

Introduction

This report highlights the benefits to the Town of Windham from its participation in the Nashua Regional Solid Waste Management District's (NRSWMD) 2013 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 2013.

2013 Collection Overview

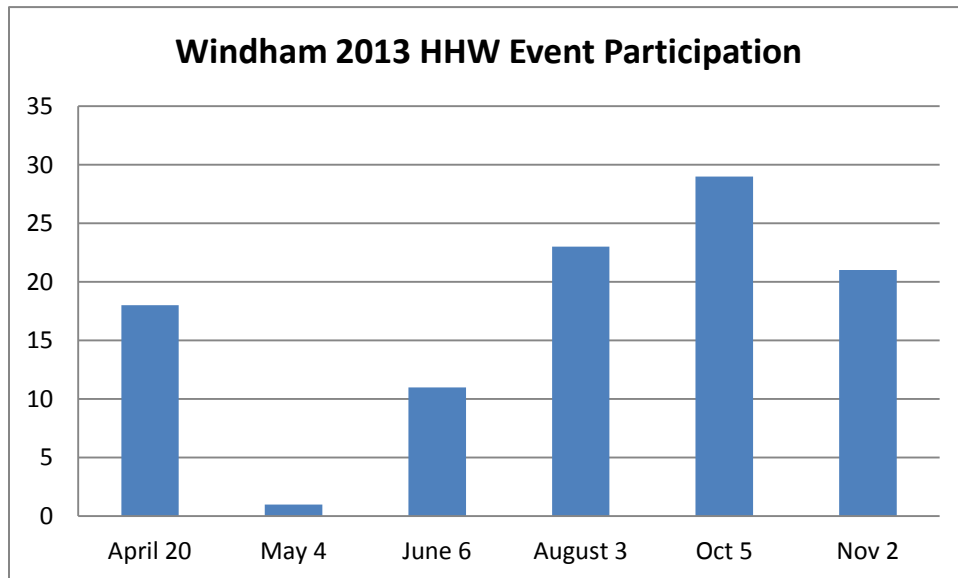
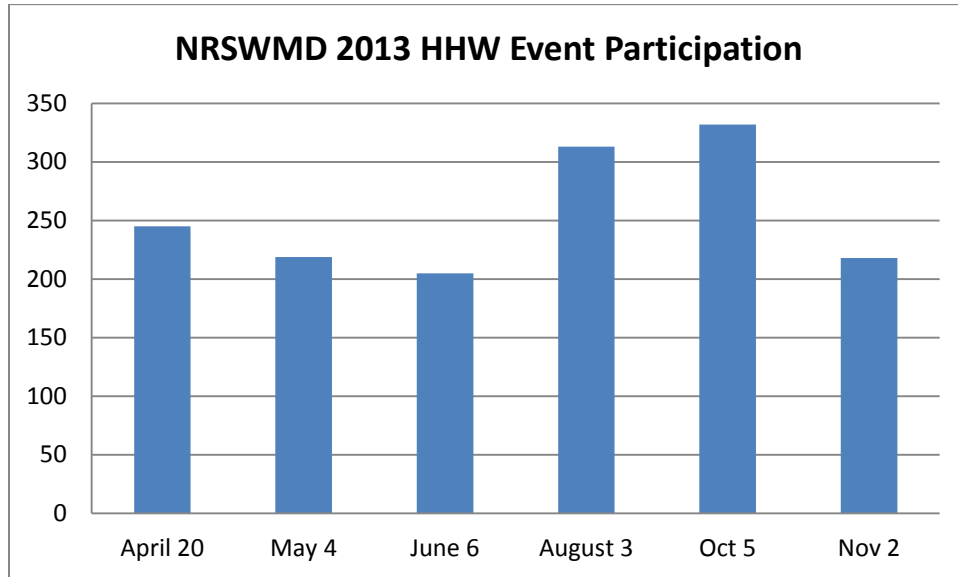
Six collections were held during the 2013 HHW season. Five of the events were located at the Nashua Public Works Garage and one was held in Milford.

