

MAD RIVER SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE

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The Mad River Solid Waste Alliance includes the Towns of Duxbury, Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren and Waterbury. The Alliance was formed through an Interlocal Agreement that began in 1994.

During 2007, the Alliance held two Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day events at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury on May 12, 2007 and on October 6, 2007. A total of 338 households participated in the events this year which represents 6.5% of our population. We collected over 1,106 gallons, 977.4 pounds, 3,472 feet of fluorescent bulbs at the two events. Residents within the Alliance communities are able to bring all their waste pesticides **and** up to 10 additional gallons of hazardous waste to each event for disposal at no charge. **If you have waste mercury containing products such as: thermometers or thermostats; medical or scientific instruments; switches; lamps; batteries or other mercury containing waste you can dispose of these products at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Events.** The Alliance will swap your mercury fever thermometer for a digital thermometer at no charge at these events. Remember that latex paint is not a hazardous waste and will not be accepted. You can mix latex paint with kitty litter to solidify it and dispose of the mixture in your garbage. We are again planning two collection day events in 2008 at Harwood Union High School. They are scheduled for May 10 and October 4, 2008.

Over 1,235 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tanks during 2007. The tanks are located in Waitsfield at the Earthwise Transfer Station and at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. As an Alliance resident, you can bring up to 5 gallons of used crankcase oil to either of these sites at a cost of fifteen cents per gallon at the Earthwise Transfer Station and fifty cents per gallon at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. for proper disposal. A car and truck oil filter crusher is also available for Alliance residents at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. at a cost of seventy five cents per filter.

The Alliance continues to work with the Association of Vermont Recyclers to provide educational programs, workshops and theater productions promoting reduction, reuse, recycling, environmentally preferable products and healthy homes. This year the Alliance continued a book recycling program with Got Books, Inc. and collected over 1.87 tons. A storage trailer is available at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. throughout the year. You can bring books, tapes, CDs, DVDs, records, computer software and video tape to the trailer during hours of operation. This is open to all Alliance residents at no charge.

Visit our new web site at www.madriverswa.org. You will find information on solid waste issues on this web site.

The eleventh truckload sale of compost bins was successful with the distribution of 72 compost bins and 36 kitchen collectors. It is estimated that each compost bin can compost 500 pounds of garden and kitchen waste annually. This means rich soil to add to your garden and less waste to go to the landfill. We will hold our Twelfth Compost Bin Sale this spring. The Alliance held two car and pickup truck tire and metal collection events at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. and at the

Earthwise Transfer Station during 2007. A total of ~ 1929 tires and ~14 tons of metal were collected during these events. We are planning to hold two tire and metal collection events during 2008.

The Moretown Landfill, Inc. provides Alliance residents with the opportunity to bring their recyclables to the facility at no charge. This is done as part of the arrangement between the Alliance and the Moretown Landfill, Inc. for being the “host district” for the facility. Single stream recycling is a reality in the Alliance. You can bring your mixed paper, glass bottles and jars, metal cans and **plastics #1 through #7**, except for plastic film wrap and bags and beaded styrofoam for recycling. The recyclables are taken to the Chittenden County Materials Recovery Facility for processing. The Casella Earthwise Transfer Station and Moretown Landfill, Inc. also participated in the free disposal of roadside litter during the Green Up Day celebrations. The Alliance continues an electronic waste collection and recycling program and this year approximately 14.213 tons of computer systems, printers, televisions and VCRS were collected. This is an on going program at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. The Alliance is a member of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association which helps us market some recyclable commodities such as tires, propane cylinders and other materials. The Alliance is also a member of the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI). As a stakeholder in the PSI we work with other entities to reduce the environmental and health impacts of a variety of consumer products. This is accomplished by looking at the life cycle impacts of products and their packaging. Things like energy and materials consumption, emissions during manufacturing, toxicity, worker safety and waste disposal are among the issues reviewed. The objective of product stewardship is to rethink the way things are created in order to have more sustainable products in the future.

Backyard burning of trash is illegal and causes air pollution problems. Be a good neighbor and don't burn trash. If you know of any illegal dumping sites within your town that would benefit from an Adopt a Site Program give John Malter, Alliance Administrator a call at 244-7373 and let's see what we can do to help eliminate these types of problems together.

The FY 08 assessment for the administrative and program costs remains at \$2.00 per capita. The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission provides accounting support to the Alliance. We thank them for this assistance.

The representatives of the Alliance include: Duxbury; Diane Lynch; Fayston, Bob Vasseur; Moretown, Jonathan Siegel; Waitsfield, Sal Spinosa; Warren, Ken Blair; Waterbury, Ed Steele and John Malter from Waterbury is the Administrator for the Alliance.

MAD RIVER SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE BUDGET REPORT

	Budget <u>2007</u>	Actual <u>2007</u>	<u>Acct Rec</u>	Budget <u>2008</u>
INCOME				
Town Assessments Per Capit (\$2.00)				
Based on 2003 Population Estimate				
Duxbury (1,341)	2,682	2,682		2,682
Fayston (1,183)	2,366	2,366		2,366
Moretown (1,695)	3,390	3,390		3,390
Waitsfield (1,686)	3,372	3,372		3,372
Warren (1,697)	3,394	3,394		3,394
Waterbury (5,138)	10,276	10,276		10,276
Subtotal Assessments:	25,480	25,480		25,480
MLF Education	21,820	13,884	3,477	22,930
Subtotal Education Income	21,820	13,884	3,477	22,930
Household Hazardous Waste:				
MLF HHW	13,680	12,980	700	13,680
Ag. Pest. Grant	3,000		3,428	3,384
Small Quantity Generators	1,000	3,057		1,500
DEC SWIP HHW Grant	8,270	8,757		8,796
Subtotal HHW Income:	25,950	24,794	4,128	27,360
Miscellaneous Income:				
Compost Bins	2,568	3,431		3,276
Tires	5,000	5,398		5,000
Electronic Waste	1,950	3,627		1,950
Web Site Development Grants	500		500	500
Subtotal Misc. Income	10,018	12,456	500	10,726
Total Income:	83,268	76,614	8,105	86,496
EXPENSES				
Administration:				
Administration:616 Hours	21,560	17,780		21,560
Travel/Office	1,160	3,267		3,286
Insurance	1,200	1,095		1,200
Solid Waste Manager Association	200	200		200
Subtotal Administration:	24,120	22,342		26,246
Education:				
Administration:341 Hours	11,935	9,258		11,935
Travel/Office	2,105	2240		3,215
Newsletter/Printing/Mailing	2,000	1,125		2,000
School Programs	3,500	3,250		3,500
GreenUp/Homeshow/Special Events	1,000	375		1,000
N.R.R.A. Membership	180	180		180
Conference	600	280		600
Web Site	500	653		500
Subtotal Education	21,820	17,361		22,930.00
Household Hazardous Waste:				
Administration:243 Hours	8,505	8,479		8,505
Travel/Office	3,155	3,634		3,155
HHW Contractor	15,700	14,546		15,700
Subtotal HHW:	27,360	26,659		27,360
Misc. Expenses:				
Equipment Maintenance	100			100
Tire Collection	5,000	4,113		5,000
Electronic Waste	2,160	3504		2,160
Compost Bins	2,700	3,371		2,700
Subtotal Miscellaneous:	9,960	10,988		9,960
TOTAL EXPENSES:	83,260	77,350		86,496