

September 3, 2019- Simple, Inexpensive Ways to Reduce Solid Waste in NH

Bea Johnson author of Zero Waste Home will be in Milford, NH May 2020

Since 2008 her family of four has one small jar of trash per year

Economic Opportunities in NH:

Bees Wrap- made in Middlebury, Vermont (started in 2012 now 28 employees)

W.S Badger Shampoo Bar-made in Gilsum, NH

Eco Strips laundry detergent- made by Tru Earth in Vancouver

Encourage municipal composting, community compost projects, compost tumblers at apartment buildings, backyard composting and businesses.

20-40% of solid waste that ends up in landfills is food waste and other items that can be composted. Large scale composting products can be used for erosion control and highway safety projects.

Our “Black Gold” is leaving the state because of overly restrictive rules regarding composting of meat and dairy products. There is a huge list of other products that are compostable such as mixed paper, cardboard, pizza boxes, etc... If we could pass legislation that is similar to our neighboring states that would be huge.

Mr. Fox Composting -Portsmouth, NH going to S. Bernick, Maine

Upper Valley Compost -Lebanon, NH was going to VT (closed financial, logistical)

Elm City Compost -Keene, NH possibly going to Vermont or Massachusetts.

Terra Nova Composting- Hudson, NH most likely going to Massachusetts

Concord, Massachusetts. Divert, Inc. a Green Energy Facility uses an anaerobic digestive system that turns food waste into biogas.

Processed Glass Aggregate(PGA): glass is crushed, screened mixed with gravel, sand, recycled asphalt used for construction projects- not as susceptible to frost heaves. Richard Lee (New London) has been using this product for 30 years.

85% of all textiles end up in the landfill (40 billion tons/yr. nationally) Only 15% donated or recycled. Simple Recycling (MA) picks up these items at zero cost. Some items go to thrift stores, sold as rags or for insulation.

“Concord (MA) on Tap” Water Map highlights water fountains, participating businesses, public and community buildings to refill your water bottle.

Respectfully submitted,

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