



Durham Public Works

Fall Newsletter



October 2023

Household Hazardous Waste Collection – October 14th, 2023

Durham Public Works would like to remind residents of this year's annual Household Hazardous Waste Day, which will be held at the Public Works Facility located at:

100 Stone Quarry Drive

All hazardous waste will be collected by appointment only. To register, call Durham Public Works at:

603-868-5578

This collection is limited to 5 gallons of material per household.

Please see **Pg. 4** for more information.

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Leaf and Brush Collection Program – Begins November 6th

The Residential Leaf and Brush Collection Program begins on Monday, November 6th. Please place all items curbside no later than 7:00am. During Fall Cleanup, Durham Public Works picks up brush (natural material from trees) first followed by the collection of leaves. The amount of brush and limbs is limited to one truckload per household.

- Leaves should be placed in paper leaf bags. Plastic bags will not be picked up. Loose leaves **will not** be picked up, but may be brought to the Transfer Station at 100 Durham Point Road.
- Brush should be placed in one direction, bundled and tied with string (no wire please).
- **Brush and limbs must be no greater than 5 feet in length and 5 inches in diameter. No stumps will be accepted.**
- Cutting off small limbs from branches will help maximize each load.
- Backyard composting of your leaves and brush reduces the flow of waste, while at the same time produces valuable organic matter for the soil. It improves your soil and the plants growing in it.



Did you know?

The 2022 program resulted in:

- 30.55 tons (~61100 lbs) of **brush**.
That's 53.5 truckloads!
- 33.6 tons (~67200 lbs) of **leaves**.
That's 28 truckloads!
- In total:
64.15 tons (~128,300 lbs)
81.5 truckloads!

*****The Transfer Station accepts leaves and brush free of charge year round during public open hours.*****

Fall Project Spotlight

Bickford-Chesley House at Wagon Hill Farm Receives a New Roof

The Bickford Chesley House sits proud atop the hill on the 139-acre Wagon Hill Farm property. The home constructed in 1804, is an excellent example of Federal-era rural architecture. The site was owned by 3 families over the years and has remained in agricultural use for 300 years. In 2022, the Town contracted with Steven Mallory to conduct a building conditions assessment for the historic house and utilizing the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) funding. Specifications were developed which allowed the Town to submit requests for additional grant funding through the LCHIP program. One building system identified which required immediate attention included the roof replacement and associated woodwork to protect the structure from the weather. Durham Public Works, working with historic preservation contractor Steven Bedard, recently completed the replacement of the roof and repair to the wood returns and cornice. In addition, the Town has applied for a second LCHIP preservation grant in the amount of \$321,000 which will supplement existing capital funding to undertake additional repairs detailed in the Steve Mallory report.

Photo Courtesy: Robin Mower



Emerson Road Construction Nearing Completion

Durham Public Works and Continental Paving, Inc. are nearing completion of the Emerson Road Roadway Construction Project. Binder course pavement within the reclamation limits from Madbury Road to the Western entrance of Littlehale Road will remain in place through the winter. This will allow the roadway to experience a freeze/thaw cycle to help enhance subsurface compaction prior to wearing course pavement application. A mill and overlay treatment within the corridor from the Western entrance of Littlehale Road to Bagdad Road was completed along with repairs to the stormwater catch basins. Additionally, the bituminous sidewalks were replaced, and compliant ADA ramps installed.



Durham Public Works and its consultants, VHB and CMA Engineers, continue to make steady progress on the design of the Madbury Road Complete Streets Project. Phase 1 culvert, drainage, and water quality improvements in 2024 entail the complete replacement of the stone box culvert that carries Littlehale Creek under Edgewood Road, a cure-in-place plastic lining of the reinforced concrete culvert that carries Littlehale Creek under Madbury Road, and slope stabilization of the culvert that carries Pettee Brook under Edgewood Road. Additional improvements in 2024 will include water and sewer infrastructure replacements on Madbury Court and Madbury Road from Garrison Avenue to Edgewood Road. The Project Team will host a public meeting this Fall to update the community on the progress of the streetscape design and provide additional information regarding the 2024 projects.

Solid Waste Information

Durham Public Works would like to remind residents that the Curbside Refuse and Recycling Collection Program will be altered for the following holidays:

- **Thanksgiving (November 23, 2023):** No collection Thursday 11/23/2023; pushed forward to Friday 11/24/2023. There will be no commercial recycling collection on Friday 11/24/2023.
- **Christmas (December 25, 2023):** No collection on Monday 12/25/2023 – delayed one day all week; Monday collection on Tuesday, Tuesday on Wednesday, etc. No commercial recycling collection on Friday 12/22/2023. Transfer Station will be **open on Thursday 12/21/2023** and closed Saturday 12/23/2023.

