THE LONDONDERRY SOLID WASTE GROUP Serving the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston and Windham

2023 Transfer Station Stickers are available and required to access the Londonderry Transfer Station. You can purchase one at any of the five-member town offices in person or on-line from londonderryvt.org

Please be mindful of how you separate recyclables and put them in the proper bay. If in doubt, ask the attendant. They're there to help.

In 2022 the Londonderry Transfer Station collected 400.31 Tons of Municipal Solid Waste (trash) and 784.32 of Construction and Demolition Waste and bulky trash items. In 2022 we recycled 172 tons of co-mingled containers, 139 tons of mixed paper, 16.43 tons of cardboard, 196 tons of scrap metal, 7.71 tons of textiles, 3.23 tons of redeemable bottles and cans and 66.66 tons of food scraps.

The Londonderry Solid Waste Group (LSWG) held two Hazardous Waste Collection Events in 2022. If you missed them or would like to be part of the 2023 collections, they will be held on the first Saturday in June and the first Saturday in October. You can find information about what to and what not to bring at <u>https://www.londonderryvt.org/recycletransfer/hazardous-special-waste/</u> In 2022 the LSWG collected hazardous materials from 158 households.

Vermont currently has Manufacturer-Sponsored battery, electronics, paint, mercury light bulbs and mercury thermostat programs. To find locations for free disposal go to VTrecycles.com or call 1-855-63-cycle. This legislative session the Vermont Product Stewardship Council is working with legislators to promote an Extended Producer Responsibility bill for household hazardous waste.

Sharps: If you use sharps including needles and need to dispose of them know that sharps can't be recycled and are dangerous if not disposed of properly. Use a heavy-duty laundry detergent or bleach container with a screw top. **DO NOT** use soda or water bottles. Carefully put used sharps in the container with the needle end down. Label the container with the warning: **DO NOT RECYCLE! DO NOT** fill the container full. When the container is ready for disposal, screw the cap on tightly and cover the top with strong tape, like duct tape. Dispose of the container with household trash. **DO NOT** put this container in recycling.

Two important dates are coming that impact the sale and distribution of mercury-containing bulbs in Vermont. Screw based - **Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs**) will be banned from sale starting **February 17, 2023.** General-purpose – **Four Foot (4') Linear Fluorescent Tubes** will be banned from sale starting **January 1, 2024.** Fluorescent lightbulbs contain mercury (which is toxic to humans), so they cannot go in the trash. Find a free bulb-recycling drop-off near you at https://www.lamprecycle.org/

If you have questions, want to join the Londonderry Group's email list to receive alerts about special collections (hazardous waste & electronics) or if your school or business is interested in learning about ways to handle solid waste, organics, recyclables, and other materials please contact recycle@londonderryvt.org.