

Report of Litter-Free Fremont

Litter-Free Fremont Town cleanup day was held on Saturday, May 4, 2019. Several dozen volunteers including the Peppermint Ponies 4H Club made the Town sparkle by collecting over 210 bags of roadside litter. The Town organized a dumpster at the Highway Shed for drop-off day, and left it there



through the following Monday for the weekend volunteers picking up roadside bags left for the coordinate effort.

A special thanks to Fremont resident Nancy Murray for her efforts in organizing the event, and also to the volunteer drivers with pickup trucks who collected the bags along the roadside (Renee King, Dave Verville, Cyric Riley, Jack Mullen, Jane Pellegrini, John Ireland and Roger Barham). We also appreciate the help of Jamie Thompson and Rich Cooper with some of our organizational tasks!

The Library hosted a free cookout for all residents afterwards.





It is community-wide
volunteer efforts like this that
make Fremont such a great
place to live.



**Thank you, Litter
Free Fremont
Volunteers!**

**Mark your calendars
and watch for more
information, Litter
Free 2020 will be in
May!**



Photos courtesy of Jack Mullen,
Nancy Murray & Heidi Carlson

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Litter Free Organizer Nancy Murray
at the Fremont Highway Site on
Saturday May 4th with a map of the
Town's roads to show areas
volunteers have covered. Many
local businesses and craftspeople
donate to the raffle prizes. All
volunteers get a ticket toward the
prizes!

Report of Recycling Efforts

The Town held our annual Bulky Days on May 18 and October 18, 2019. As usual there was a great turnout by residents. Our recycling partners at NRRRA report that the scrap metal dumpsters and tire recycling included the following amounts:

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled	Environmental Impact
Scrap Metal	10.2 gross tons	Conserved 28,500 lbs of iron ore
Tires	3.3 tons	Conserved 2.2 barrels of oil

By recycling the materials above, Fremonters avoided about 51 tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. This is the equivalent of removing 11 passenger cars from the road for an entire year!

Additionally, the bulk disposal dumpsters at Bulky Events generated a total of 31.85 tons of bulk waste. Bulk waste tipping fees (current \$78.47) are significantly higher than MSW (current \$66.04) which is why we do not allow any household trash at Bulky Days. Please put all household trash in your toter and continue to recycle as much as you can!

2019 Weekly Recycling and Solid Waste Totals

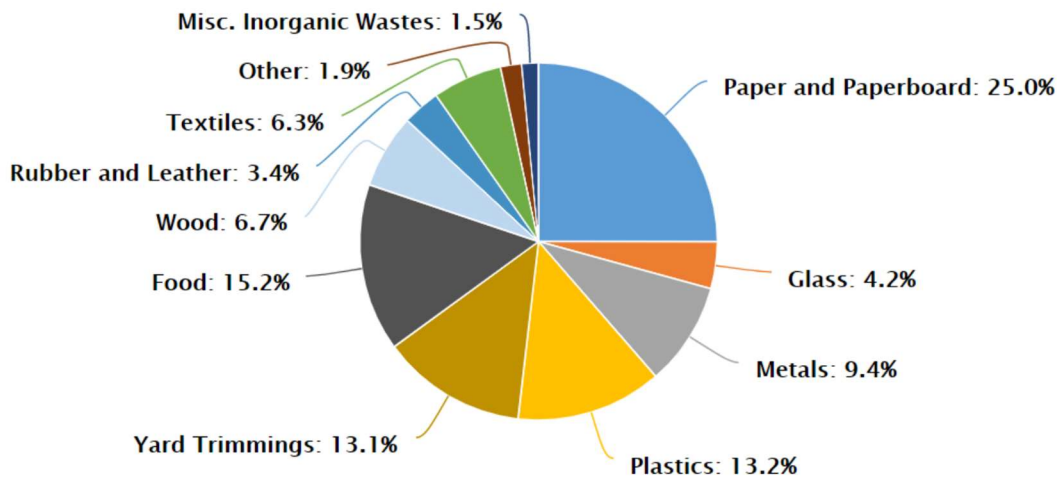
Single Stream Recycle	Solid Waste	Total for 2019
370.10 tons	1478.06 tons	1848.16 tons

