

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Recycling Division
2024-2025 Annual Report

The Recycling Center processed a total of 1,372 tons of material in 2024. Of that total, 468 tons were recycled, resulting in a recycling rate of 34%. By recycling 468 tons of material, we avoided \$57,096 in disposal fees. In addition, the sale of recycled materials generated \$63,169.39 in revenue. A more detailed breakdown of processed materials, weights, volumes, and associated revenues can be found on the Recycling page of the Town website (peterboroughnh.gov).

Other items accepted and properly recycled in 2024 include:

- 90 refrigerators
- 260 dehumidifiers/air conditioners
- 500 gallons of waste oil

No fluorescent light bulbs, CFL bulbs, or halogen bulbs were sent out during 2024.

Electronics: No electronics were sent out during 2024.

Since the end of 2023, we have begun processing our E-waste in-house by stripping down electronics, removing circuit boards and precious metals, and breaking each unit down to its most basic materials. This allows us to reduce the amount of E-waste entering the waste stream, recover valuable resources more efficiently, and store a greater volume of E-waste on-site for future processing.

Thanks to the help and support of the General Services Department and all its members, a new storage building has been constructed behind the Recycling Center to help manage and store a greater volume of recyclable materials. With increased storage capacity, we can now hold or ship materials as market conditions dictate, maximizing revenue from each load.

I would also like to thank the General Services Department for their assistance with various repairs around the Recycling Center.

A big thank-you goes out to the members of both the General Services Department and the Water Department for their help with plowing and keeping the Recycling Center accessible and snow-free throughout the winter.

Special recognition goes to my colleagues Cameron Mandel, James Martin, and Eion Ward. Their hard work and dedication have been instrumental in ensuring the Recycling Center operates efficiently and effectively year-round.

Gratitude is also extended to the Town Administrator, the Select Board, and all supporting departments for their continued support of our recycling efforts.

Finally, all of us at the Recycling Center would like to express our sincere appreciation to the residents and businesses of Peterborough and Sharon. Your ongoing commitment to reduce, reuse,

and recycle is essential to our shared goal of long-term environmental sustainability. Every effort—large or small—makes a difference.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Darren Dupuis-Smith
Recycling Manager

Revenue and Expenditure Breakdown – 2024

Material / Item	Tons Processed	Revenue / Expenditure
Mixed Paper	106 tons	Revenue: \$2,913.18
Cardboard	105 tons	Revenue: \$11,151.99
Scrap Metal	132 tons	Revenue: \$18,495.95
Newspaper	38 tons	Revenue: \$3,982.05
Aluminum	15 tons	Revenue: \$18,426.40
Steel (Tin) Cans	None	
Plastics (PET)	None	
Plastics (HDPE)	None	
Textiles	18 tons	Revenue: \$1,820.00
Transfer Station Permits	1,667 sold	Revenue: \$8,335.00
Town of Sharon Contribution –		Revenue: \$9,775.18
Compost Collected On-Site	11 tons	
Tires	12 tons	Expenditure: \$2,771.00
Demolition Bin	320.05 tons	Expenditure: \$54,644.00
Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT)	583.90 tons	Expenditure: \$80,673.00