

**New London Waste Reduction Committee  
Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, May 25, 2023  
10:00 AM Syd Crook Meeting Room  
Agenda:**

**Call to Order:**

Review /accept 04/13/23 meeting minutes

**Old Business:**

1. Review Earth Day events
2. Wheelabrator incinerator: continue discussion / discontinue

**New Business:**

1. A local businessowners's thoughts on waste reduction: Howard Hoke
2. Phase II Compost Program: see information from Maureen
3. Styrofoam day: Joy
4. Future of paper recycling: see emails from A. Folsom, NRRA
5. Public information: outreach: general discussion
6. Regular meeting dates: general discussion

**Adjournment:**

## Ideas for Phase II Compost Program

1. Finalize the Application [phasetwo compost@gmail.com](mailto:phasetwo compost@gmail.com)
  - Include physical address in New London
  - Include preferred phone number
  - include preferred email ( avoids signing up on one email, but not the one checked)
2. Publicize the sign-up process:
  - Front page of the Town Web Site (contact Emily)
  - Transfer station and WRC pages (contact Nancy and Emily)
  - Article and notice of sign up in Municipal Matters
  - Social media in Town?
  - Notices in Kearsarge Shopper and Intertown Record
  - Sandwich Board?
3. I have contacted Renewal Compost and they will have the 140 buckets by 7/1. Depending on how many people sign up, we can take all the buckets at once, or have them bring them as we schedule days to pass them out. This is so we won't have a storage issue.
4. We will need 140 copies of the double sided instruction sheets, and 140 plastic sheets in which to enclose them. These are put inside the bucket at the time of passing them out.
5. Establish a 2-day "pass out the buckets" and sign off on the program. I think it should be somewhere that people can just drive through—quick and easy. (DPW?, School?)
  - One Saturday?
  - One weekday?

Maureen

Jerry~

Here is the communication between Renewal and me regarding delivery of the buckets and totes.  
Maureen

**From:** "Maureen F. Prohl" <[mprohl@me.com](mailto:mprohl@me.com)>  
**Date:** May 15, 2023 at 8:29:15 PM EDT  
**To:** Louis Saviano <[lou@renewalcompost.com](mailto:lou@renewalcompost.com)>  
**Subject:** **Re: Expanding the Compost Program**

Hello, Meagan,

We cannot start the program until after the new fiscal year, which begins on 7/1/23. The application process should begin after June 1st. We will meet on 5/25 to set up the application process, and select dates to pass out the buckets.

I hope that you are able to keep the buckets and totes until we are ready for them, as we have no place to store them at this time. Give me a call if this is a problem.

Maureen

Sent from my iPad

On May 15, 2023, at 12:56 PM, Louis Saviano <[lou@renewalcompost.com](mailto:lou@renewalcompost.com)> wrote:

Hello Maureen,

I have all the buckets and lids ready for you, as well as additional totes. When would you like all of this dropped off at the Transfer Station?

Thank you,  
Meagan

# Composting in New London

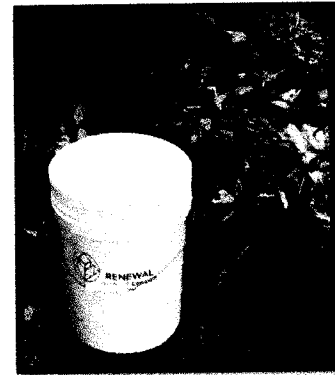


## BACKGROUND

The very favorable response to a composting question on the 2020 Master Plan began the exploration of offering composting options to New London residents. Onsite composting, school and a farm-community compost grants, and various collection options were investigated. In July, 2022 a new Waste Reduction Committee was established with new goals for diverting a variety of materials from landfills, including food scraps.

A composting pilot program was initiated in late October 2022. By April 15, 2023, the 20 households participating in the program diverted 3 tons of food scraps from the landfill. Renewal Compost collects the food scraps at the Transfer Station and hauls them to a farm in Derry, NH.

Article 17 of the Town Warrant, sought \$12,000 to expand the Pilot Program to 140 more New London residents; it was unanimously passed on March 28, 2023. Phase II of the Compost Program will begin soon after July 1, 2023. An application process to be part of that expansion will begin on June 1, and will be advertised by late May.