With the policies that China has in place they buy far less recycled material, but as a result there are more programs that are being researched and implemented in the United States and other countries. For example, there are 22 new and existing paper mills in the US that are increasing capacity for mixed paper. Glass is now being shipped to Canada where it is cleaned and crushed, glass bottles and jars are then made into fiberglass insulation. Also, glass bottles, jars, Pyrex, ceramics, porcelain and window glass are being crushed into aggregate and used for a subbase for road and infrastructure projects.

Recycling has a positive impact on our environment and we encourage Fremont residents to continue with their good work. Updated recycling handouts are available at the Town Hall and on the Town's website. Please continue your efforts to keep unacceptable materials out of the recycling stream to keep our recycling "clean" and more cost-effective.

Recycling bins are available at the Selectmen's Office during business hours.

Total Municipal Solid Waste Generated by Material

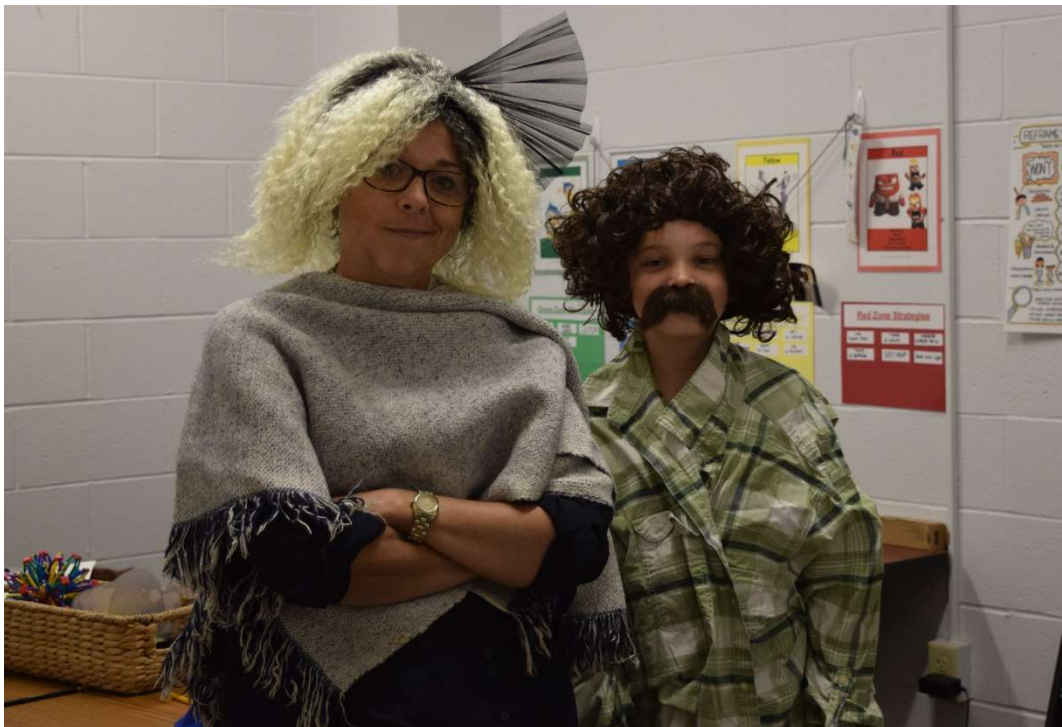


This graph shows that in general, about $\frac{1}{2}$ of all solid waste is recyclable and about $\frac{1}{4}$ is compost.

Source:
EPA 2017

Curbside notes: Remember to put your toter with the open side toward the street for the truck to collect it, and keep all other items (your recycle bin, your mailbox, etc) at least three feet away from the toter.

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Ellis 2019
Middle School
Play

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