

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Recycling Committee
1st Quarter Report 2021

Recycling Depot Data			
	2 nd January	6 th February	6 th March
Weather	Cold, Windy	not recorded	Sunny but cold
Depot Lead	Alison Castellano (RC)	Sue Kadlec (RC)	Mark Gunn (RC)
Volunteers	Mark Castellano (TC) Mark Gunn (RC) Sue Kadlec (RC) Rick Wolfe (TC)	Andrea Bonette Alison Castellano (RC) Mark Castellano (TC) Erica Johanson (RC) John Mills (TC) Kevin Ostrander Rick Wolfe (TC)	Mark Castellano (TC) Alison Castellano (RC) Sue Kadlec (RC) Rick Wolfe (TC)
# of Vehicles	77	162	97
Dumpster Delivery Status	On time/Doors closed Condition: Good	On time	On Time Condition:average
Plastic/ glass Dumpster	Fri. 4pm: 2% Sat. 8am: 5% Sat. 12pm: 25% Sun. 6pm: 100%	Fri. 4pm: 2% Sat. 8am: 20% Sat. 12pm:75% Sun. 6pm: Snow prevented check	Fri. 4pm: 10% Sat. 8am: 20% Sat. 12pm: 35% Sun. 6pm: 100%
Cardboard/ Paper Dumpster	Fri. 4pm: 2% Sat. 8am: 10% Sat. 12pm: 90% Sun. 6pm: 110%	Fri. 4pm: 5% Sat. 8am: 40% (boxes not broken down) Sat. 12pm: 90% Sun. 6pm: Snow prevented check	Fri. 4pm: 15% Sat. 8am: 50% Sat. 12pm: 75% Sun. 6pm: 100%
Erroneous Items dumped outside depot hours	Artificial Xmas Tree, bag of sheet rock/ plumbing stuff, broken toys, frying pan, cupboard doors	Boxes with plastic, styrofoam and wiring inside	Cardboard not compacted and on the ground. 50-60 filthy hanging baskets The person responsible was asked to take them back. Mark C removed them from the dumpster and returned them to the owner. AC: See photos below of items found Monday (Rolls of carpet, Many large

			curtain poles, fast food waste, construction waste in bags)
Styrofoam	Large amount collected. At capacity. Must ship out by Jan depot	Moderate amount collected. Not ready for shipment yet	Moderate amount collected. Mark G to bag this week
TerraCycle Program	Small amount collected. 3 boxes ready to ship out	Small amount collected	
Distributions	VIP x30, Reusable bags x30	VIP x 30	VIP x

Recycling Depot Data (cont.)			
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Misc. Items	Egg Cartons – Large amount (recycled to residents) Corks – Small amount CDs – Large amount Zero Waste Box Items – Sml amount	Egg Cartons - Large amount (recycled to residents) Corks - A bag full	Egg Cartons: a large amount as collected. Batteries: box was 85% full when the depot was over.
TREX Volunteers	<u>Boy Scout Troop 65:</u> Ryan Apgar Jonathan Harvey Holden Hoopes Scott & Mark (parent) Hurban Kyle & Ward (parent) Ingersol	A.Castellano and S. Kadlec handled it. Still waiting to acquire a new group	<u>Girl Scout Troop 80209:</u> Emma Weniger Ellie Fiscor Audrey Fiscor (Co leader)
TREX Plastic Program	172lbs collected/sorted/weighed. BS collection of 500lb now complete. Need to find new group. Twp total = 4081lbs / 8 benches	130 Lbs collected/sorted/weighed Twp Total = 4211lbs / 8 benches	152.6 Lbs collected/sorted/weighed Twp Total = 4363.6/8 benches
Grit Yard	Opened: 8.30am Closed: 3.30pm Avg amount of trees dropped off. No issues	Opened: 8.30am Closed: 3pm	Opened: 8:30am Closed: 12:00pm
Comments	BS helped with Styro bagging.	Electronics Recycling Event: 10x pallets stacked high collected. Handled entirely independent from depot activity. High increase in vehicle volume as a result of event.	It was cold and sunny and all hung in there. Prepared by Mark Gunn RC Vice

		Lots of good feedback from residents about this event	
Additional Monthly Grit Yard Openings	9 th Jan. 8.30am – 3pm (A & M. Castellano) For Xmas Tree/Greenery drop off	N/A	N/A

Other Business

- **Styrofoam Update:** We started the January Depot with the FP FULL of Styrofoam. This made the space very restrictive for the Boy Scouts to handle the incoming TRES collection. We received confirmation from Tom Rue that he is retracting his offer to continue to handle the Styrofoam. Mark Gunn has offered to take it over as of February.



- **New portable densification machine possibility:** Watch video [HERE](#) . Cost is approx. \$20K. Hopewell Twp. Green Team interested in joint venture. Need clarification if we can use Clean Communities grant funds to purchase our share. R. Wolfe reaching out to surrounding towns to gauge interest. Ideally a 4 way split would enable sufficient usage to handle processing our collection in a timely manner.

