

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE REPORT

This year, the Plainfield Solid Waste and Recycling Group spent time addressing the end of the town's curbside collection contract. The Group evaluated the current program and developed a request for proposals for waste and recycling contractor. A number of vendors were contacted, however, only one responded. The town will renew its contract with Casella for another three years.

In 2020, recycling markets were hit hard. We would like to strongly encourage everyone to read the recycling flyer and only recycle items on the list. Please no bowling balls, winter sleds or turkey carcasses in the recycling bin. Putting the wrong items in the bins costs money; we all need to do our part to recycle right.

The focus in 2021 will be on outreach. Group members have been writing articles for Plainfacts and researching other programs. It is our hope to encourage our neighbors to reduce food waste at home through composting. Currently, two options are available: 1) back yard composting is a great way to reduce waste at no cost and 2) participate in the food scrap drop off program at the Lebanon Solid Waste Facility. Both options reduce waste, save money and are good for the environment.

Respectfully submitted,

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