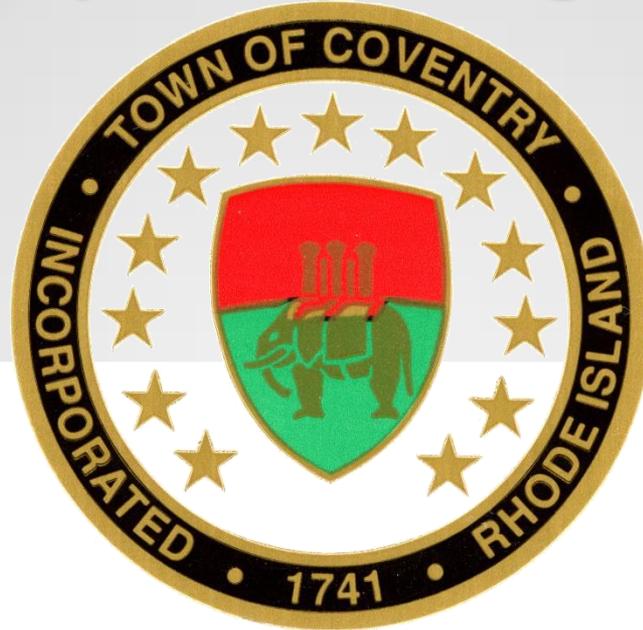


Automated Solid Waste and Recycling Program



October 21, 2015 – 7:00 pm
Western Coventry Fire Department

Amanda Cornell- Recycling Coordinator

Tonight's Agenda

- Overview of the Automated Program
- History and Successes of the Pilot Program
- RIRRC – The Landfill
- A Few Words from the Director
- What is Recyclable?
- Challenges and Solutions
- Long Term Goals and Future Plans
- Resident Questions and Answers

Automated Collection in Rhode Island

- 13th community in the State to begin automated collection.
- Voted for by the Town as a collective body.
- Helps reduce waste
- Helps reduce costs
- Helps stabilize taxes
- Begins October 26th, 2015

How will this program make a difference?

First -Reducing Waste

- Larger containers promote more recycling.
- Updated recycling guidelines reduce waste.
- 40% Reduction in Waste over 20 year lifetime of program



How will this program make a difference? Cont'd...

Second, Reduce Costs

- **Lower “Tip” Fees for Household Waste**
 - \$34/ton for first 10,721 tons
 - \$54/ton for overages ~ 1160 tons over/yr
 - **\$62, 640 average annual overage**
- **More Profit Share Back EOY**
 - This year’s Profit Share was \$19,786.15 for 3,682 tons of recycling.
- **Fewer Injuries**
 - 3 Injuries since September

How will this program make a difference? Cont'd...

Third - Help Stabilize Taxes

- Reduced Waste and Reduced Costs filters to the Residents.
- Over course of 20 year bond will allow us to do more with the money we are currently receiving.
- DPW will not require additional funds for Sanitation.

Pilot Program

- Began May 2014 for 2,750 households
- Targeted variety of households (e.g. extended driveways, large families, many parties)
- Received 96 gallon recycle and 48 gallon trash
- Goals: Reduce trash by 15% and Increase recycling by 30%
- Reality: Reduced trash by 11.5% AND Increased recycling by 26.43%
- Education made the difference.

RIRRC – The Landfill

- Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation is a quasi-public agency, created by the RI General Assembly in 1974 to oversee the RI Waste Stream.
- Sets the standards for recyclability
- Provide an annual Profit Share
- No longer providing small recycling bins

**A Few Words from the
Director of Public Works.**

Kevin McGee

What is Recyclable?

- Plastics – Containers ONLY, no “doodads”
- Glass – Nothing broken
- Metal – Cans, foil, and lids only
- Paper/Cardboard – Clean and Dry

Challenges and Solutions

- Barrels too large
- Long Driveways
- Not enough recycling to fill the barrel
- Winter

Long term goals and future plans

- Stabilize taxes
- Reduce waste
- Backyard Composting
- Use old barrels to enhance the Community Garden

What are your questions?

