

# Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

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**PRESS RELEASE:** For Immediate Release

**From:** Amy Donovan, Program Director  
**To:** District Town newsletters, websites, email lists  
**Re:** News from Franklin County Solid Waste District: New compost pails available, Haz waste Day, Bulky Waste Day  
**Date:** June 24, 2014  
**Notes:** The District's contact information is repeated at the end of each section below. If all 3 sections will appear together, delete the first 2 info paragraphs and just use it at the very end.

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## News from Franklin County Solid Waste District

### NEW KITCHEN COMPOST PAILS AVAILABLE!

The Franklin County Solid Waste District recently purchased a large number of "Sure-Close" kitchen compost pails. These 1.9-gallon pails are meant to collect food waste in the kitchen, and the materials then emptied into backyard or municipal compost bins. The lid latches securely and can be made to stay open for ease of use. The vented lid has pinholes that act as a filter (but with no expensive or hard-to-find filter); moisture can pass through the lid, which reduces odors. For more features, plus pictures of Sure-Close, visit: [www.sure-close.com](http://www.sure-close.com).

Fifteen District towns received varying amounts of pails: Bernardston, Colrain, Conway, Erving, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Orange, Montague, New Salem, Rowe, Shelburne, Sunderland, Wendell, and Whately. Many towns have already sold or given them out to residents. Some towns are saving them for a raffle or a special event.

The kitchen pails are also offered for sale to District residents for \$5 at the District Office, 50 Miles St., Greenfield; call 413-772-2438 for hours or more info. Earth Machine outdoor compost bins are also for sale for \$45 at the District office and at Colrain, Orange, and Wendell transfer stations.

Municipal compost programs are available free to permit holders at the transfer stations in Leverett, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, and Whately.

The majority of this purchase was funded by MassDEP's Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) small-scale initiatives grant. The grant requires that funded items contain 35% recycled content; therefore these pails are an avocado green color to mask any color variations in the recycled product. The District previously offered a beige version of the same pail. District Towns also received a total of 44 Earth Machine compost bins, funded by the SMRP grant.

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## ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

The Franklin County Solid Waste District is holding its annual hazardous waste collection on **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**, concurrently at GCC Main Campus and Orange Transfer Station.

This collection provides residents an opportunity to dispose of hazardous items such as leftover oil-based paints, stains, thinners, household cleaners, pesticides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, fluorescent lamps, automobile batteries, and other household chemicals. For a complete list of acceptable items, see: [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html).

**To participate, residents must pre-register between August 15<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup>**. Starting in mid August, registration forms will be available in local newspapers, at town offices, transfer stations, and at: [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org).

This collection event is free for residents of most towns. Gill, Orange, and Sunderland residents must pay to participate in the 2014 collection. Businesses will be charged for disposal.

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## FALL “CLEAN SWEEP” BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

The District is holding its fall “Clean Sweep” bulky waste collection on **Saturday, October 18**, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Buckland Recreation Facility on Rt. 112 South, the Northfield Highway Garage, and the Whately Transfer Station.

Residents may bring a wide range of bulky items such as tires, appliances, scrap metal, furniture, mattresses, carpeting, construction debris, computers, monitors, televisions, propane gas tanks, and other bulky items. Materials will be recycled whenever possible.

**NEW!** Clean, dry textiles and books will be accepted for free recycling or reuse. Textiles must be **CLEAN & DRY** and contained inside a sturdy plastic bag. **DO** include clothing, accessories, linens that are torn, stained, with missing buttons or broken zippers, as damaged textiles can be recycled into insulation. Books can be of any condition except moldy or wet, and can be hardcover or paperback.

Residents do not need to pre-register for the bulky waste collection. However, there are charges for disposal. Disposal fees, in cash only, will be collected at each site. A complete list of prices for the most common items will be available at town halls, town transfer stations, the District office at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield, and online at: [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html). Businesses may participate.

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