



ALEXANDRIA TODAY OCTOBER 2022 EDITION

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office



NH STATE GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

The New Hampshire State General Election will be held at Alexandria Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH. The polls will be open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 for the State General Election

Absentee Ballot request is available on the town's website at <http://alexandrianh.com/departments/town-clerk-tax-collector/>, in the Town Clerk's office, or by calling the Town Clerk's office at 603-744-3288.



Alexandria Conservation Commission

Composting is generally thought of more in terms of recycling vs. a conservation practice, and technically it is a form of recycling. However, recycling plays a major role in the reducing greenhouse gasses, conservation of our natural resources, reduces the materials entering our landfills, and strengthens new plant growth. Taking part in the composting process, even without space for a traditional backyard compost bin or pile, is vital for the future of our environment. Thankfully, there are some easy indoor composting methods that anyone can use.

Indoor composting is typically done with worms. However, there are many reasons someone might not want to use worms, and it isn't necessary to get the job done, although composting with worms - or vermicomposting - is generally seen as the more efficient method. If vermicomposting is viewed as "better" by many, then why choose indoor composting without worms? There are both pros and cons to using worms, and the downsides can outweigh the benefits. Some might just feel uncomfortable with a bin full of worms in their home. Here are some other cons you might want to consider:

- There's added cost to vermicomposting simply because you also need to buy worms on top of everything else.
- Making mistakes with vermicomposting can quickly lead to offensive odors throughout your home.
- Vermicomposting can be higher maintenance than aerobic composting because you need to frequently monitor how much your worms have to eat and if you need to add more waste.
- Harvesting your finished compost is more work with vermicomposting because you need to sort all the worms out of it.

Aerobic composting is an alternate method which uses microorganisms to decompose organic material. You can easily accomplish your composting objectives, indoors, even if you currently live in an apartment. Aerobic composting microorganisms rely on oxygen to survive, so it's essential for your compost bins to have some sort of air pockets or airflow. If you chose to compost indoors without worms, here are some tips to make that process easier and more successful:

- **Locate your composting bin where it is convenient to use:** If possible, locate the bin in an area where it will not freeze as heat and moisture are essential in the composting process.
- **Use technology when you can:** New technology is being made available all the time to make processes like composting easier and more efficient. Taking advantage of these technologies when you can will only improve your composting efforts.
- **Turn your compost:** Without worms to naturally aerate the contents of your compost bin, you'll need to do it yourself. This just means turning your compost once per week.
- **Use compost activators:** Getting the composting process going can be a bit difficult without the right balance of materials. If you find you're struggling to create compost without worms, you can add compost activators to accelerate the process.
- **Cut up your kitchen scraps:** Smaller materials break down faster than larger pieces. Cutting up your organic matter before throwing it in compost bins will speed up the composting process.
- **Use the right ratio of brown to green waste:** Your compost pile should generally contain 3 parts of brown waste to 1 part of green waste. Green waste is nitrogen-rich material (generally your food scraps), while brown

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waste is carbon-rich material (things like shredded newspaper and dead leaves or grass clippings). It is suggested that you consult a reliable source for a list of things that SHOULD NOT be composted.

- **Avoid fruit flies and pests:** Keep your food waste buried under soil and brown materials in the compost bin to prevent fruit flies and other unwanted pests from arriving. Cover the bin securely.
- **Keep your compost moist:** The microorganisms breaking down compost require oxygen to survive, and they get that oxygen through the moisture in the compost. If you find the compost is getting dry, you can just spray it with some water.
- **Keep a bag of shredded newspaper or dried leaves handy:** This will act as any brown material that you need, which you can use for compost refills or to add extra if your compost is too wet.

If you've not tried composting indoors, this winter might be just the time to try it out. You'll be surprised how easy it can be, your plants will benefit from the compost, you'll be helping to reduce the amount of waste going to our landfills and reducing the amount of greenhouse going into the atmosphere.

Source: <https://pela.earth/blogs/news/indoor-composting-without-worms>



Alexandria Waste Management Committee



Recycling is contagious; You set the example, and others will follow

Trivia Quiz Question for the Month: What percent of glass containers we produce is recycled? (answer at end of newsletter)

\$ Money in our Pockets \$

Our year-to-date savings through August is \$8705. This includes August monthly totals of \$306 for aluminum cans, \$198 in light metal/tin, and \$350 estimated for cardboard. Keep up the good work.

What's New at the Transfer Station



There were no TSSC meetings during the month of September, as has been the case for the past couple of months. The *Alteration of Terrain* application is slowly making its way through the DES and hopefully the application for the needed permit will be approved soon. The *Shoreland* permit has been received. Submission of the *Permit by Notification* for the transfer station has not yet been submitted; however, that application (notification) does not require approval, so that shouldn't pose any problems. The status of the abandoned power company right-of-way through the property is still outstanding, and the committee continues to follow-up with Right Angle Engineering (Erin Darrow) on that. The TSSC continues to work with local contractors and suppliers for ideas and recommendations, and is continuing to work to formally hire a General Contractor to coordinate the various aspects of relocating the transfer station.

