

Town of Chatham
TRANSFER STATION FACILITY PROGRAM UPDATE
April 30, 2018

- The Town of Chatham is the first community on the Cape to receive the new 2018 Recycling IQ Kit Materials Grant in the amount of \$7,500.00 which involves:
 - DEP funding to hire a staff member to interact with residents utilizing the recycling center at our facility. The new staff member is responsible for:
 - Instructing (friendly and knowledgeable approach) for proper recycling practices, education as well as redirect when necessary.
 - Letting residents, visitors and vacationers know that the Town of Chatham is trying to clean up the recycling streams at the resident drop center to reduce and avoid contaminated loads.
 - Outreach for 6 consecutive weeks
 - Thursday's through Sunday's (4-days/week) (16 hrs./week)
 - Break for a short period of time (~5 to 6 weeks) then launch again.
 - Measuring targeted contaminates is a huge part of this grant
 - The Transfer Station Foreman will be responsible for measuring the targeted contamination and collecting data in a spreadsheet. Targeted material for this grant is:
- The Town of Chatham Transfer Station is involved in new Paint Recycling Program - latex or water based paint grant where latex paint is now repurposed "Recolor-great value, greener future" (see attached).

Why Recycle Latex Paint?

 - It is estimated that 65 million gallons of paint are wasted every year in the U.S.
 - Recycling latex paint reduces pollution and the need for raw materials.
 - Recycling latex paint reduces the need of landfill space
 - Using recycled paint decreases a project's carbon footprint.
- The department in conjunction with our Professional Engineer, Weston & Sampson are currently reviewing and re-evaluating the facility to create a more user friendly and more efficient Transfer Station. As part of this Feasibility Study & Alternative Designs (funded in FY2018 – current year budget), we are looking to provide easier and safer access for all residents and visitors to this facility, improve traffic flows and provide separation of commercial from residential traffic, better monitoring waste coming to the site and improve billing procedures where possible.
- Updated Fee Schedule – as endorsed by the Board of Selectmen on April 2, 2018 has been implemented at the Transfer Station
 - Costs to recycle continue to rise. Town of Bourne has increased its Single Stream Recyclables tipping fee from \$62/ton to \$95/ton effective April 23, 2018.

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- Local commercial haulers delivering single stream recyclables and trash to the Transfer Station
- ~~The Town is in the process of eliminating cash transactions at the Transfer Station Facility.~~
- The department is in the process of applying for Dep Grants for the next Fiscal Year.
- Installed three (3) industrialized compactors, two for cardboard and one for mixed plastic (through DEP grant funding), reducing the frequency of hauling to its destination off-cape, decreasing the hauling expenses and better containment of the material on site.
- The Transfer Station personnel have increased monitoring and hauling efforts to remove all accumulated materials, products and waste in a more efficient/timely manner. As a result, the number of rounds and trucks used for hauling during peak season increased. This has helped immensely in reducing odors and smells that had been a problem in the past.
- Installed a software system at the front gate of the Transfer Station that collects the daily charges on the scales as well as individual payments per item, thereby allowing for quicker processing and financial reconciliation at the end of each day and providing the ability to generate accurate tonnage reports.
- Started utilizing Barnstable County Community Service Workers (when available) to assist in cleanup around the site and perimeters of this facility (it is our goal to obtain this service on a bi-weekly basis, if possible). This allows staff to continue to haul materials off site, perform work needed within the solid waste and recycling areas being proactive and more efficient without breaking from the daily assignments.
- Implemented power washing/cleaning of the Tipping Building on a quarterly basis as well as the drainage system on site and proper disposal of same.
- Converted the old lighting in the Tipping Building to new LED lights for more energy efficient lighting.
- When repairing metal containers and/or roll-off containers those that are showing age, fatigue, wear and tear, these containers are being repaired (i.e. welded, sand blasted and repainted) to extend the life of the containers as well as the visual appearance of same.
- Requested all recycling vendors to swap out all broken and/or deteriorated boxes used for their respective recycling collection at this facility
- Provided the latest ANSI 3 safety protection in outer wear i.e. jackets, vest as well as safety glasses and ear protection (when around loud machinery and gloves for hand protection).
- In the process of correcting septic/pumping issue (with E One station) at the facility and other building related issues.