

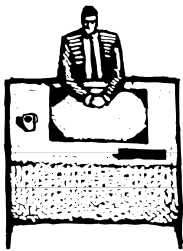


News To Reuse

ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT • WINTER 2009-2010

Attention Businesses: Reduce Waste and Save!

Let's face it, waste is usually an indicator of inefficiency. Perhaps you've purchased expensive materials that ended up being unusable. Valuable office or warehouse space was used to store those excess materials before they were rendered useless, and now you're paying once more to have them hauled to a landfill. If this sounds familiar to you, then it's time to take a good look at **waste reduction**.

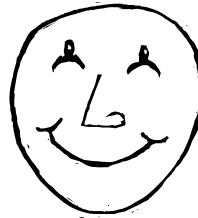


Reducing waste saves your business money and has a ripple effect throughout the environment. By reducing needless consumption, you preserve resources, conserve energy, and reduce the environmental pollution that is often caused by the production and transport of those materials that become waste.

Get Started Now with a Free Waste Assessment!

To reduce your waste, it's time to take another look at what you generate (including your trash and recycling) to find creative solutions. We know you're busy, so let the District help! Starting this January, we can provide a simple waste reduction assessment at your convenience, **free of charge**. All businesses and institutions in the District - large, small, or non-profit - are eligible. Whether a manufacturing, financial, retail, service, or agricultural organization - we all generate waste.

Remember: saving money isn't the only perk that comes from waste reduction. Businesses that reduce waste are regarded more favorably by their customers, the public, and even their own employees. When you take action to reduce waste, you motivate others to do the same! To kick off the new year, **the first 5 businesses to sign up in 2010 will receive this 23-gallon office recycling container (a \$30 value) for free**. Call the District at 388-2333 to schedule an assessment today!



Check Out Our New Face on the Web!

Make our website your first stop for information about waste reduction, reuse, and recycling in Addison County.

Are you unsure about what to do with something you no longer want? Our new online A-Z Guide will point you in the right direction, for anything from asbestos and asphalt, to yard waste and yogurt containers. Our website also displays area recycling and trash drop-off info, District news and announcements, and numerous tips on waste reduction and recycling. At the top, under "Drop-Off Locations and Rates," you'll find a copy of the **Transfer Station Rate Schedule**, which provides rates and prices for all materials accepted there. Many of our publications are online and downloadable in PDF format. There's also a convenient search option on the upper right of the webpage. Our new calendar contains information about events, important meetings, and other happenings in the solid waste world. Please visit our website today!

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Need a Holiday Gift Idea?



The Soilsaver home compost bin is a great choice! For a mere \$45, you can give someone the gift that really does keep on giving. When you compost at home you have an endless supply of a nutrient-rich soil amendment. The Soilsaver comes in a box that fits neatly into any vehicle, so check one more person off your shopping list and pick up a Soilsaver at the District Transfer Station today!

The Soilsaver

- 28" W x 38"D x 32" H
- Holds 11.4 cubic feet
- Made from sturdy recycled plastic
- Retains heat and moisture better than an open pile
- Removable, convenient locking top with self-watering lid
- Two slide-up doors for easy removal of compost



After the Holidays, Give Your Tree a New Purpose!

With the District's **Merry Mulch** Program, your tree can become a part of something wonderful once the holidays are over. We chip your trees to make a fragrant wood-chip mulch, which you can collect for free in the spring to use all around your yard.



Preparing Your Tree

Please put out only trees for collection (**no wreaths!**). To prepare trees for collection or drop-off at the District Transfer Station, you must remove ALL decorations (including lights, wires, ornaments, hooks, tinsel, and garland) from trees.

Curbside Tree Pick-Up Schedule (Middlebury & Vergennes Only)

Please consider putting your tree out on the day before the collection, since the crews of tireless volunteers start EARLY!

Vergennes Collection - Saturday, January 2nd.
Trees must be out on the curb by 7 AM!
Collection sponsored by the Lion's Club.

Middlebury Collection - Saturday, January 9th.
Trees must be out on the curb by 7 AM!
Collection sponsored by the Rotary Club.

Tree Drop-Off

You can drop off your tree at the District Transfer Station (1223 Route 7 South in Middlebury) any time during our normal hours of 7AM to 3PM (M-F) and 9AM to 1PM (Sat). Trees for Merry Mulch are accepted **free of charge until January 31**. After January, you can still bring your tree to the District Transfer Station as clean wood for a \$5 fee. In Vergennes, trees may be dropped off **ONLY** until January 31 at the lot adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Canal Street, from 6:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Questions? Call us at 388-2333.

