

Introduction

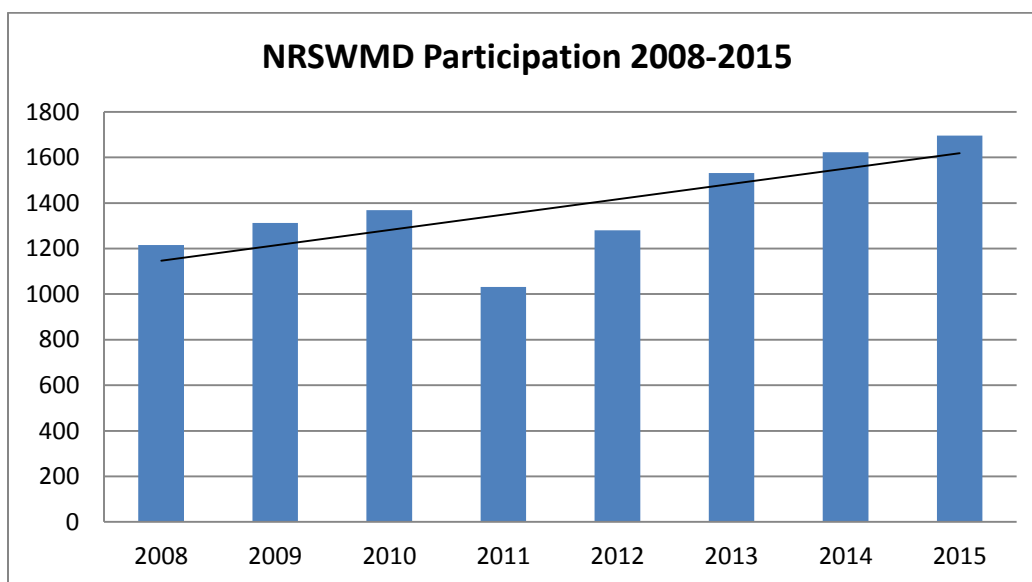
This report highlights overall participation in the Nashua Regional Solid Waste Management District's (NRSWMD) 2015 Household Hazardous Waste Program. This program was funded by municipal assessments, user fees, and grant funding received by the Nashua Regional Planning Commission from the NH Dept. of Environmental Services. The following charts and figures reflect data from collection events held during the spring, summer, and fall of 2015.

2015 Collection Overview

Saturday April 18, 8am-12pm, in Nashua	Saturday August 1, 8am-12pm, in Nashua
Saturday May 2, 8am-12pm, in Milford	Saturday October 3, 8am-12pm, in Nashua
Thursday June 4, 3-7pm, in Nashua	Saturday November 7, 8am-12pm, in Nashua

2015 Total Participation

In 2015, a total of 1,696 households participated in the HHW collections District-wide. This was an increase from the 2014 total of 1,623 households. District-wide, participation rates in 2015 were the highest they have been since 2006. 34% of District-wide participants were first time attendees.

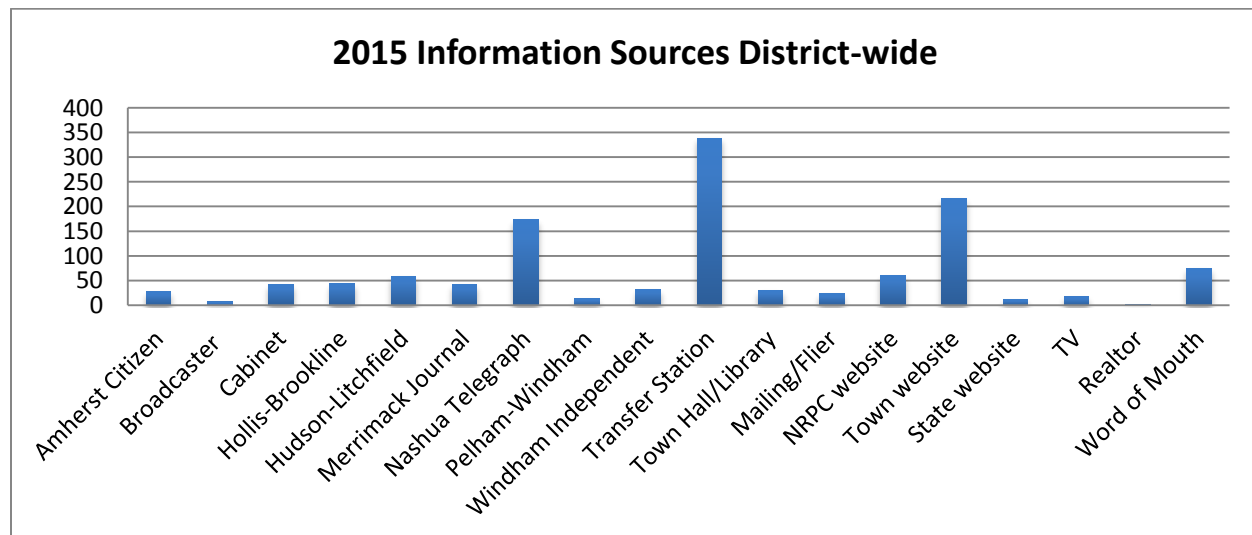


Since 2008, the District has maintained a consistent schedule of 6 collection events per year. The June 2015 event saw the highest turnout of any June collection since 2006. The November 2015 event saw the highest turnout of any November collection since 2005. The November collection also had a higher participation rate than any other event this year.

Year	April	May	June	Aug.	Oct.	Nov.	Total Households
2015	265	173	243	309	336	370	1,696
2014	312	133	211	310	339	318	1,623
2013	245	219	205	313	332	218	1,532
2012	217	122	148	270	252	271	1,280
2011	213	125	119	238	194	143	1,032
2010	220	141	162	300	251	294	1,368
2009	148	139	185	239	281	320	1,312
2008	148	124	154	283	265	242	1,216

Information Sources

Transfer Stations continued to provide the largest source of information to participants; 339 households reported learning about the collections through their transfer stations. 216 households reported learning about the collections from their municipal website, making it the second most used information source. The Nashua Telegraph was the third most used information source at 173 households. These three resources were also the most popular sources of information in 2014 and 2013.



Materials Collected

The Solid Waste District manifested a total of 85,154 pounds of waste during the 2015 collection season. Of this, 67,260 pounds were hazardous and 17,894 pounds were universal wastes. Participant surveys provide more detailed information on the types of waste being collected from each municipality. This information can be used to target community-specific outreach and education efforts on the most prominent types of waste being collected.

The composition of total waste collected through the 2015 HHW Collection Season, as reported on participant surveys, is shown below. Paint continued to be the most common item received; 872 households District-wide (51.4%) brought paint to the 2015 collection events. This is slightly higher than the percentage of households who brought paint in 2014 and 2013 (50.3%). Solvents and thinners were the second most common item again in 2015, with 680 households (40.1%) reporting to bring these materials. Lawn and garden products were the third most common item again in 2015, at 500 households (29.5%).

