

# *PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT*

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## 2015 Annual Report

This past year, the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District continued its cooperative efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and to provide residents with a means of properly disposing of their household hazardous waste (HHW).

The District held two (2) one-day HHW collections, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. A total of 269 households participated in the program - our highest turnout since 2006. It was estimated that over 17,000 tons of material was collected. Total expenses for this year's program (disposal costs, advertising, & insurance) were \$24,671. The District was awarded a grant from the State of NH for \$5,572, received a \$5,000 donation from Casella Waste, and received \$4,000 from North Country Council to off-set coordination expenses. The net expenditures for the program were \$10,099 (a cost of \$.31 per resident).

In 2016, the District will once again hold collections in Littleton (Sunday, August 28th) and in Plymouth (Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>). Individual residents can help to minimize the District's disposal costs and reduce the toxicity of the waste stream by remembering a few of these helpful tips; Buy only what you need. If you have leftover product, properly store it so it will last. Use biological controls and organic products for pests and diseases in the garden when feasible. Apply chemical pesticides only as a last resort and be sure to follow the directions on the label. Lastly, air-dry your leftover latex paint. When completely dried, latex paint may be disposed of in your household trash.

2016 could be challenging for many recycling facilities. The slump in prices paid for processed recyclables is likely to have ramifications on everyone's budget. When selling your recyclables, be sure to call multiple brokers as prices can vary between brokers. Even small differences can add up to significant dollars over the course of a year. Brokers also can offer a wide array of collection options (single-stream, co-mingled, split loads, etc) to best suit your recycling facility. What works for one town may not work for another, but no matter the circumstances, there are many possibilities for members to decrease waste and increase recycling efforts. We are very fortunate to have some of the best municipal recycling programs in the State as well as a knowledgeable and innovative group of facility operators. If your town has questions, issues, or concerns you would like to address, please use the resources you have available. New Hampshire the Beautiful offers grants to NH communities to help with the purchase of recycling equipment. Grants may total up to one-half of the purchase price of such things as balers, roll-off containers, collections bins, or other equipment that will assist a town in achieving a higher diversion rate. More information on the grant program is available at [www.nhthebeautiful.org](http://www.nhthebeautiful.org).

As always, citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District's meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices and recycling centers. If at any time an individual community needs assistance in regards to their solid waste/recycling program, please contact the District by email at [pemibakerswd@yahoo.com](mailto:pemibakerswd@yahoo.com)

Respectively Submitted,  
Dan Woods, Secretary

**Littleton Member - Brian Patnoe (Term Expires 2018)**