



# Waste Reduction & Recycling

**Town of Warren  
May 30, 2017**

# What happens after pick up?

- Trash and recycling are kept separate
- Everything goes to the transfer station
- Trash and recycling are transferred to the landfill in Johnston (RI Resource Recovery)
  - Sometimes the trash truck picks up recyclables, that's ok – it's still kept separate



# By the numbers,

- Annual cap of waste to RIRR = 3,026 tons
- “Tipping Fee”
  - Under cap = \$39.50 / ton  
(\$47 / ton in FY18-19)
  - Over cap = \$67 / ton
    - Recyclables are free and can result in a bonus



## State Law / Town Code / Contract says,

- All waste must be sorted into recyclable and non-recyclable material
- Recycling goal = 35%
- Waste Diversion Goal = 50%



# What are we sending?

## TOTAL WASTE TO RIRR (Annual):

Residential Waste	3,269 Tons
Commercial Waste	1,779 Tons
Miscellaneous	427 Tons

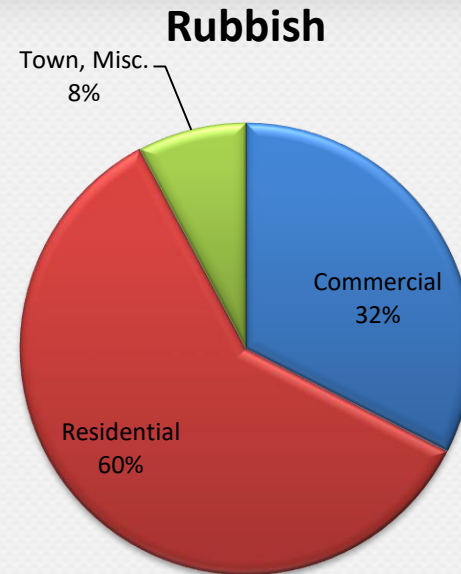
## TOTAL RECYCLABLES TO RIRR (Annual):

1,303 Tons

## TOTAL ANTICIPATED TIPPING FEES:

\$255,541

(2018/2019 = \$306,305)





# RESIDENTIAL & MISCELLANEOUS (parks, schools, etc) WASTE:

**3,695 Tons**

over the cap by 669 tons

OR~

1,338,000 pounds

**\$44,823.00+**

1,338,000 pounds / 10,611 residents =

126 pounds / resident / year

OR~

About 5.5 ounces per day



# How are we doing?

**MRF RECYCLING RATE (Bin Items) = 19.5%**

**RATE INCLUDING NON-BIN ITEMS = 22.4%**

**OVERALL DIVERSION RATE = 23%**

*-Source: RIRR 2016 survey*



# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

## Reuse & Reduce:

- Facebook page  
“Buy Nothing Warren, RI”
- freecycle.org
- Consign / Resell
- Donate: Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Salvation Army
- Composting
- Buy Less: Packaging Matters





# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

## Recycling

- Replace damaged bins for free (new bins \$5)
- Drop off recyclables at transfer station
- Recycle Electronics
  - In Barrington – 84 Upland Way
  - At Best Buy
  - In Warren?



# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

## What is the Town going to do?

- Increase recycling in parks
- Add new recycling categories at the Transfer Station
- Provide better information



# Upcoming Events

**Eco Depot – 401-942-1430 x 241**

- June 3 @ Warren DPW (8AM-1PM)
- July 22 @ Bristol

**Greening the Sphere Sustainability Festival**

- June 17 @ Hope & Main (11AM-5PM)



**COMING SOON:** Scale repairs will temporarily limit access to the transfer station

# Let's Discuss

- What makes recycling easy / difficult in Warren?
- Would a bigger recycling bin make a difference?
- What is the future of “no bin no barrel”?
- Who should be our recycling coordinator?
- What other items should we recycle?
  - Rigid Plastics?
  - Sorted Scrap Metal?
  - Construction Debris? Wood?
  - Shredded Paper?
  - Clothing?







**Thank you for coming!**



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