

Collection

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Recycle Your Maple Tubing



During the months of September and October, the District will be collecting polyethylene tubing used for maple syrup production at the Johnson Drop Off. **You must call the LRSWMD for an appointment** — 888-7317. Please follow the guidelines below.

Most tubing can be recycled. PVC tubing cannot. Newer tubing is PVC-free. To determine if your tubing is made from PVC plastic, cut off a small section and drop it into a glass of water. If it floats, it is acceptable for recycling. If it sinks, it is most likely PVC and not recyclable.

Preparation — For efficient storage and transportation, coil or bundle tubing (tie bundles together with tubing) or cut into sections. Store tubing in large boxes or other containers, if possible. Cut mainline in four (4) foot lengths.

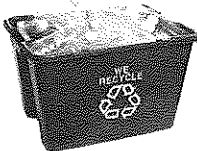
Remove metal and wire.

Some dirt and residue are OK, but keep tubing out of the mud. No materials contaminated with oil will be accepted.

Fittings and spouts do not need to be removed.

New & Improved!

Only \$5 each
Holds up to
14 gallons



RECYCLING IS MANDATORY. CALL US FOR ASSISTANCE IN MEETING THE MANDATE.

GREAT JOB LAMOILLE RESIDENTS! Here are the tons of recycling and special wastes collected from LRSWMD stations in FY 2011!

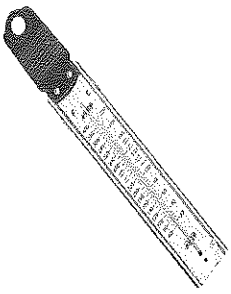
Recycling	880.21 tons
Hardcover Books	5.29 tons
Computers & TVs	64.22 tons

Scrap Metal	182.73 tons
Textiles	11.74 tons
Tires	81 tons

We also collected 1,348 propane tanks, 121 car batteries, 40,130 linear feet of fluorescent bulbs and 463 freon appliances!

ATTENTION: MAPLE PRODUCERS

Exchange Your Mercury Thermometer



The Vermont Agency of Agriculture and the University of Vermont Extension Program have obtained grant funding from the Lake Champlain Basin Program to finance a mercury thermometer exchange that can accommodate up to 250 producers. Participation in this program is an important step in reducing the number of mercury-filled thermometers now being used in the maple industry.

“If a producer were ever to accidentally break a mercury thermometer in a batch of maple syrup or in a piece of maple processing equipment, it could cost hundreds of dollars to dispose of the contaminated material. — Annie Macmillan, VT Agency of Agriculture”

The thermometer you will receive in exchange is a digital thermometer, capable of reading in increments of 0.1° Fahrenheit at temperatures above 100° Fahrenheit. You may exchange your thermometer at the LRSWMD office.

RESULTS OF LRSWMD LATEX PAINT COLLECTION



TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS:	198
TOTAL NUMBER OF GALLONS REUSED:	148
TOTAL NUMBER OF GALLONS RECYCLED:	400
TOTAL NUMBER OF GALLONS DISPOSED:	275

Keep Cell Phones Out of the Landfill and Help Our Local United Way



Do you have a drawer or box full of cell phones you don't know what to do with?

The United Way of Lamoille County (UWLC) has started a Cell Phone Recycling Program to raise money in the community. For every cell phone donated to this program, United Way will receive anywhere from \$.25 to \$80, depending on the phone.

The condition of the cell phones does not matter - they can be working or broken. They will be smelted for precious metal in the U.S. and phones will not be sent overseas. Phones that are able to be refurbished will be sold to wholesale and small cell phone providers.

UWLC is working with all LRSWMD transfer stations in the county to collect the phones. If you have a cell phone you would like to donate to this program, just drop it off at your nearest transfer station. Visit <http://lrswmd.org/dropoff.html> for a directory of site locations. Call Dawn at UWLC, 888-3252, for more information.



SEPTEMBER 10

9:00am to 1:00pm


Morrisville Transfer Station - Trombley Hill

Do you know where your sensitive information is going? Legal documents, payroll records, medical files – every business generates sensitive data in paper and electronic form, and this information needs to be disposed of properly.

Visit the Morrisville Transfer Station on September 10 and have Vermont Shred destroy your data securely.

There is a \$5 fee per banker box. Half of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Lamoille Community Food Share. For more information, call 888-7317.

