

Introduction

This report highlights the benefits to the Town of Windham from its 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

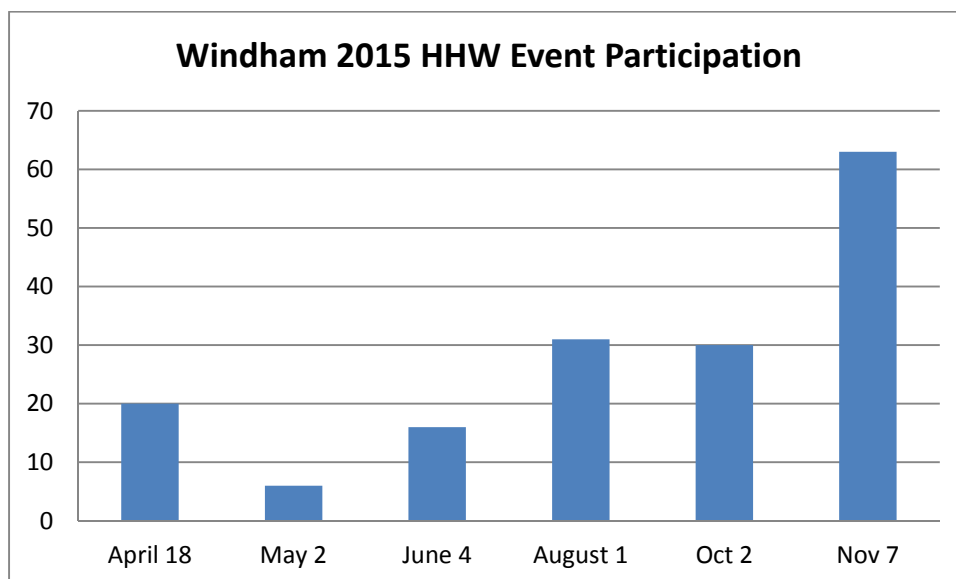
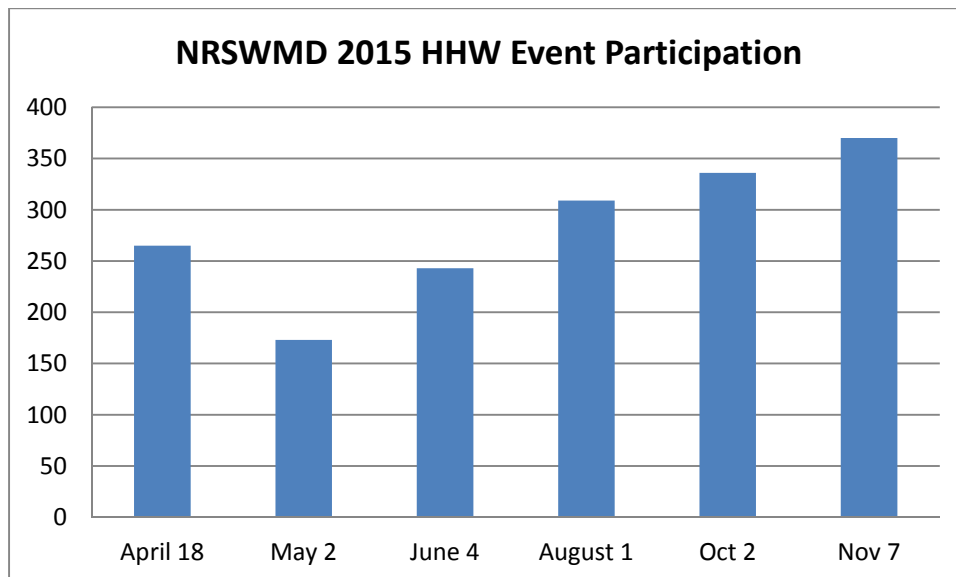
Six collections were held during the 2015 HHW season. Five of the events were located at the Nashua Public Works Garage and one was held in Milford.

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; of those, 166 households or 9.79% 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 higher rate than expected based on their population. 36% of Windham participants were first time attendees.