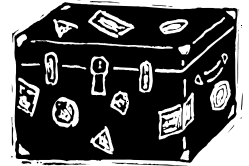
Holiday Recycling Reminder

Remember, when the holidays are over... Wrapping paper (except foil, mylar, and bows), cardboard boxes, and Christmas cards are all recyclable. Check our website for places that collect and reuse packing peanuts and bubble wrap.

Holiday Leftovers? **REUSE IT OR LOSE IT!**

Have the holidays cluttered up your home? Donate your unwanted household items to a local charity or to the District's **REUSE IT OR LOSE IT!** Program. It's easy to do and can help make a difference in someone's life.

One important aspect of waste prevention is recognizing the value of used materials and sparing them from entombment in the landfill. This already happens here in our area, where garage sales are common and many useful items are exchanged, not wasted.



Residents of the District's 19 member towns may bring household goods with some potential for reuse to the **REUSE IT OR LOSE IT!** program. Please bring only items that are usable in their current condition. Loads under 20 lbs may be dropped off for free.*

Contractors: Save on Disposal

Looking for a great way to save costs on a construction or demolition job? Take a look at what you're throwing in your dumpster. If there are any reusable building materials, you don't need to throw them out.

District businesses and residents may bring in reusable building materials free of charge.* This includes items such as lumber, pipes, hardware, windows, doors, or any other building material that still has some useful life left. Why pay to throw it away?

REUSE IT OR LOSE IT! Acceptance Fees

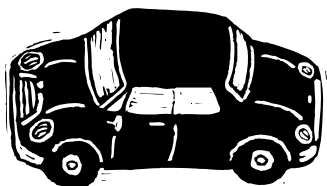
- Household goods, loads under 20 lbs Free
- Household goods, loads 20-50 lbs \$1.00
- Household goods, loads over 50 lbs. \$3.00
- Qualifying building materials Free

District businesses and residents are also welcome to take any household goods or building materials **for free** from the **REUSE IT OR LOSE IT!** program.

Visit **REUSE IT OR LOSE IT!** at the District Transfer Station at 1223 Route 7, just south of downtown Middlebury. The Transfer Station is open Mon-Fri from 7 AM to 3 PM, and Sat from 9 AM to 1 PM.

*Some restrictions apply. See the list of acceptance criteria on our website (www.acswmd.org). Additional items may be accepted or rejected at ACSWMD staff discretion. You may also call us at 388-2333 to see if we can accept your reusable items.

Automotive Wastes



The District can help you deal with some of the most common wastes associated with routine car maintenance. District residents may bring these items to the Transfer Station for recycling:

Motor Oil

Bring in your used motor oil and we'll recycle it at no charge. Make sure it's in secure containers. Oil for recycling must not be contaminated with water, antifreeze, solvents, gasoline, or PCBs. Bring contaminated oil to the HazWaste Center (see back page for hours).

Oil Filters

Your spent oil filter, even after draining, may still contain between 4 - 8 fluid ounces of oil. That's 40% of what it normally holds! Don't throw those in the trash - take them to the District Transfer Station and we'll recycle them for a fee of 25 cents per filter.

Antifreeze

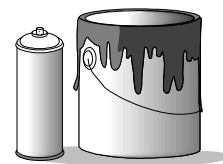
Used antifreeze contains ethylene glycol, which is a toxic chemical, and also usually contains lead. We recycle it at the District HazWaste Center at no charge to residents (see back page for hours). Businesses must pay for recycling of antifreeze.

Tires










Americans generate roughly 290 million scrap tires **every year**. There are also around 265 million tires sitting in large stockpiles around the country. The best way to keep tires from becoming a waste is to take proper care of them. Some simple maintenance may extend the life of your tires by 50%! Check your tire pressure weekly, or at least monthly. Too much or too little air will cause premature tread wear. Keep an accurate tire gauge in your glove box, and check your tires when they are cold - before you go on that 6-hour drive. Drive smoothly. Jackrabbit starts, hard stops, and sharp cornering all shorten the life of your tires. Have your tires rotated according to the schedule in your car owner's manual.

