



Wilton Recycling Center

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As spring is coming around the corner, we have a variety of reminders to pass along. Please ask for assistance with items if you are unsure of their destination. Some items have fees, and the scale house attendant will assist you. Please go slow and be cautious when visiting as there are many moving parts here especially the children along with cars, trucks, trailers and machinery. Questions? Just Ask! We are happy to help.

We have a few changes to announce. First, we have started to co-mingle the brown glass with the green and blue glass, while the clear glass will have its designated bay. You will notice that the brown glass table is now closed off. Remember glass bottles and jars only! This change will have no adverse effect on recycling the glass as it will continue to be taken to Canada to begin the process of becoming fiberglass insulation.

Starting this January the program for collecting household batteries changed drastically. In the past the "Call2Recycle Program" has provided free battery recycling to municipalities but now it is a fee-based program. The cost would be a large burden on the budget. Household alkaline batteries should be disposed of in your household trash. However, for a short period of time, we will continue to recycle rechargeable, lithium, button and NiCad batteries (to name a few).

For the future we are asking you to take your recyclable batteries to Home Depot, Lowe's, various hardware stores or anywhere they take the batteries to recycle. Usually, the container is towards the front of the store to drop off your batteries. If you do not see a container, ask an employee. These outlets will be a means to recycle these batteries, which are prohibited from being disposed of in household trash or landfill debris. These batteries cause fires!! This past year several transfer stations in New Hampshire have had a fire due to lithium batteries in the trash. You can check out the website "Call2recycle.org" for more information. The web site will inform you of the proper way to prepare the batteries. FYI: you must tape the terminals using clear packing tape, electrical tape or duct tape or put each battery into a cheap \$ store sandwich bag and zip it closed (easy-peasy). Please start taking these batteries where they are accepted. We also cannot take the larger lithium batteries from toys, lawn mowers, motorcycles and such. We will continue to take lead acid batteries.

Batteries Plus stores do take all recyclable batteries for a fee including the larger lithium. Recently quoted cost was \$4.00 per pound for lithium and \$3.00 per pound for the other recyclable batteries. Call ahead to confirm. This is a good outlet as they have a vendor who will pick these batteries up and will have them properly handled and recycled. Presently Batteries Plus stores are the only known outlet for these batteries. If you have any information to offer, we will surely welcome it. We appreciate your cooperation with these changes.

Several important facts to remember: When it comes to aluminum cans, only beverage cans are accepted; other aluminum cans, aluminum foil, and tin cans go in with the steel/tin cans. Corrugated cardboard has a jingle to remember to make it easy: Ruffles have ridges – corrugated cardboard has ridges! It is ok if the box has colorful graphics or is shiny. If it has ridges it is good to recycle! Newspaper speaks for itself. Mix paper includes cereal/Kleenex boxes, office paper and other non-corrugated paper material. Waxed cartons will go in the trash.

We recycle #1 and #2 plastics. The catch with #1 is simple: if it is see-thru and a bottle (top is smaller than the bottom) it is recyclable. The containers for #2 plastics vary and you will learn what products you use that are #2's. We collect translucent milk jugs and other such containers separately from #1 and #2 plastics. These jugs/containers are the highest grade of plastic, therefore well worth separating. We appreciate your time and efforts in recycling.

Please note the following dates:

Closed July 4th
Closed November 28th Thanksgiving Day
Closed November 29th Thanksgiving Friday
Christmas eve open hours - 7am to 1pm
New Years eve open hours - 7am to 1pm

Household Hazardous Waste Day will be on Sunday June 23, 2024 from 9am to 1pm.

Flyers will be available soon and will also be on the web page. Remember you must have a facility sticker to participate. Visit the town web site https://www.wiltonnh.gov/government/departments/recycling_center for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.