

1. Recycling Meeting Agenda And Material

Documents:

[2022 RECYCLE COMMITTEE GOALS - FINAL.PDF](#)
[RECYCLE AGENDA 4-5-22.PDF](#)
[RC REPORT Q1 2022.PDF](#)

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP RECYCLING COMMITTEE

2022 GOALS

1. CONTINUE TO RUN DROP-OFF DEPOTS:

Continue to make Depots more efficient for residents – such as new and improved signs and fliers about TerraCycle, Zero Waste Boxes, TREX, contamination issues, corks, batteries, etc.;

Keep guidelines up to date and develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP);

Open the Grit Yard during the Depot and on Third Saturdays from March to November.

Educate the public on the proper way to prepare materials for recycling and what we do and do not accept at the Depot;

Maintain Depot Volunteers List;

Be active in recruiting more volunteers; and

Monitor recycling containers at the athletic fields and municipal building.

2. CONTINUE TO RUN SPRING CLEAN UP EVENT.

3. CONSIDER PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

4. REVIEW AND UPDATE THE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE ON THE RECYCLING COMMITTEE

5. INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF WASTE FROM EAST AMWELL TWP GOING TO LANDFILLS.

Use VIP and website, email, fliers and Facebook to: Promote and educate residents regarding good recycling practices, what is and is not acceptable, the various recycling and related program offered, recycling and related events in East Amwell and offered by Hunterdon County. This will include residential composting, brush piles and leaf recycling;

6. CONTINUE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE EAST AMWELL SCHOOL:

Recruit students (and their parents who need to bring them) from 4th grade and beyond to participate at the Depot and specifically for TerraCycle.

Approved by Recycling Committee on March 1, 2022

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP RECYCLING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
April 5, 2022 7:30 PM
East Amwell Twp Municipal Building: Small Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ATTENDANCE

III. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

V. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

VI. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES – March 1, 2022

VII. PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

Informational Only:

- a. Amazon for grabbers & gloves (clean communities) **\$199.80**

VIII. ORAL REPORTS

a. Quarterly Report Update:

- Township Committee Quarterly Report Q1 2022 (A. Castellano)
- Depot Report(s): March (M. Gunn) & April (S. Kadlec) 2022
- TREX Plastic Program (A. Castellano /C. Napoleon)
- Styrofoam (M. Gunn)
- Clean Communities and Tonnage Report (R. Georgett/A. Castellano)
 - i. 2022 spending plan

b. Township Committee (J. Bloom)

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Foam Palace Replacement (R. Georgett/A. Castellano)
- b. Final Depot SOP (M. Gunn/A. Castellano)
- c. Ordinance Updates (J. Bloom) – Recycling Committee and Spring Clean Up fees
- d. Spring Clean Up April 30, 2022 update (A. Castellano)
- e. Color Run May 14, 2022 (new date!!) update (R. Georgett/S. Kadlec)

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

XIII. ADJOURN

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Recycling Depot Data			
	8th Jan.	5th Feb.	5th Mar.
Weather	11-28 degrees (a cold one)	20 degree range, breeze, no ice	Cold but pleasant
Depot Lead	Susan Kadlec	Mike Petrus	Mark Gunn
Volunteers	Alison Castellano, Mike Petrus, Rick Wolfe, Robert Garrett, Andrea Bonette, Jason Bloom	Alison Castellano, Mike Petrus, Rick Wolfe, Jason Bloom, Frances Gavigan, Dave ?	Alison Castellano, Mike Petrus, Rick Wolfe, Erica Johanson, Rosemary Georgett, Frances Gavigan
# of Vehicles	93	95	85
Dumpster Delivery Status	On time (thanks to Alison)	On time - doors facing toward building	On time - doors facing toward the building
Plastic/ Glass Dumpster	Fri. 4pm: small amount Sat. 8am: 5% Sat. 12pm: 70% Sun. 6pm: >100%	Fri. - Sat. 8 am: 15% Sat. 1w pm: 100% Sun. 4:30 pm: >100%	Fri. Sat. 8am 5% Sat. 12pm 35% Sun. 12pm 100%
Cardboard/ Paper Dumpster	Fri. 4pm: 5% Sat. 8am: 40% Sat. 12pm: 95% Sun. 6pm: >100%	Fri. 4pm: - Sat. 8am: 15% Sat. 12pm: 100% Sun. 4:30 pm: >100%	Fri. 4pm: Sat. 8am: 20% Sat. 12pm: 80% Sun. 12pm: 100%