Saturday April 20, 8am-12pm, in Nashua	Saturday August 3, 8am-12pm, in Nashua
Saturday May 4, 8am-12pm, in Milford	Saturday October 5, 8am-12pm, in Nashua
Thursday June 6, 3-7pm, in Nashua	Saturday November 2, 8am-12pm, in Nashua

2013 Total Participation

In 2013, a total of 1,532 households participated in the HHW collections District-wide; of those, 103 households or 6.72% came from Windham. According to the 2010 US Census, the population of the NRSWMD region is 212,615. The 2010 US Census population for the Town of Windham is 13,592, which is 6.37% of the District's total population. Thus, Windham residents utilize the collection events at a slightly higher rate than expected based on their population.

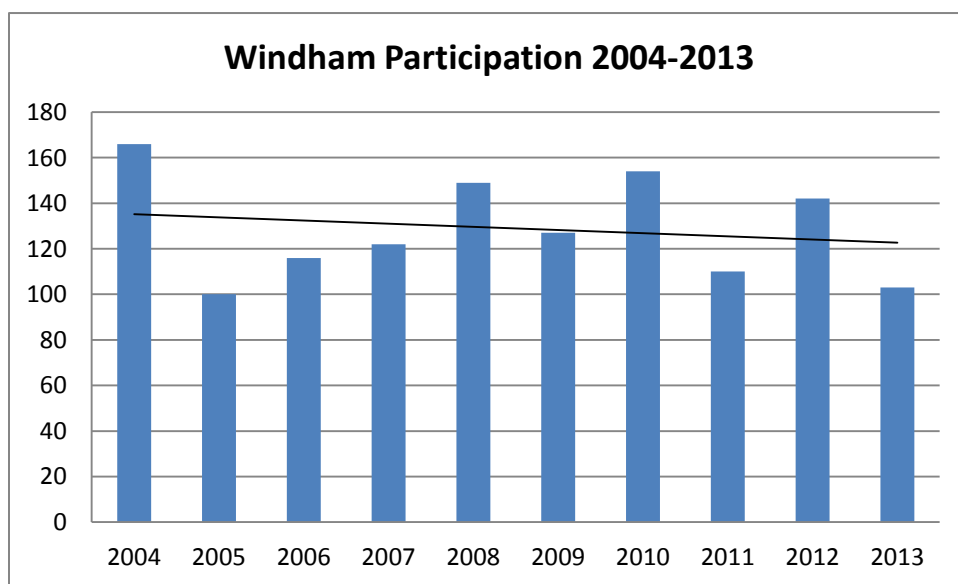
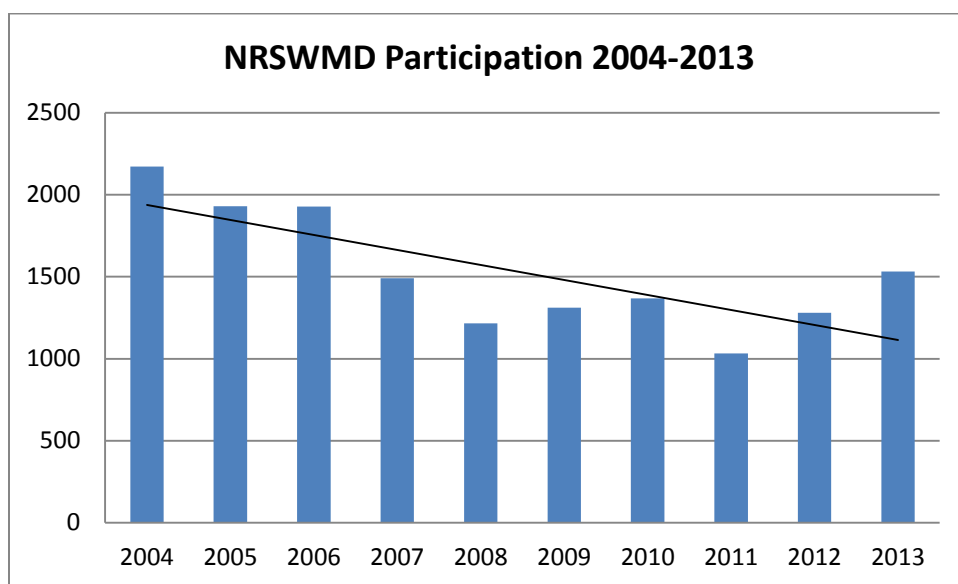
Households	April 20	May 4	June 6	Aug. 3	Oct. 5	Nov. 2	Total	Percent Participation	Percent Population
Regional Participation	245	219	205	313	332	218	1,532	N/A	N/A
Windham Participation	18	1	11	23	29	21	103	6.72%	6.37%



