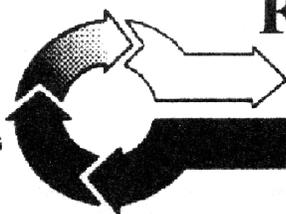


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New Wood Pellet Bag Recycling Program

The Franklin County Solid Waste District has coordinated a new program for residents to recycle empty wood pellet bags. Using grant funds from MassDEP and a state Community Innovation Challenge Grant, the District has purchased and distributed small sheds to collect and recycle wood pellet bags.

This is a pilot program and can only accept pellet bags – no other plastic bag or plastic film product. Bags must be dry and empty. It's very important for participants to follow the guidelines so that all material can be recycled and not rejected by the end market.

These sheds are currently available for town residents using the following transfer stations: Bernardston, Buckland, Deerfield, Northfield, Warwick, and Wendell. The Conway and Rowe Transfer Stations are collecting pellet bags separately but do not have a shed for them; hand to attendant. Beginning in November, town residents using the Charlemont/Shelburne, Montague, and Orange Transfer Stations will have pellet bag recycling sheds on site. The program is free to residents.

In collaboration with the Greenfield DPW, the District has used grant funds to purchase a large storage trailer for pellet bags. Residents in any Franklin County town may deliver pellet bags to the Greenfield Transfer Station during normal operating hours. There is no fee.

For more information contact the Solid Waste District at 413-772-2438 (Mass Relay for the hearing impaired: 711), email info@franklincountywastedistrict.org. or visit www.franklincountywastedistrict.org.

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