

New Paltz ReUse and Recycling Center

May 2014

May General Report

REPORTS:

ReUse Center – Materials were diverted as much as possible from the Spring cleanup to the ReUse Center which contributed to the declining “garbage out” from the event. A method/program to quantify the material being diverted is being done in-house so an accurate accounting of the zero waste program can be provided.

Recycling Site

- Spring Cleanup: 225 Spring Cleanup coupons were requested by property owners; 19.22 tons of waste was delivered for landfilling; 1.38 tons of material was picked up from thirty-nine (39) seniors for landfilling. (Total 20.60 = \$2,188.00 inc. tip fee, fuel surcharge and four Agency pickups) This is the third year that we have been enforcing NO C&D which has made the event very manageable.
- The April 19th compost event had twelve people in attendance and the added visibility for the ReUse Center generated over \$500 in total sales.
- April 26th Four volunteers from SUNY New paltz came to do more work on the greenhouse. The only thing left to do is put on the roof. Another volunteer group is interested in putting up an Earthship like model using tires and glass bottles. This is the fun part of zero waste and materials management.

The Clean Sweep event - The committee opted out of combining all material at the end of Horsenden and Route 32 and New Paltz Highway and Village DPW collected bags/tires placed on the side of the road instead which resulted in only eight tires being brought into the recycling center.

Events –

- June 1^{4th} – Third Annual Zero Waste Day at Clearwater Road with music and vendors.
- May 16th and 17th Great Community Giveaway at SUNY New Paltz and the United Methodist Church on Grove Street.

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