## RESOURCES FOR COMPOSTING

**New London Department of Public Works,**  
South Pleasant Street:

- Composting Bin: \$70.00
- Turner: \$30.
- Kitchen Pail: \$15.00

**Metal and Stump Dump** (map on next page)

- saw dust, wood chips
- loam
- mix pile of leaves, grass, hay, organic food scraps

**Local agricultural products** (organic, not pressure treated wood)

- straw
- wood shavings, saw dust
- manure



**Home** (the most common)

- leaves, garden waste (not weeds)
- dried grass cuttings
- newspaper, egg cartons
- Food scraps

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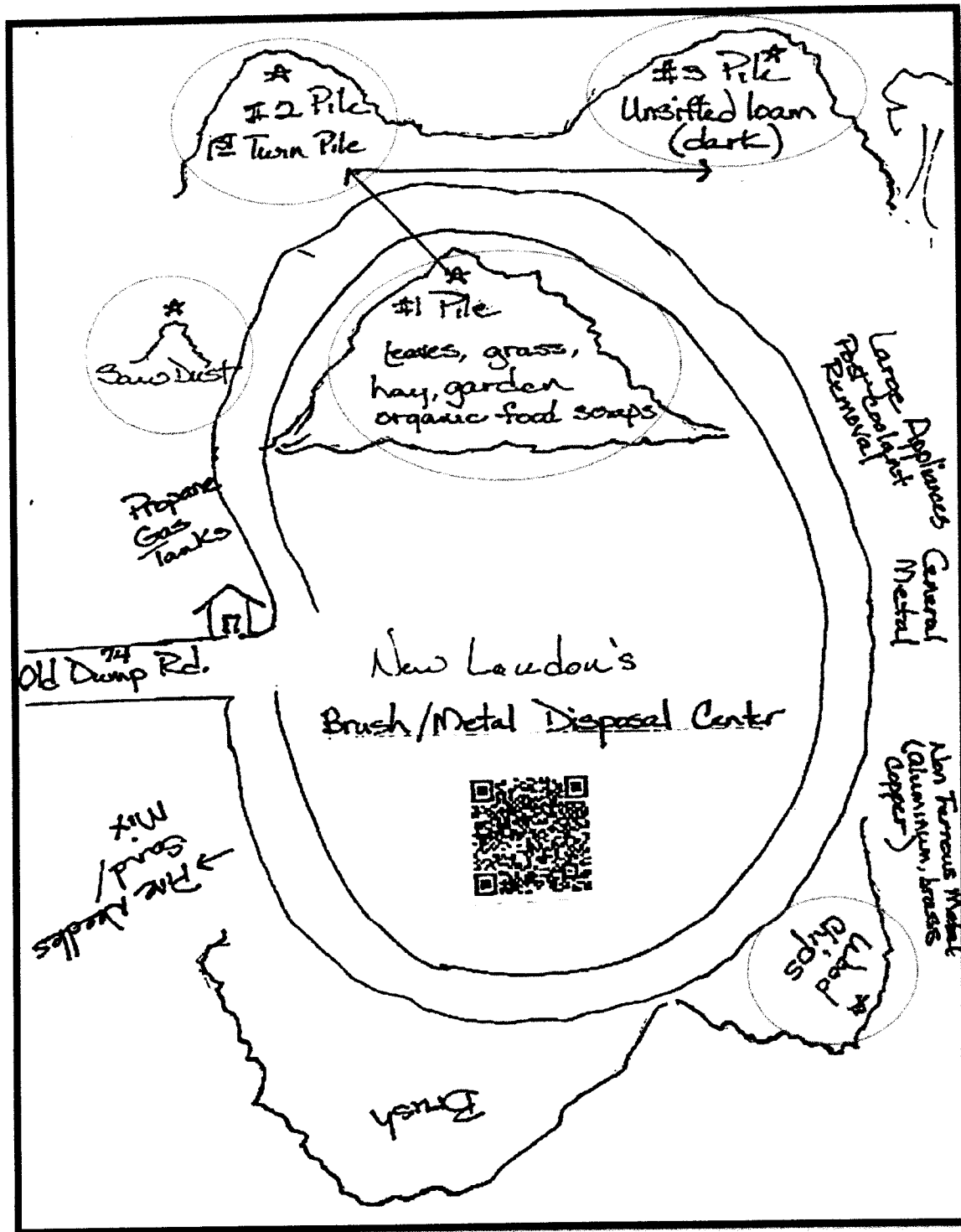