Tires collected at the District Transfer Station are recycled for use in civil engineering projects, not burned as fuel. All tires are accepted, with or without rims. A fee applies: \$2 each passenger tire, \$6 each large truck tire, \$20 each large earthmoving equipment tire, 0.06/lb for large loads of tires.

REDUCE PAINT WASTE BY MAKING IT LAST



Unwanted latex and oil-based paints are by far the most common items collected at the District's HazWaste Center. You can help reduce the amount of paint that is discarded by the District each year. Try these techniques:

-  **Cover the opening of the paint can with plastic wrap before closing the lid.** This will help create an additional seal when the can is closed.
-  **Use a mallet instead of a hammer to close a paint can.** Hammers can dent and bend the rim of the paint can, causing a poor seal. Place a rag over the lid and gently tap the lid closed to avoid damaging the rim.
-  **Store the paint can upside down to create a tight seal around the lid.** Generally this prevents air from entering the paint can so the paint will not dry out.
-  **Store paint away from extreme heat and cold.** Extremes in temperature will spoil paint and make it unusable. Store in a cool, dry area.
-  **On the lid of each paint can, write the date opened, color, brand, and the room where it was used.** This will help you locate paint needed for touch ups and future purchases, as well as identifying paint that is no longer needed.
-  **Leave the original label on the paint can.** The original label alleviates any questions about the type of paint in the can when it's time for disposal.
-  **Do not pour anything else in the paint.** No matter how you use or dispose of the leftover paint, do not contaminate it by pouring anything else into the can. If contaminated, the paint will be difficult to recycle or dispose of properly. Also, do not dispose of old brushes or rags by stuffing them into cans of paint.
-  **Buy only what you need.** Talk to your paint retailer and read the can to carefully estimate the amount of paint required for your project.
-  **Dispose of small amounts of latex paint yourself.** Dried latex paint is not a hazardous waste. Mix small amounts with kitty litter or sand to solidify latex paint, keep the lid off the can, and toss in the trash. Starting January 1, there will be a **\$2 fee** per residential load of latex paint brought to the District HazWaste Center.

What is the Solid Waste District?

We are a union municipal district that exists to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 19 member towns. The District promotes waste reduction; maximizes diversion of wastes through reuse, recycling and composting; and provides for the disposal of remaining wastes.

Is My Town a Member?

Member towns are: Addison, Bridport, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge, and Whiting. Your town's membership means you have access to all District programs and services, including: the full range of services at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury (including the HazWaste Center), solid waste planning and management assistance, free educational programming for any institution, and technical support and advice on a wide variety of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling issues.

New Fees at the District Transfer Station

Effective January 1, several new fees will apply:

- MSW / C&D tip fee raised to \$125/ton (increase equal to 3 cents on a 25-lb bag of trash). Min. fee for 100 lbs of clean-out debris: \$6.25. Min. fee for regular trash (1/2 ton): \$62.50
- A transaction fee of \$1 per visit will be charged on all transactions, except for no-fee items like scrap metal. **Consolidate your trips to save money!**
- Leaf & yard waste: \$1 / load
- Latex paint products: \$2 recycling fee per residential load at the HazWaste Center (latex paint may also be dried and disposed of with garbage).
- Oil filters: \$45 per 55-gallon drum (crushed or uncrushed)
- Loading assistance w/ free mulch (by request): \$5 / load

District Transfer Station Info

Location: 1223 Route 7 South in Middlebury.

Hours for Transfer Station and *REUSE IT OR LOSE IT!* Program (see below for HazWaste):

Monday thru Friday: 7 AM - 3 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 1 PM

The *HazWaste Center* at the Transfer Station is open every Tues., Wed., & Thurs. from 8 AM to Noon, & Sat. from 9 AM - Noon. Businesses by appointment only.

We do not accept household recycling or small amounts of bagged trash from residents. Please call us for a list of town recycling and trash drop-off locations, or licensed haulers for curbside collection.

The District Transfer Station does accept many other items. Call us to receive a full list with prices, or visit www.acswmd.org. Please make sure your load is properly sorted, as we reserve the right to inspect all loads and reject or surcharge improperly sorted loads.

District programs are funded entirely by user fees, grants & donations. No towns are assessed any taxes by the District for this facility, or any of the District's programs. Visit the office Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Recycling of the following items is mandatory for residents and businesses in the District:

Newspaper, cardboard, boxboard, white & mixed paper, magazines & catalogs, plastic bottles (#1 & #2), glass bottles (clear, green, brown), metal cans.

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