Got Drugs?



Turn in your unused or expired medications for safe disposal on Saturday, October 29.

Visit www.dea.gov or call 888-3502 (Lamoille County Sheriff's office) for a collection site near you.



It's Best to Have at Least 2 Bins for Fall Composting

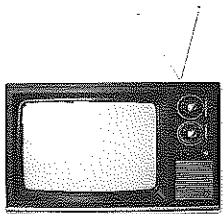
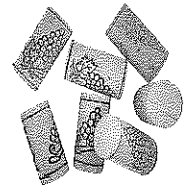
Fall clean up of grass, leaves and garden debris can fill up your compost bin pretty fast. For best results in composting, you should have one bin "cooking" while the second bin is ready for use. The LRSWMD has Soil Savers on sale for \$43 through December 31. Stop by our office on Sunset Drive or visit any of our transfer stations to pick up your bin today. Makes great holiday gifts. Supplies are limited.



REUSING A RENEWABLE RESOURCE: ReCORK is a recycling program sponsored by Amorim of Portugal, the world's largest producer of natural cork wine closures. Amorim is a leading advocate for the sustainable of cork forests throughout the Mediterranean Basin.

The goal of ReCORK is to find reuse applications for as many corks as possible – and in the process, help communicate the value cork forests play as a sustainable natural resource that must be protected. Natural cork wine closures, unlike plastic or aluminum, are ideal for recycling and can be remanufactured into shoe components, flooring, gaskets, bulletin board, sports equipment, and even used as a soil amendment in compost. Natural cork is also a valuable source of CO₂ retention. Currently, ReCORK is focusing their reuse applications on footwear, with their partner SOLE, a leading manufacturer in footcare products.

If you have any corks you would like to contribute to this effort, please drop them off at the **Lamoille Valley Veterinary Services (LVVS)** on Route 15 in Hyde Park. LVVS has won our Recycling Award in the past and continues to be a leader in creative environmental initiatives.



New E-Waste Program for Vermont Residents, 501(c)(3) Charities or Businesses with 10 Employees or Less*



If you fit into one of these categories, there is no charge to drop off **computers, monitors, printers, keyboards, mouse, and televisions** at the following registered collection sites.locations:

- **STOWE** - Route 108 (behind Baggy Knees Shopping Center): Open every day EXCEPT Tuesday from 7:30am - 3pm
- **JOHNSON** - Wilson Road: Open Friday and Saturday, 8:30am to 4pm
- **MORRISVILLE** - Trombley Hill: Open Saturdays, 8:30am - 1:30pm

Other electronic waste such as fax machines, VCRs, DVD players, CD players and telephones are banned from landfills, but are not free to recycle. A small fee applies and these items can also be dropped off at the above locations.

* Larger businesses are welcome to use these facilities but are subject to a recycling fee. Visit our website for a fee schedule.

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• LAST HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION FOR 2011 •

Acceptable Items to Bring

Pesticides/Insecticides
Automotive Products
Kerosene
Paint cleaner products
Thermostats
Gasoline
Household cleaners
Pool/hobby chemicals
Oil-based paints
Waste oil
Thermometers
Aerosols

October 1, 2011
G.W. Tatro Parking Lot
Jeffersonville

**Businesses Must Pre-Register
No Later Than Sept. 23rd**

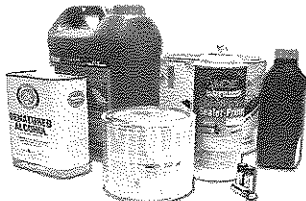
If you are a Conditionally Exempt Generator of HazWaste (less than 220 lbs./mo.), you should use these collections as a less expensive and more convenient method of hazardous waste disposal.

Businesses must pre-register no later than one week prior to the collection date with a waste disposal inventory. For more information, contact the District Office at 888-7317 or visit our website at www.lrswmd.org.

Unacceptable Items

Fluorescent Bulbs*
Auto Batteries*
Propane Tanks*
Alkaline Batteries
Gas Cylinders
Latex Paint
Radioactive material
Hazardous product containers
Medical waste and medicines

** These items are accepted year-round at any LRSWMD drop off. Minimal fees may apply.*



Anyone with wastes in
55 gallon drums
MUST call ahead.



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ARE FOR
LAMOILLE DISTRICT
RESIDENTS
ONLY**