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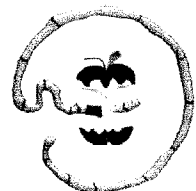
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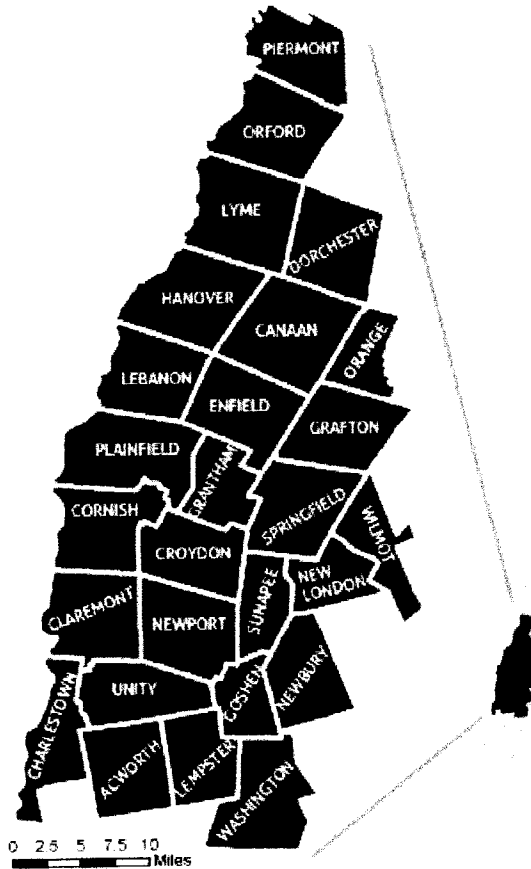
# Composting in the Region

## Together, we can keep our food scraps value added! Get Involved!

This effort seeks to bring the knowledge of those who have it, to those who need it. Do you have compost knowledge to share? Do you want some of that knowledge and confidence? Are you interested in this talk, but not ready to commit? Sign up!

Food scraps or discards are part of all our daily lives. Getting the most value back from those food scraps, is not. There are wonderful actions taken every day by residents, schools, businesses, and municipalities to capture food scraps value through composting. Yet, we still have a long way to go!

This program is most relevant to NH communities in the Upper Valley, Lake Sunapee, and Sugar River regions. Neighboring NH and Vermont communities are WELCOME!



## Food Scraps Reduction Interest Form

<https://forms.gle/ZXhUz2D4iSk8b5p66>



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Email from Andrea H. Folsom on May 15, 2023:

Hi Jerry,

Here are my notes on the New London Mixed Paper situation:

The facility that was taking New London's mixed paper stopped taking it because of market conditions. The facility could not get through the mixed paper fast enough and decided to stop taking it from anybody not under contract.

- The next closest facility is twice the distance and twice hauling time. Given that, plus fact that fuel and labor costs skyrocketed this year cost, and markets declined, cost to recycling loose mixed paper went up 27-fold.
  - Cost of \$23.62 per ton a year ago
  - Last load cost \$641.15 per ton
- Markets are coming back slowly.
  - Mixed Paper Index risen two straight months
  - Cardboard Index saw its first increase in 18 months
- Containerboard production dropped 5% last year

**Now is the time to look at improvements and look to the future:**

- If you want to continue sending it loose, look at a way to compress it to gain more weight in each container. WITHOUT COMPRESSION, most of the time only getting between 3,000 TO 4,000 POUNDS per container.
- A suggestion would be to look at baling it. A full load (44,000 pounds) is currently a REVENUE.

There are both vertical and horizontal balers. I don't know which would work best for your facility (though I'm guessing a vertical baler). It would cost around \$20,000.

Hope this helps!

Thanks,

Andrea

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Communications Manager

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Email to and from Andrea Folsom on May 15, 2023:

Hi Andrea,

Thank you for the information. If we could get a full load of 44,000 pounds compressed, who would accept this and what would be the approximate revenue to the Town.

Appreciate your help,

Jerry

to me

Hi Jerry,

We work with several vendors, so I can't give you exactly who would accept it, but at a conservative estimate:

44,000 pounds = 22 tons

The market for mixed paper is currently at \$5-\$25/ton

Estimate potential revenue of \$110-\$550

You would additionally avoid tipping costs for 22 tons of material, which is an added financial benefit.

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