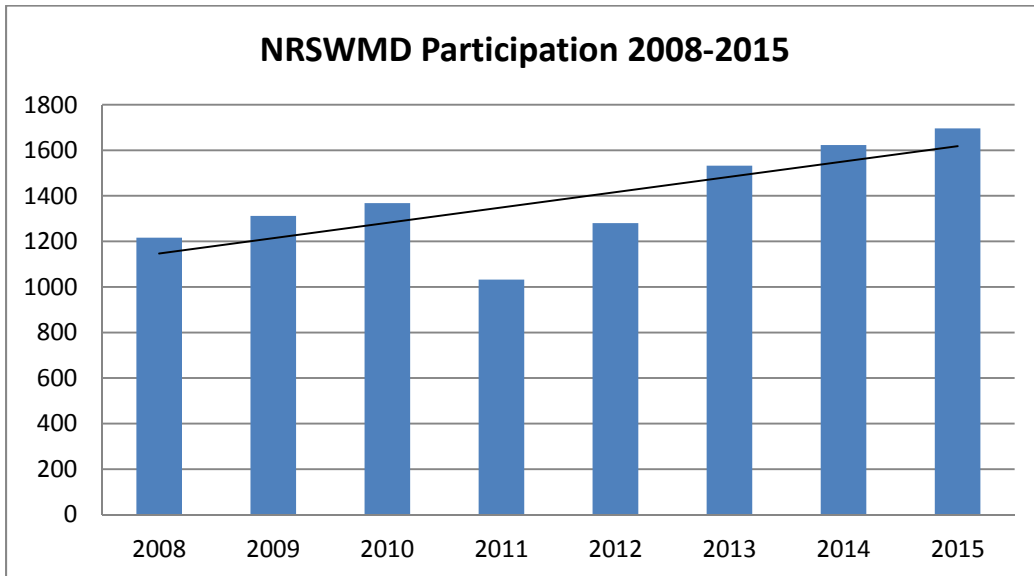
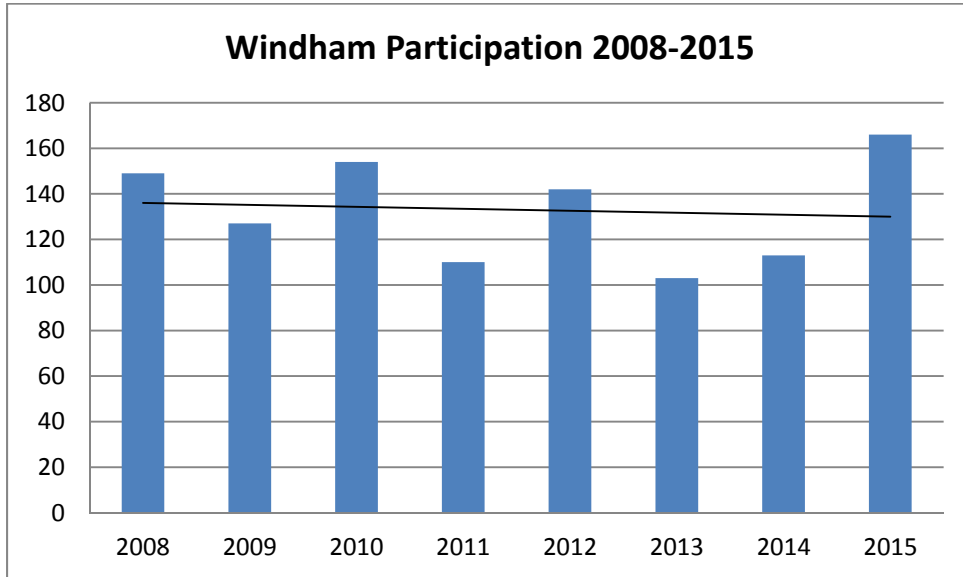
Households	April 18	May 2	June 4	Aug. 1	Oct. 3	Nov. 7	Total	Percent Participation	Percent Population
Regional Participation	265	173	243	309	336	370	1,696	N/A	N/A
Windham Participation	20	6	16	31	30	63	166	9.79%	6.37%



Historic Participation Trends

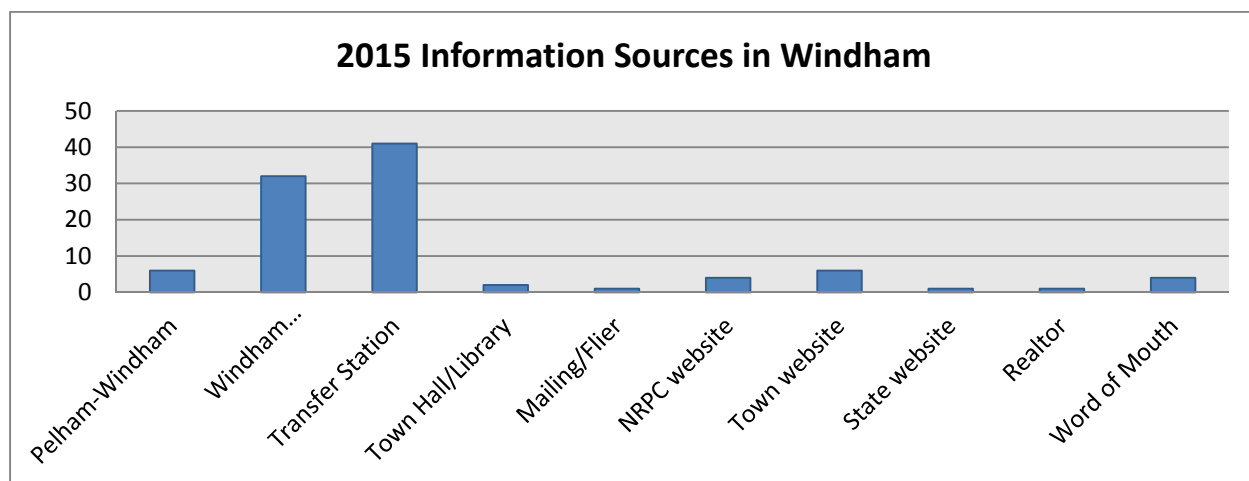
The Nashua Region Solid Waste Management District has consistently held six collection events per year and charged a \$10 user fee per vehicle since 2008. 2015 saw higher participation rates District-wide than any other year during this period. 2015 also saw the highest turnout among Windham residents since 2004 (tied).

Households	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Windham	149	127	154	110	142	103	113	166
District	1,216	1,312	1,368	1,032	1,280	1,532	1,623	1,696
Windham % of Total	12.25%	9.68%	11.26%	10.66%	11.09%	6.72%	6.96%	9.79%



Information Sources

By tracking how participants learn about HHW events, the District can better target our marketing and outreach. In 2015, most Windham residents learned about HHW collections through the Transfer Station (41 households) and the Windham Independent (32 households).



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%).

Among Windham residents, 73 out of the 166 participating households (44%) brought paint to the collection events, 58 households (34.9%) brought solvents and thinners, and 46 households (27.7%) brought lawn and garden products.