Although there is still some preliminary work to be completed, the TSSC remains confident that it can meet its objective of having a budget proposal for Phase 1 of the relocation and opening of the new facility ready for a warrant article for voter approval in time for a March 2023 vote.

The committee will continue to meet on an as needed basis and monthly updates will be provided here in the town newsletter and in meeting minutes posted on the town website.

Avoid Being Locked Out, Gates Close at 3:45pm, Transfer Station Time – Their Facility, Their Clock



Things are quiet at the transfer station as the fall season is here and the staff begins to prepare for the upcoming winter, which presents its own unique challenges. I ran across this is a recent NRRR newsletter and wanted to pass it on. Far too often folks don't realize the important role our transfer station staff play in keeping Alexandria a place we're all proud to call home. Next time you visit our facility take a minute to thank the staff for the tremendous job they are doing – they deserve it.

YOUR AMAZING TRANSFER STATION OPERATORS HAVE THE ANSWERS - JUST ASK!

Did you know that all solid waste facility operators (also sometimes known as transfer station operators) in New Hampshire must be certified through the NH Department of Environmental Services? This means that beyond initial training, operators also complete annual continuing professional development.

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Operators understand the recycling market - they know what's moving quickly and what's not selling as fast when it comes to recyclables.

They are managing the solid waste, ensuring the solid waste facility, the residents, and attendants stay safe as solid waste passes through to landfills, incinerators, and waste-to-energy facilities.

Operators provide an essential service year-round. Things turn ugly - and fast - when solid waste starts piling up.

And yet managing people's trash and recycling is only a small part of what solid waste operators do every day!

They cultivate the social gathering spot that is your local transfer station. They prioritize the environment through responsible and sustainable recycling and reuse (which is less glamorous than purchasing the latest eco-friendly product). They help residents who need assistance with the disposal of their trash and recycling. They work in all kinds of weather throughout the year. They are doing incredible work, every day, to support our communities.

In short, your Solid Waste or Transfer Station Operators are the most up-to-date resources for your recycling and solid waste questions, but more they deserve a LOT of thanks and appreciation for all they do and know."



A special thanks to "PK" who, on her own time, took it upon herself to paint the interior of the aluminum can container to brighten it up and help preserve its interior – thanks "PK" it looks great!

To help control improper disposal of certain materials, our Operating Plan, dtd. 30 April 2012 charges the facility with inspecting all waste entering the facility to ensure compliance. Generally, at our facility, this is limited to a quick visual check of materials brought in by truck or trailer to direct the resident to the correct disposal area. Please remember, waste disposal regulations are, for the most part, controlled by the state not the towns and transfer stations and landfills are merely complying with the regulations stipulated in their permits



Every Individual Can Contribute

Sunfire is a global leader for industrial electrolyzers. A German company founded in 2010, they develop and market efficient energy conversion technologies. Their activities promote the use of regenerative energies, and their products include systems for the production of renewable synthetic fuels (e.g., methane gas, diesel or kerosene).

With innovative and proven solutions, they are addressing a key challenge of today's energy system: Providing renewable hydrogen and Syngas as substitutes for fossil energy sources. Sunfire's HyLink electrolyzers are the optimal solution for renewable hydrogen project. Based on Alkaline and solid oxide (SOEC) technologies, their electrolyzers are tailored to the unique requirements of specific industries and local environment.

With a well-established partner network, they realize large hydrogen and e-Fuel projects to deliver on their promise: Replacing fossil fuels with renewables in all areas of life – creating a sustainable future for generations to come. Sunfire brings renewables everywhere. Their electrolyzers produce renewable hydrogen and syngas, a mixture of hydrogen and carbon monoxide, from renewable electricity, water steam and captured CO₂. The electrolysis solutions help energy-intensive industries and climate-conscious businesses to decarbonize entire value chains from logistics over material inputs to energy supply.



Creative ideas for recycling, reusing items, and interesting articles or websites offering recycling ideas are always welcome as are comments and suggestions about the newsletter articles. Please submitted your comments to: steve.whitman@hotmail.com; be sure to state "recycling comments" in the subject. In some cases, with the author's permission, comments may be printed in subsequent issues.

Answer to trivia question: Glass isn't ecofriendly and only about 24% of the glass we produce is recycled. Sure, it's a heck of a lot better than plastic, since it's not toxic to the environment, but the key to making glass ecofriendly is to reuse or recycle it. A modern glass bottle would take more than a million years to decompose in a landfill. On the plus side, at least it's not toxic, like Styrofoam or plastic, but volume wise it takes up considerable space in our landfills. Please be sure you always recycle glass – whether it's a bottle you can return to refill, old wine or beer bottles, or empty jars. Alexandria estimates that we recycle a little over 30 tons/yr.; however, far too much glass is still finding its way into the compactor. We can do better.

