

## Report of Recycling

Spring and Fall Bulky Days had a great turnout as always! With one-way traffic Bulky Day now flows as well outside as it does inside the gates! The Town thanks all the volunteers who help keep these events running smoothly. The recycling and solid waste amounts have continued to climb as more residents participate.

<u>Recyclable Material</u>	<u>Amount Recycled</u>
Scrap Metal	15.05 gross tons
Tires	0.80 tons

### 2022 Recycling and Solid Waste Totals (weekly household collections)

<u>Single Stream Recycle</u>	<u>Solid Waste</u>	<u>Total for 2022</u>
367.44 tons	1521.86 tons	1955.88 tons

Our trash contract is a big-ticket budget item, and we are seeing an increase in the number of new residential occupancies, which will continue to affect the cost. Our contract has a 3% increase annually and is also adjusted by the count of new Occupancy Certificates issued by the Building Department. The number is based on the period July 1 to June 30 and has increased substantially in the past couple of years. The reporting for the current cycle looks more like 2021 than the huge jump in 2022, but we still have at least four active housing development areas where building continues.

<b>Reporting Period</b>	<b>Number of CO's issued / new occupancies</b>
07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019	2
07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020	8
07/01/2020 to 06/30/2021	13
07/01/2021 to 06/30/2022	27
07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	6 through 01/20/2023

We also saw continued significant fluctuation in the value of recyclables during the calendar year 2022. The value throughout the year ranged from a low of \$31.46 to a high of \$136.21. At year end it was trending toward the high range of those numbers again. On average for the year, it was \$80 up from \$59.92 in 2021; and \$129.38 in 2020. We expect that current market conditions will continue to fluctuate as with all supply and demand at the present time.



The Town has been participating in the recycling of plastic with a drop box at the Town Hall. All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue. When you donate your plastic film to NexTrex®, not only are you helping to keep thousands of pounds of waste out of landfills, but you're also helping Trex® to continue to make eco-friendly outdoor products.

Holly Ouellette, Mary-Ann Blaikie, Scott and Renee West and Kathy DiPetro of the Kingston Lions, who also support Austin17House in Brentwood have collected over 3,500 lbs. of plastic in 2+ years.

They could not have been successful without the support of collection centers located at the Fremont Town Hall, Kingston Town Hall, Kingston Community Library, D J Bakie Elementary School and plastic provided from Alternative Sales of Kingston.

As a result Austin17House has several Trex benches to brighten their entrance. The Kingston Lions have donated benches to D J Bakie Elementary School, Kingston Community Library and will also donate the next one to the Fremont Town Hall.

We also need to give a special thank you to Market Basket in Epping for working with the Lyons as a collection drop-off. Thank you to Fremont Resident Mary-Ann Blaikie for this update, and for collection from Fremont whenever the bags are full!

The Town had "Roadside Cleanup Week" from April 17 to April 23, 2022. The Parks & Recreation Commission spearheaded the "Litter Free Fremont" effort with drop-off on Earth Day, Saturday April 23. Waste Management *donated* a dumpster for our event which saved the Town Residents over \$300 for rental and transportation. Fremont Residents take pride in their neighborhoods!



The Earth Day 2022 Theme was Invest In Our Planet.



The Parks & Recreation Commission is tentatively looking at that same week in April 2023 for roadside cleanup and we are trying to make arrangements for a drop off dumpster to be available at the Highway Shed on Saturday April 22, 2023. Mark your calendars and help us beautify Fremont roadsides!

Recycling handouts and information is available on our website at [www.fremont.nh.gov](http://www.fremont.nh.gov)



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