.00	\$1,339.83	\$1,500.00
20	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$69,525.00	\$76,499.76	\$64,925.00
21	Gross Wages	\$529,000.00	\$512,996.22	\$482,807.00
22	OT Wages--Warehouse	\$6,500.00	\$2,032.16	\$5,000.00
23	Fica (Employer Match)	\$34,637.00	\$31,052.46	\$30,000.00
24	Medi (Employer Match)	\$8,100.00	\$7,262.12	\$7,100.00
25	Unemployment/HCP Insurance	\$5,250.00	\$6,948.06	\$7,000.00
26	VMERS (Retirement)	\$33,135.00	\$35,048.36	\$34,000.00
27	Health Insurance	\$55,000.00	\$72,014.02	\$60,000.00
28	Workman's Comp. Insurance	\$38,000.00	\$33,693.64	\$30,000.00
29	VT- Child Care Tax	\$2,500.00	\$2,223.91	\$2,500.00
30	Mileage - Employee	\$2,000.00	\$1,163.96	\$2,000.00
31	Life & Disability	\$9,000.00	\$11,960.69	\$10,000.00
32	Personnel Equipment	\$500.00	\$1,781.94	\$2,000.00
33	Training	\$800.00	\$50.00	\$1,500.00
34	TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$724,422.00	\$718,227.54	\$673,907.00
35	EQUIPMENT EXPENSES			
36	Baler Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$16,876.54	\$7,500.00
37	Baler Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$8,750.00	\$10,000.00
38	Forklift Fuel	\$3,000.00	\$2,451.64	\$3,000.00
39	Forklift Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$16,351.46	\$8,000.00
40	Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$4,074.74	\$2,000.00
41	Skidsteer Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$1,375.43	\$2,000.00
42	Warehouse Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,897.69	\$2,500.00
43	Trucks--Diesel	\$24,000.00	\$19,217.62	\$24,000.00
44	Trucks- Repair	\$5,000.00	\$8,794.34	\$5,000.00
45	Truck Lease	\$50,000.00	\$50,782.91	\$50,000.00
46	TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$100,500.00	\$131,572.37	\$114,000.00

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47	BUDGET ITEM	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2025	2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
48	BUILDING EXPENSES			
49	Electricity	\$6,000.00	\$6,820.08	\$7,000.00
50	Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$2,600.90	\$8,000.00
51	Trash Removal	\$4,800.00	\$5,442.28	\$6,000.00
52	TOTAL BUILDING	\$11,800.00	\$14,863.26	\$21,000.00
53	PROGRAMS EXPENSES			
54	Composting	\$23,500.00	\$23,043.00	\$22,000.00
55	Composter/Bin	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
56	Education Outreach	\$7,000.00	\$11,647.87	\$7,000.00
57	Hazmat Disposal	\$40,000.00	\$68,609.97	\$50,000.00
58	Hazmat Supplies	\$4,500.00	\$4,308.10	\$4,500.00
59	Recyclables Processing	\$17,000.00	\$28,331.39	\$20,000.00
60	Special Collections	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61	Supplies	\$500.00	\$1,627.08	\$1,200.00
62	Tire Disposal	\$15,000.00	\$18,219.80	\$15,000.00
63	TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$112,750.00	\$155,787.21	\$123,700.00
64	SUB-TOTAL	\$1,018,997.00	\$1,096,950.14	\$997,532.00
65				
66	Capital Improvement Fund	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$20,000.00
67	TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$20,000.00
68				
69	TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$1,030,997.00	\$1,108,950.14	\$1,017,532.00
70	Grants--St of VT	\$117,000.00	\$119,049.60	\$90,000.00
71	Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$61,000.00	\$61,043.21	\$61,000.00
72	Haz Mat/Paint Care	\$5,000.00	\$2,537.81	\$2,000.00
73	Interest Income	\$50.00	\$72.35	\$50.00
74	Miscellaneous Income	\$2,000.00	\$2,954.03	\$2,000.00
75	Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
76	Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
77	Sale of Recyclables	\$110,333.00	\$78,619.49	\$85,000.00
78	Compost Income	\$20,000.00	\$21,643.65	\$22,000.00
79	Electronics Income	\$17,000.00	\$13,082.31	\$10,000.00
80	Scrap Metal Income	\$28,000.00	\$19,234.90	\$22,000.00
81	Battery Income	\$3,000.00	\$6,296.58	\$7,000.00
82	Tire Income	\$15,000.00	\$12,489.35	\$15,000.00
83	Truck Sale- 2017 International	\$0.00	\$2,800.00	\$0.00
84	Per Capita Assessment	\$54,506.00	\$54,506.08	\$54,506.00
85	Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$597,458.00	\$696,741.80	\$646,826.00
86	TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$1,030,997.00	\$1,091,221.16	\$1,017,532.00