Historic Participation Trends

Participation rates have held fairly steady in Windham over the past 10 years. The number of households participating in HHW collections has fallen District-wide over the past 10 years. However, in 2013 participation rates were the highest they have been since 2006.

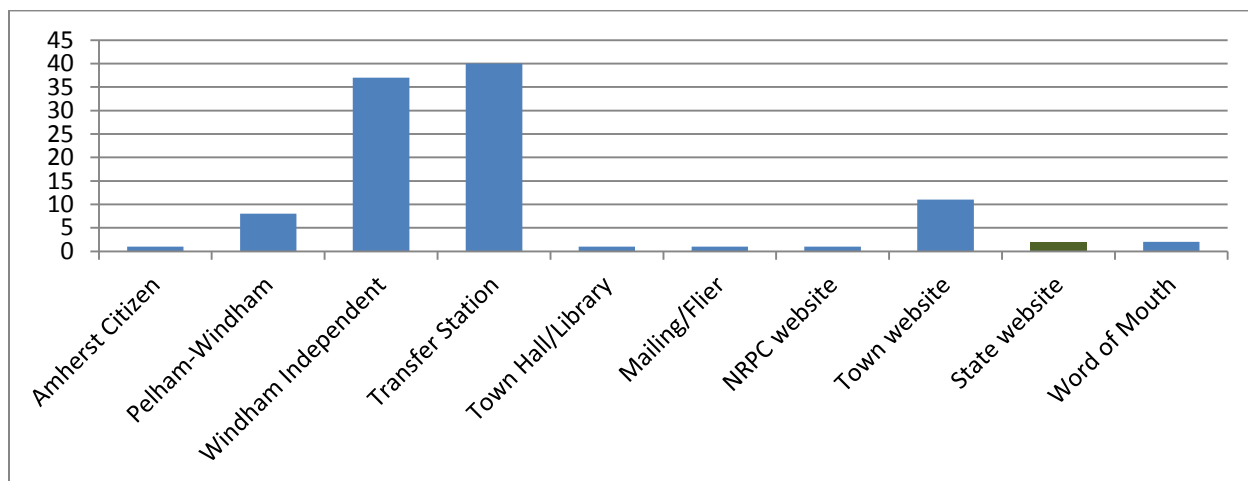
Households	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Windham	166	100	116	122	149	127	154	110	142	103
District	2173	1931	1928	1491	1216	1312	1368	1032	1280	1532
Windham % of Total	7.64%	5.18%	6.02%	8.18%	12.25%	9.68%	11.26%	10.66%	11.09%	6.72%



Information Sources

By tracking how participants learn about HHW events, we can better target our marketing and outreach. In 2013, most Windham residents learned about HHW collections through the Transfer Station (40 households) and the Windham Independent (37 households).

Windham Information Sources



Materials Collected

Participant surveys provide an idea of the types of waste being brought in from each municipality. This information can be used to target community-specific outreach and education efforts on the most prominent types of waste.

The composition of total waste manifested through the 2013 HHW Collection Season is shown below. Paint continued to be the most common item received; 770 households District-wide (50.3%) brought paint to the 2013 collection events. Solvents and thinners were the second most common item, with 565 households (36.9%) reporting to bring these materials. Lawn and garden products ranked third at 387 households (25.2%). Among Windham residents, 56 out of the 103 participating households (54.4%) brought paint to the collection events, 38 households (36.9%) brought solvents and thinners, 27 households (26.2%) brought electronics, 26 households brought automotive products, and 25 households brought lawn and garden products.

