

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Recycling Division 2019-2020 Annual Report

The Recycling Center processed a total of 1,524.92 tons of MSW. Out of that figure a total of 988.22 tons were recycled, the remaining 536.7 tons of MSW was either land-filled or sent to a waste-to-energy incinerator. The 536.7 tons is the lowest I have ever seen in my 20 years of service here; great job! Also, the recycling rate for 2019 was 65%! By recycling 988.22 tons we avoided paying \$107,715.98 in disposal fees.

Along with the cost avoidance of \$107,715.98, and excellent recycling efforts on your part, you also generated \$173,924.39 in revenue.

The chart below illustrates the recycled tons and revenue that was generated for 2019*:

ITEM	TONS	REVENUE	
CARDBOARD	90	\$4,466.56	
MIX PAPER	137.9	\$0.00	
NEWSPAPER	32	\$1,098	
PLASTICS	25.07	\$7,810.10	
ALUMINUM CANS	8.64	\$7,014.30	
STEEL CANS	12.19	\$0.00	
SCRAP METAL	79.56	\$2,516.96	
GLASS	262.5	\$0.00	
TEXTILES	39.68	\$0.00	
TIRES	10.19	\$261.00	
BOOKS	9.33	\$0.00	
FOOD/YARD WASTE	267.38	\$0.00	
BRUSH & LUMBER	0	\$0.00	
ELECTRONICS	15.55	(included in disposal fees)	
LEAD-ACID BATTERIES	2.18	\$870.80	
WASTE OIL	1,100 gallons	\$0.00	
ANTI-FREEZE	55	\$0.00	
DISPOSAL FEES		\$47,482.77	
PAY PER BAG SALES		\$76,226.00	
TOWN OF SHARON		\$16,113.23	
RECYCLING PERMITS		\$8,250.00	
MISCELLANEOUS		\$0.00	
RECLAMATION TRUST		\$1,494.67	
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES		\$320.00	
RETURNED CHECK FEES		\$0.00	
TOTALS	988.22 tons	\$173,924.39	

*This chart represents the calendar year, Jan-Dec of 2018

We also accepted the following items for recycling:

- 91 refrigerators & freezers
- 162 dehumidifiers & air conditioners
- 503 propane tanks
- 32 fire extinguishers
- 17,658 linear feet of fluorescent bulbs

- 1,862 compact fluorescent bulbs
- 971 halogen, metal halide, and other misc. mercury containing bulbs

In these hard and uncertain times, I would like to very much thank my co-workers Marshall Torsey, Angela Poluchov, and our newest addition Steve Hoadley for their dedication and hard work.

I would also like to thank the residents and businesses of Peterborough and Sharon for your great recycling efforts and ongoing support of the recycling center, as well as your patience, understanding, and cooperation as we are adjusting to new ways of handling our trash and recyclables.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott A. Bradford
Recycling Manager