



PLAINFIELD RECYCLING

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Plainfield's recycling rate is 23% in 2006. The cost savings to the town from recycling efforts went from \$ 23,091 in 2005 to \$23,487 in 2006.

	2004	2005	2006
Total tonnage	1,140.5	1,176.11	1,143.1
Tons incinerated	904	910	885
Tons recycled curbside	156	153	127
Tons recycled at Shed	80.5	113	132

Curbside Recycling: Cost savings to the town totaled \$11,502.4. This is down \$2,420.6 from last year. We made overall cost savings by not sending curbside recyclables to the incinerator. Items below, except for the tires and oil, and 2/3's of the metal could have been put in curbside trash. After using revenues from the Shed's recyclables to offset costs and processing fees, NRRA fees, the Shed cost \$2,115.75 including \$590 in materials to repair the junk paper box. This is a \$265.75 difference up from last year, not including repairs to box.

Father's Day Clean-up Extravaganza generated \$2,341 in revenue. We collected household junk, tires, electronics/computers, fleeces and the usual items. The cost to haul and for containers, etc. was \$2,697 for a minor expense of \$356. We had about 3.4 tons of junk, and 5.9 tons of tires.

The Selectmen arrange for 2 days a year for hazardous waste collection. This year they were held at Lebanon Landfill. Plainfield resident's participation cost approx. \$2,600.

Drop-Off Shed: Cost savings to the town totaled \$ 11,984.70.

Material Collected at Shed	Est. Amount collected (in tons)	
	2005	2006
Magazines, boxboard, junk mail	18.0	21.19
Scrap Metal	67.31	70.88
Corrugated cardboard, grocery bags	22.0	26.0
Office paper (white)	.75	.75
Tires (collected 2 times per year)	3.72	7.48
Household rechargeable batteries	N/A	N/A
Fluorescent tubes 6' in length or less	\$300	\$360
Oil – used @7.3lbs per gal.	510 gal	570 gal/2.0tns
Printer cartridges	N/A	N/A
Cell Phones	N/A	N/A
Father's Day Junk		3.4
Propane tanks (not accepted at Shed)		
75 tanks left off @ \$5 per tank to de-stem	approx.	<\$375>
Total		\$131.7
(an increase of 1.15% over 2005)		

In the Spring Plainfield will be sponsoring the second annual “Father’s Day Clean-up Extravaganza”, and there is a tire collection day in the autumn, funding the town’s participation in 2 hazardous waste collection days (spring & fall). Many thanks to the recycling volunteers, Steve Halleran and especially to Ken Stocker and the highway crew for all of their efforts including and not least “the Metal Bin” and surrounding areas.

Hillary Sundell, Recycling Shed Coordinator

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) have considered issues as wide-ranging as the Alstead flood to climate change and the effects of ice jams. In 2006 CRJC provided \$82,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including a study of Connecticut River dragonflies in the Plainfield area, a land management training program for horse owners, and a trout aquarium for the Hartland Elementary School.

We hosted the Environmental Protection Agency in announcing results of the Connecticut River Fish Contaminant Study, the first whole-river study of its kind, which was requested by CRJC. Results for the Mt. Ascutney Region indicate that PCBs are a threat to fishermen, birds, and mammals that eat Connecticut River fish. Levels of mercury in fish in this reach are more of a threat to fish-eating birds and mammals than to humans. Dioxins and DDT breakdown products are also present in fish tissue and are a threat to subsistence fishers but not to recreational anglers. Our web site, www.crjc.org, carries links to this study and to state fish consumption advisories.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard the valley’s natural, agricultural, and historic assets, and are working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through the Connecticut River Byway. In 2006 we created a manual to help local groups prepare engaging heritage tourism-related publications to showcase their communities. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net.

Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers. The Commissions strive to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region. We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of each month. Visit our web site for a calendar of events, useful information and links, and our newsletters, *River Valley News* and *River Byway News*.

Nancy Franklin and Robert Kline, Connecticut River Commissioners

ANNUAL REPORT - 2006 Mt. Ascutney Region Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year the Mt. Ascutney Region Subcommittee updated the water resources chapter of the *Connecticut River Management Plan*, focusing on the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains open, shorelands protected from development, and vegetated riparian buffers growing along riverbanks to keep them stable, keep debris off floodplain fields, and to filter pollutants from water running off the land into the river.

The subcommittee continues to carry out our obligation to provide information