- **Electronics Recycling Event, 6th February:** Went really well. The company operated entirely independently and efficiently with no assistance required from the depot volunteers. They accepted approximately 10 large pallets of electronics.

The East Amwell Township Recycling Committee is hosting:



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ELECTRONIC COLLECTION EVENT

Saturday, February 6th, 2021, 9:00am-12:00pm

As part of this month's (only) East Amwell Township
Recycling Depot in the Municipal Parking Lot

We will be on-hand to unload cars or guide in the personal unloading if so desired.

Material Accepted:




Televisions/ Monitors/ Remote Controls	Power Cords/ Keyboards/Mice
Computers/ Computer Components	Routers/ Modems/ Cable Boxes
Laptops/ Docking Stations	Telephones/ Answering Machines
Printers/ Copiers/ Fax Machines	Toner Cartridges
Stereo Equipment/ Speakers	Typewriters
DVD/ Blu-Ray/ VCR Players	Gaming Consoles/ Cameras

We DO NOT Accept:
Fire Alarms, Thermostats, Equipment containing gas or oil, Putrescible items

**Cell phones and Ink Cartridges will be accepted as usual by the East Amwell Recycling Depot volunteers
for the TerraCycle collection for East Amwell School.

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- **Replacement of Foam Palace:** Ongoing issues with the Foam Palace: handrails need sanding (short term fix of taping them not working anymore resulting in splinters for volunteers). Overall condition of FP continues to deteriorate. Would very much like to pursue the replacement of FP with a low cost pole barn (as per J.Silverthorn's recommendation). **Would like clarification as to whether we can use Clean Communities grant funds to finance it.** This structure is used to contain/process Styrofoam, plastic, caps, straws, candy wrappers and store educational material/signs for Recycling Depot. All of which I would assume fall under the criteria of litter abatement/education. RC would like the TC to consider moving forward with this for Spring if funds are .

- **Cork Recycling Partnership Established:** A.Castellano reached out to David Wolin from Old York Cellars who already offers used corks to members for craft projects. He was happy to join forces to offer/market OYC as the central drop off location in East Amwell for corks. We will publicize this project and he is willing to give incentive prizes for best craft etc. David suggested announcing the Cork Craft Contest on Earth Day (April 22nd).
The remainder of the corks will be sent to CorkClub.com. This organization donates to select non-profit entities that clean plastic from the oceans and prevent deforestation. We kicked this off with some publicity on the website/Facebook and flyer handouts at the February Depot and will continue to do so.
- **Battery Recycling Program started at March Depot:** At R. Wolfe's request, the RC looked for a reliable, safe program to jump into recycle batteries. We found that BigGreenBox.com was the best solution. Low cost of \$65 for a box that will hold 43lbs of batteries and includes shipping cost. Some management of this is needed at the depot to ensure that certain types of battery terminals are taped for safety, although it has been requested that residents do this themselves prior to bringing to the depot. **Will be initiating a "Donate a Box" campaign with residents.** We will see how the first box goes, how long it takes to fill, and if we get some donors. **This will determine if we can sustain the program.** We cannot use Clean Communities funds to pay for these boxes, hence donations would be optimal. We kicked this off with some publicity on the website/Facebook and flyer handouts at the February Depot that we would start to take the acceptable batteries at the March Depot. A. Castellano donated the first box so we have it in time for the 3/6 depot. Going to publicize the program and hope for more donations of additional boxes. Request the TC promotes the donate a box idea as part of announcements at the TC Meetings on an ongoing basis.
- **TREX Plastic Program:** Since its introduction in late 2018 we have processed over 4000lbs of plastic and acquired 8 benches within the township through this recycling program. The donation of plastic has huge momentum now at the monthly depots. However, we continue to struggle to find new groups to take on the 500lb a time collection process. The burden falls on the RC members and a couple of outside volunteers between collections which is a lot of time and effort. Coupled with the fact that due to COVID we can now only drop off small amounts of plastic at a time to a small selection of locations (We used to be able to take an entire depot's worth of plastic (on average 150lbs) in one go to Stop 'n' Shop but that was all reduced dramatically in the last year). We need to continue to promote the process to the community to acquire more groups to get involved and request the TC do the same.
 - 3/1 Update: We have a couple of Girl Scouts coming to manage the collection at the depot on 3/6. Hopefully they are taking on the collection. Need to work on the next group

- **Shredding Day, 3rd April:** We have a company scheduled to be at our April Recycling Depot **pending confirmation that the \$600 cost can be paid for out of Clean Community Grant Funds**. Will advertise via website/FB.
- **Roadside Clean Up Day:** Scheduled for 17th April. J. Silverthorn is booking the Republic equipment. Need a RC member to be coordinator by creating the sign up and being there on the day.
- **Spring Clean Up Day:** Scheduled for 24th April. J. Silverthorn is booking the Republic equipment. A. Castellano will book Goodwill.