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Fire Department

BURN PERMITS

Burn permits can now be obtained online - <http://www.nhfirepermit.com/>

All categories of burn permits are also available in the Selectmen's Office during normal business hours.

Before burning, please check the daily predicted fire danger. Visit www.nhdfi.org/Community/Daily-Fire-Danger. The daily fire danger rating may also be obtained by calling the Division of Forests and Lands wildfire information line (toll free): 1-866-NH-FIRES (866-643-4737)

ALEXANDRIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

PHONE: (603) 530-2229

FAX: (603) 744-3165

Emergency: 911

fire@alexandrianh.com

Other Community Events & Information



BLOOD DRIVES

Monday, October 24, 2022 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

New Hampton School, 70 Main Street, New Hampton, NH

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH

Friday, October 28, 2022 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Newfound Regional High School, 150 Newfound Road, Bristol, NH

Race date: October 1, 2022

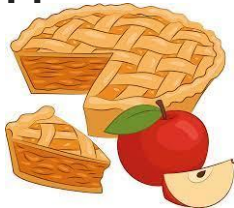
Registration for the New Hampshire Marathon is now Open

Register for any of the races now at nhmarathon.com.

Not a runner? You can register to volunteer at the race website listed above or email race@nhmarathon.com for information on becoming a sponsor.



38th Annual TTCC Apple Festival



Annual fundraising event supporting the Tapply-Thompson Community Center Program

38th Annual TTCC Apple Festival & Craft Fair

Saturday, October 8th from 9 am to 2 pm

Apple Festival

Homemade apple pies & baked goods, home baked beans & fresh bread. Apple pie a-la-mode! Pies can be pre-ordered by calling 603-744-2713.

And Craft Fair

The gym will have a variety of crafters & vendors for early Christmas Shopping! Table space available.

The TTCC is looking for help on Friday, 10/7, 99 am to 4 pm, to cut apples & prep pies.



The New Hampshire Marathon at Newfound Lake

The 29th Annual event will be held on Saturday, October 1st at 9 am

For those interested in participating, visit www.nhmarathon.com or call 603-744-2713. Check-in will be from 7 am to 8:45 am at the NMMS cafeteria.

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Office Hours

Selectmen's Office – 744-3220

Monday: 8 am to 4 pm
Tuesday: 8 am to 4 pm
Wednesday: 8 am to 4 pm
Thursday: 8 am to 4 pm
Friday: CLOSED

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector – 744-3288

Monday: 9 am to 4 pm
Tuesday: 9 am to 7 pm
Wednesday: 9 am to 4 pm
Thursday: 9 am to 4 pm
Friday: CLOSED

Fire Department

PHONE: (603) 530-2229
FAX: (603) 744-3165
Emergency: 911
fire@alexandrianh.com

Transfer Station

Monday: 8 am to 4 pm
Wednesday: 8 am to 4 pm
Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm
Must arrive 15 minutes prior to posted closing time

Police Department 744-6650

Chief David Suckling
When dispatcher picks up, give dispatcher your message. They will page an officer on the radio. Cell phones are not reliable locally.
Office Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8 am to 2 pm

Highway Department – 744-6516

Paul Sirard, Road Agent

Planning Board – 744-8986

*Deliberative Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm
Open 1 hour prior to meeting.
Items to be included on the agenda must be received 21 days prior to the meeting.*

Conservation Commission

To contact the Conservation Commission:
e-mail: info@alexandrianh.com
Phone: 603-744-3220
Mail: 47 Washburn Road
Alexandria, NH 03222

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SCHEDULE:

Please check website for up-to-date meeting schedule – These meeting dates and time may change due to the ongoing concerns with COVID-19. Meetings will always be available to the public and we will be making efforts to have the meetings live streamed. Please also email info@alexandrianh.com with any questions or concerns you would like included in the public meeting.

- Tuesday, October 4, 2022: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Monday, October 10 thru Thursday, October 13, 2022: Selectmen's Office Closed
- Tuesday, October 11, 2022: Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road
- Tuesday, October 18, 2022: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, October 19, 2022: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, October 25, 2022: Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road
- Wednesday, October 26, 2022: Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:30 pm at the Alexandria Village School, 44 Mount Cardigan Road, Alexandria, NH
- Tuesday, November 1, 2022: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 8, 2022: Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office Closed during General Election

All meetings are held in the Conference Room at the Municipal Building (47 Washburn Road) and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Selectmen: All appointments and agenda items for Selectmen's meetings must be submitted to the Selectmen's Office by 4:00 pm the Thursday before the meeting. The Selectmen hold work sessions as needed at 5:00 pm prior to the meetings.

Planning Board: Items to be included on the agenda must be received 21 days prior to the meeting.

Selectmen's Meetings can be viewed on Breezeline Channel 24 on Mondays at 8pm, Wednesdays at 9 am, and Saturdays at 3 pm

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