A Permit must be obtained to enter the Raymond A. LaRoche, Sr. Transfer Station and Recycling Center. Permits are valid during the calendar year and expire on the 31st of December. **2024 Transfer Station Permits will be available to residents and property owners by the end of December** at the Durham Public Works office (100 Stone Quarry Drive) and at the Town Clerk Tax Collectors office.

Durham Public Works Selected to Receive \$723,681 Grant for EV Automated Side Load Solid Waste Collection Trucks



Stormwater Information



Why Does it Matter?

As a Resource....GOOD

- ✓ Mulched leaves or grass clippings on your lawn add valuable nutrients and organic matter. A thin layer of leaves will break down and add much needed organic matter to plant beds.
- ✓ Compost is natural recycling. Compost can be used as a top dressing on your lawn or garden beds reducing or eliminating the need for fertilizer and mulch.

As a source of water pollution....BAD

- × Decaying leaves and grass kill critters in streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, and wetlands.
- × Yard waste on stream banks smothers natural vegetation.
- × Yard waste dumped near waterbodies contributes to stream algae and odors.
- × Yard waste dumped in or near wetlands or surface waters is against the law!

Durham Public Works recently submitted a grant application as part of the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) funding for the replacement of two refuse collection vehicles with fully electric units. The DERA program funds grants and rebates that protect human health and improve air quality by reducing harmful emissions from diesel engines.

On Tuesday, September 26th, the Town was notified and is excited to learn that Durham has been selected to receive the requested amount of \$723,681, which represents a 45% share of the cost for these EV automated side loader collection vehicles and charging infrastructure. Additional program funds are included within the FY 2024 proposed budget currently under review. Upon approval, Durham Public Works will continue its program planning efforts, including a large public outreach component.

Household Hazardous Waste Day: October 14th, 2023

The 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held at the Durham Public Works facility located at 100 Stone Quarry Drive. All hazardous waste will be collected by appointment only, between 8-11:30AM.

To register, you must please call Durham Public Works at (603) 868-5578 or e-mail publicworks@ci.durham.nh.us.

This collection is limited to 5 gallons of material per household.

***** NO EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS, RADIOACTIVE WASTE, ASBESTOS, OR INFECTIOUS/BIOLOGICAL WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED. *****

Consider reducing your purchase of products with hazardous ingredients and read labels thoroughly. Use and store products containing hazardous substances carefully to prevent any accidents at home. Never store hazardous products in anything other than their original containers and never remove labels. Never mix household hazardous waste with other products. Incompatible products might react, ignite, or explode, and contaminated household hazardous waste might become nonrecyclable. Remember to follow any instructions for use and disposal provided on product labels.

Typically, hazardous waste is categorized as toxic, ignitable, corrosive, reactive or otherwise hazardous. Please check the manufacturer's label.

NOT ACCEPTED AT HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY - LATEX AND OIL BASED PAINTS, MOTOR OIL, AND ANTI-FREEZE.

These items can be brought to the Transfer Station with your permit throughout the year.

Latex paints must be dried out first. Motor oil (in a clear container), anti-freeze and oil based paints can be brought to the Transfer Station as is.

Common Household Hazardous Waste:

Household Items

Aerosol Cans (empty aerosol cans are safe to dispose of as regular trash)

Bug Spray • Carpet and Upholstery Cleaner

Drain Openers/Cleaners • Flea and Tick Repellent

Metal or Furniture Polish • Mothballs • Oven Cleaner

Photo Chemicals • Rubber Cement

Toilet/Shower Cleaners

Basement/Garage Items

Adhesives

Brake or Transmission Fluid & Radiator Flush

Car Wax • Carburetor Cleaner • Charcoal Lighter Fluid

Driveway Sealer • Furniture Stripper

Mouse or Rat Poison

Pesticides, Weed Killers and Insecticides

Paint Thinner and Turpentine

Solvents • Swimming Pool Chemicals

Unmixed Waste Fuels

Diesel fuel • Kerosene • Gasoline

MERCURY— No longer saved for Hazardous Waste Day.
Unbroken Old Thermometers & Old Thermostats - Bring these items to Transfer Station with your regular permit.