

What attendees were concerned about:

- Recycling
- Outlawing plastic bags
- Relaxing requirements prohibiting facilities from composting etc.
- Cost effectiveness
- Methods for handling universal waste
- New ideas for recycling
- Improving facilities
- Continued training
- What's new? / What's changed?
- Are we doing it right?

Noteworthy comments/questions from presentation:

- Wolfeboro – can accommodate business hazardous waste for other towns
- “Disposal” of UW = final resting place
- UW containers need to be appropriate and undamaged
- State law – container leaks need to be responded to within 1 hour of discovery
- Biggest antifreeze recycler in state – Antifreeze Technologies – has shut down
 - Is there technology available for purchase to recycle antifreeze on site?
 - Yes. There are machines available that can do that.
 - Do you need a special permit?
 - No. Just a notification process.
 - What if there's used oil mixed with antifreeze?
 - Facilities can separate it
- Re: Button Cell batteries: treat all as hazardous instead of trying to sort them
- If many empty lithium battery cases coming in – potential the batteries are being used for making meth
 - Expanded plastic bottles or bottles with “flecks” in them may be signs of meth lab
- Be careful that lithium batteries don't get mixed in with lead acid batteries – potential for fire and explosion
- Green tip fluorescent bulbs – could be thrown in solid waste AFTER each one has been tested.
 - May be more cost effective to just treat all of them as UW
- Biggest violation – open containers of lamps
 - Make best effort to keep containers closed as much as possible
 - Why?
 - More of a potential of mercury getting out if the lamp is broken or dropped. If container is closed the mercury will be contained (even if it's a cardboard box). It's also safer in case someone falls on a closed box of bulbs.
 - Special boxes needed?
 - No. Important thing is that the boxes are intact. Original boxes for lamps are fine, cardboard boxes usually have plastic inside. Tape seams.

Discussion:

- Do attendees use state contracts or other?
 - Northeast Resource Recovery Agency
- Regulations
 - When making regulations, they have to think about impact
 - E-waste – can't landfill but no one would/could pick it up
 - Paint Care Program
 - Great program in use in other New England states, not NH.
 - Composting rules
 - Different permit for meat & dairy, not prohibited.
 - Difficulties stop people from doing it
 - Permits, odors, location, cost etc.
 - Rule rewrite is in process
- Reducing what comes into facilities, educate people about what should go into trash vs recycling
 - Returning materials to manufacturers/stores
- Working regionally/centrally
 - Sometimes problems with disagreements/issues about costs
 - NRRA has open meetings, may be beneficial to attend
 - Suggestions for regional curbside pickup made to LRPC
- Costs of disposing UW
 - People don't want to pay fees, end up dumping in ditch
 - Have days when people can bring things in at no cost – VERY effective
 - Effectiveness of educating public about why there's a fee?
 - People generally don't why, just that it exists.

Next Steps

- Further discuss and define relaxing of laws to assist with disposal efforts (e.g., compost and waste oil)
- Distribute recent changes to HHW rules D. Robinson
- Need to develop FAQs, website content etc.... to make easier for people to find disposal info
- Publicize 5 remaining LRPC panel discussions with dates asap
- Answer what is a business for HHW collection
- Post Tara Albert's PowerPoint ASAP
- Need environmental impacts and economic impacts of solid waste disposal practices on website ASAP
- Can LRPC assist with voluntary inspections/reviews of solid waste facilities vs. waiting for DES regulators (grant scope)
- Follow-up on antifreeze joint equipment purchase by multiple towns
- Create publication on low-cost ways to handle certain wastes (e.g., latex paint, alkaline batteries, oil/anti-freeze mix, LED's)
- If transfer stations not currently taking antifreeze where does it go?
- What is comparison cost of NRRA and state contract on universal waste?
- Publicize list of who takes e-waste
- Gather together legislative ideas including rules relaxing, paint stewardship to discuss with legislators
- Composting fact sheets and info sharing, can it be exported to Maine? Could there be a regional facility?
- Diversion programs, what more can we do?
- Use this list to create a running list of SW and HHW problem statements and questions
- Probe deeper on interest in regional disposal options, define opportunities and challenges
- Answer question does Lowes/Home Depot take lamps
- Organize regional solid waste amnesty day for disposal of items that usually have fees
- Need summary of what each town in region pays in solid waste management costs and how much they raise in revenues (Ossipee \$460k and \$100k) \$51 tipping fee