

2010 REPORT OF THE
FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To the Residents of Warwick:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to the twenty-one member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

Warwick residents showed their commitment to recycling by diverting 41 tons of paper and 26 tons of mixed containers from disposal facilities. That is 3 tons more paper than fiscal year 2009. The recyclable material was processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility. Although recycling market prices were low in 2009, the markets rebounded in 2010. Warwick received almost \$2,000 in revenue for recycling.

The Solid Waste District continues to provide hauling services and assistance for operating the transfer station. We provided technical assistance to the school to improve their recycling program as well as to implement a program to collect food waste for composting. Warwick residents can purchase a backyard compost bin from the Orange or Wendell transfer station.

Every September the District holds a household hazardous waste collection. Warwick residents can participate at no cost. The collection site is usually in the Orange/Athol area. We accept a wide variety of household products that are toxic and should not be disposed of in the trash.

The District also provided recycling and composting assistance to 30 public events, including the Franklin County Fair. We loan specially designed recycling bins to these events and provide signage for recycling and composting.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 772-2438, visit our website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

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