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Recycling Depot Data (cont.)			
	8th Jan.	5th Feb.	5th Mar.
Erroneous Items dumped outside depot hours	NO erroneous items left anywhere. (Amen!)	8 - 10 plastic bags of dirty plastic containers	No erroneous items found
Styrofoam	Large amount all packed up. Ready to Ship.	Moderate amount	Large amount Majority packed
TerraCycle Program	Moderate Amount. Taken to school.	Moderate amount	Large amount Packed but still needed more work
Distributions	VIP = 30, Shopping Bags = 0	VIP = 30, Historic Society calendars = 25	VIP 35
Misc. Items			
TREX Volunteers	none		
TREX Plastic Program	127.6 lbs collected/sorted/weighed. Twp total = 5,865.6 lbs / 12th bench	lbs. collected/sorted/weighed. Twp total = 6030 / the 12th bench	(Not complete after depot)lbs. collected/sorted/weighed. Twp total = / this is the 12th bench
Grit Yard	Opened: 8:30 am Closed: 3:00 pm	Opened: 8:00 am Closed:4:00 pm Sunday	Opened: 8:20 am Closed: 3:30pm
Comments	With the dumpsters now facing the MB, cones should be set directing residents to	Dumpster door facing the building and cones placed to direct cars through the	Dumpster door facing the building and cones placed to

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	the front of them. Sign- to the left, “Dumpsters”, to the right - “Terracycle/styrofoam/Trex ” -at least for the first few months. At times we had opposing traffic in front of the dumpsters.	traditional route. Should be placed facing away from the building going forward. Mike emptied 6 black plastic bags into the dumpster; threw away large bag of mixed items with contamination, and threw away large dirty containers.	direct cars through the traditional route.
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Recycling Depot Data (cont.)			
	8th Jan.	5th Feb.	5th Mar.
Additional Monthly Grit Yard Openings	15th Jan: 10am - 3pm	n/a	19th Mar:

Other Business

Reorg meeting: 25th January, 2022

Chair appointed: Alison Castellano

Vice Chair appointed: Mark Gunn

Electronics Recycling Event at April depot: 2nd April: Costs us nothing and makes the residents happy to drop off electronics.

Road-side Clean Up Event, 3rd April: has been transferred back to the EC now that it is an active working committee with a very competent admin. RC only took over running this event when Blaine Hummel retired from the EC and the EC subsequently became defunct.

Spring Clean Up Day, 30th April. Jason has booked equipment. A. Castellano has booked Goodwill, RVAC48. A.Castellano and S.Kadlec will manage fee collection. RVAC48 members will manage parking lot safety. A.Castellano will request SCSL parents DO NOT park in this lot on the day of the event. This was very dangerous last year with kids running across the parking lot to get to the soccer fields.

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At the March meeting we discussed the need to raise the vehicle prices for this event as these rates have been the same for many years. Fees are currently \$15(car), \$25(SUV/Van), \$35(PickUp/Trailer). In 2021 we grossed \$2535 from 86 vehicles. The cost of the event was \$4471 for equipment and dumping costs so we are way under water on this event.

The Committee suggests revising the rates to \$20(Car), \$35(SUV/Van), \$45(PickUp/Trailer). The fees are set as part of an Ordinance (120-2) therefore we requested our TC liaison, Jenna Bloom bring this to the Township Committee for revision. We realize that unfortunately this is too late to take effect for the 2022 Spring Clean Up Day but suggest it is revised for next year.

This year DPW will be handling the disposal of metals themselves therefore the proceeds from that tonnage will come back to us to defer some of the cost of this event and narrow the margin and we will save on the cost of the dumpster and dumping costs from Republic.

- **TERRACYCLE:** A.Castellano has been handling the collecting/sorting/boxing/shipping of Terracycle for the duration of COVID (March 2020 to date).All boxes have now been shipped out. The school have now resumed collecting/sorting at the school therefore items received at each depot will be taken to the school each following Monday as was the process pre-COVID.
- **TREX:** We are on the **12th bench** - current weight submitted is **6030lbs** of plastic (this does not include March Lbs as its not complete yet). Current collection is having to be processed by the RC as we do not have a group signed up to handle it.
- **WE NEED TO FIND GROUPS TO SIGN UP TO HANDLE A COLLECTION OTHERWISE WE WILL HAVE TO STOP COLLECTING !! Please reach out to ANY group of people who want to do this (GS, BS, Community Orgs, churches etc etc).**
- **STYROFOAM:** Collection is ready to ship out as of Jan depot. M. Gunn will coordinate with DPW.
- **BATTERY COLLECTION:** Proving very popular. We are on our 5th 40lb box.
- **FOAM PALACE REPLACEMENT:** Waiting on revised quote from J. Silverthorn. Would like to move forward with this asap. R. Georgett confirmed we can likely fund most if not all of the cost from Clean Community Grant Funds.
- **DUMPSTERS:** There was a suggestion that we look to get a larger (40yd) dumpster for the cardboard for each depot as it is ALWAYS overflowing. A. Castellano will check with J.Silverthorn on the cost difference from Republic.

New Committee Members: We welcomed our new TC liaison, Jenna Bloom and a new member, Tom Manzo to the committee.