

Town of Washington Transfer Station
Annual Report

The transfer station tonnage totals were generally equal to 2007. Steadily increasing demand in China and India for scrap steel drove the price of #1 and #2 through the roof. The average price paid for 2008 was \$148.00 dollars a ton. At one point in August, recyclers were paying around \$180.00 dollars a ton for the light iron. The high prices paid for our iron resulted in very high recycling revenue this year. We deposited \$13,000.00 dollars to the Recycling equipment capitol reserve fund in 2008 and currently have a balance of \$27,110.00 dollars in the account.

Scale revenues remained close to last years total. Remodeling and new construction were down nationally in 2008. Washington seems to have remained steady as we collected over \$10,000.00 dollars in scale fees as of December of 2008. This money is deposited in the Town general fund to help offset the cost of disposing of the wastes. New rules regarding Mercury containing devices went into effect in July of 2008. The State legislature and Governor passed and signed a bill prohibiting the disposal of mercury containing devices in landfills or incinerators. These devices are commonly seen in older style thermometers, house thermostats, vacuum gauges, florescent lighting, and switches for refrigeration units, boilers, and automatic fans. The potential groundwater contamination from mercury is high if it is not properly disposed of. We placed several posters with the new rules at all bulletin boards around Town and at the transfer station. If you have questions regarding these devices, please call me or talk to the transfer station attendant. And yes we do accept them at our facility.

The annual household hazardous waste day in August was a great success. Several residents took advantage of the collection to dispose of pesticides, waste paint, mercury containing devices, asbestos and aerosols that had lingered in their basements or storage sheds for the year. Proper disposal of these toxic items ensures a clean water supply and fresh air for generations.

Below is a comparison of wastes accepted at the Transfer Station for 2007 and 2008:

Recyclables

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	
Commingled cans, bottles, plastic	68.5	68.75	Tons
Commingle paper, cardboard	60	67.2	Tons
Scrap steel	81.28	70	Tons
Construction Demolition	82.38	100	Tons
Lead acid batteries	2.55	.5	Tons
Cathode Ray tubes/ Electronics	10.17	13.5	Tons
Used oil for recycle	1,192	800	Gallons
Used antifreeze for recycle	50	55	Gallons
Air conditioners and refrigerators	119		Units
Automotive Tires	16	11	Tons
Propane Tanks	115	58	Units

Land filled Waste

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	
Household compactor waste	406	407	Tons
Land filled Bulky waste	140	167.5	Tons

Respectfully submitted,
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