2026 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE Collection Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 9	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Maidstone, Town Hall
SATURDAY, MAY 16	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Corinth, Transfer Station
SATURDAY, MAY 23	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Jay/Troy, Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JUNE 6	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Derby, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 20	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Glover, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Danville, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Waterford, Transfer Station
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Barnet, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, SEPT. 26	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Lyndon, Recycling Center

The NEKWMD reserves the right to terminate any collection early in the event that we are at storage capacity. Please limit HHW disposal at listed events to 25 gallons. If you have more than 25 gallons, please call our office to schedule an appointment at our Lyndonville facility, May 5 – October 1, 2026.

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from May 5, 2026 to October 1, 2026. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

****HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS****

What are *Household Hazardous Products*? They are consumer products that contain ingredients that **may be:**

Toxic- poisonous if eaten, breathed, or absorbed through the skin

Corrosive- can burn or destroy living tissue if spilled on skin

Reactive- creates fumes, heat, or explosion hazards if mixed with certain materials such as water

Explosive- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

Flammable/Ignitable- can easily be set on fire

To determine if a product in your home is hazardous, check the label for the following words:

Danger indicates that the substance is extremely flammable, corrosive, or toxic.

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

Caution/Warning is put on all other hazardous substances that are a somewhat lesser hazard but are still dangerous if the directions are not followed closely.

Conditionally Exempt Generator businesses can also use the Lyndonville collections for the actual cost of the disposal of their materials. Please call ahead for pricing and an appointment.

**CONTACT THE NEKWMD IF YOU HAVE ITEM'S, YOU CANNOT
IDENTIFY 802-626-3532 or 800-734-4602 or www.nekwmd.org**

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Acceptable HHW Materials

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- AEROSOLS
- AIR FRESHENERS
- AMMONIA
- ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLIES
- BLEACH
- CLEANERS (INCLUDES: DRAIN, OVEN, FLOOR, WINDOW, TOILET, RUG, ETC.)
- DISINFECTANTS
- METAL & FURNITURE POLISH
- MOTHBALLS
- MERCURY THERMOMETERS
- NAIL POLISH & REMOVER
- NI-CD, LITHIUM, MI-MH, AND BUTTON CELL BATTERIES
- SPOT & STAIN REMOVERS
- ALKALINE BATTERIES *

GARDEN SUPPLIES

- CREOSOTE
- DIOXINS
- FERTILIZERS
- FLEA KILLERS
- FUNGICIDES
- HERBICIDES
- INSECT SPRAYS
- MURIATIC ACID
- NO-PEST STRIPS
- PESTICIDES
- RODENT KILLERS

GARAGE

- ANTIFREEZE
- BRAKE FLUID *
- CORROSIVES

- CAR WAXES AND CLEANERS

GARAGE (CONTINUED)

- ENGINE DEGREASERS
- FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS *
- GASOLINE/DRY GAS
- KEROSENE
- LEAD-ACID CAR BATTERIES *
- LIGHTER FLUID
- OIL-BASED PAINT
- LATEX-BASED PAINT
- PAINT THINNER
- PROPANE CYLINDERS
- SEALANTS
- STAINS/STRIPPERS
- SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS
- TRANSMISSION FLUID *
- WOOD PRESERVATIVES
- USED MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS *

* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

- ASBESTOS
- EXPLOSIVES, INCLUDING GUN POWDER, AMMUNITION
- FLARES
- INFECTIOUS WASTE
- PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION
- RADIOACTIVE WASTE, INCLUDING SMOKE DETECTORS
- UNKNOWN GAS CYLINDERS
- EMPTY CONTAINERS

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2026 NEKWMD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 5	Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection by appointment in Lyndonville begins
MAY 9	Maidstone HHW Collection, Town Hall, 508 VT RT 102 8am-12pm
MAY 16	Corinth HHW Collection, Corinth Transfer Station 8am-12pm
MAY 16	Guildhall Bulky Day, 5635 VT RT 102 (Highway Salt Shed, Guildhall) 8am-12pm
MAY 23	Bloomfield Bulky Day, VT 102 Bloomfield, 8am-12pm (D4 Rubbish)
MAY 23	Jay HHW Collection, Jay/Troy Recycling Center 8am-12pm
MAY 23	Albany Bulky Day, Albany Transfer Station, 8:30am-1pm
MAY 29 & 30	Sutton Bulky Days, NEKWMD facility Lyndonville, Appointment required
JUNE 6	Derby HHW Collection, Derby Recycling Center, 9am-1pm
JUNE 13	Brunswick Bulky Day, Brunswick Town Offices, 8am-12pm
JUNE 20	Glover HHW Collection, Glover Recycling Center, 8am-12pm
JUNE 27	Unified Towns and Gores Bulky Day, Hatchery Brook Rd., Averill, 8am-12pm
JULY 18	Maidstone Bulky Day, 1342 RT102 Maidstone 8am-12pm
AUGUST 1	Unified Towns and Gores Bulky Day, Rte. 105 UTG Building, Ferdinand, 8am-12pm
AUGUST 8	Danville HHW Collection, Danville Recycling Center 8am-12pm
AUGUST 15	Waterford HHW Collection, Waterford Transfer Station, 8am-12pm
AUGUST 22	Barnet HHW Collection, Barnet Transfer Station, 8am-12pm
SEPTEMBER 4 & 5	Sutton Bulky Days, NEKWMD facility Lyndonville, Appointment required
SEPTEMBER 12	Bloomfield Bulky Day, VT Route 102 Bloomfield, 8am-12pm (D4 Rubbish)
SEPTEMBER 19	Cabot Bulky Day, Cabot Recycling Center, 8am-12pm
SEPTEMBER 26	HHW Collection, NEKWMD Office, No appointment necessary, 8am-2pm
OCTOBER 1	HHW Collection by appointment in Lyndonville ends
OCTOBER 3	Albany Bulky Day, Albany Transfer Station, 8:30-1pm
OCTOBER 17	Brunswick Bulky Day, Brunswick Town Offices, 8am-12pm
For information on these events and others, contact the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District at (802) 626-3532, 800-734-4602, by e-mail at adminasst@nekwmd.org or check the updated calendar of events at www.nekwmd.org	

RECYCLING IN THE NEKWMD

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All NEKWMD facilities accept the below materials:

SORT ITEMS

MIXED PAPER

Newspapers, catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts, paperback books, colored & white paper, wrapping paper and junk mail. Any color or type of paper except:
NO brown Kraft bags, boxboard, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or metallic wrapping paper.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, & BROWN KRAFT BAGS

All Cardboard and Boxboard food packaging. Remove excess tape. Staples are OK.
NO wax-coated cardboard, cardboard soiled with food waste, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or Styrofoam.
BOXES MUST BE FLATTENED

TIN CANS

Labels are OK. Flattening is not required. Separate from aluminum cans. Tin is magnetic.
MUST BE RINSED

ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS

Labels are OK. Flattening is not required.
MUST BE RINSED
Snack bags and candy wrappers are trash.

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

Rinse, Remove Lids (recycle with tin)
NO porcelain, Pyrex, windows, crystal, light bulbs, lids, metal or wood.

BATTERIES

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

PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1 – #4 & #5 Food Containers

REMOVE CAPS/MAX SIZE 2 Gallons / NO BLACK PLASTIC / *MUST BE RINSED*

Includes food containers, cleaner containers. #5 accepted if it's a food container.

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.

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