

Pictou County Solid Waste's Mobile HHW Program



Pictou County Landfill Prior to Provincial Bans



Transfer Station & Public Drop-Off



Background

- **Pictou County** – Includes Towns of Stellarton, Trenton, Pictou, Westville, New Glasgow & Municipality of Pictou
- **Land Area** – 2,800 Square Km.
- **Population** – 45,600 Residents
- **Pictou Co. Solid Waste Mgmt.**
220 Landfill Rd., Mt. Wm.
- **Transfer Station for Garbage & Recycling; Compost Facility; EPRA Drop-Off, Textiles, Tires & Metal; Provide Removal of Gas from Cooling Units; Bulb Eater; Permanent HHW Drop-Off**



Administration Office - 2010



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

- On PCSW site located at Mt. William
- 60 Km. from East River St. Mary's
- 50 Km. from Marshville (Pic. Co./Colchester Border)
- 50 Km. from Lismore
- 35 Km. from Mt. Thom
- Double that for a return trip
- Inconvenient for residents
- Creates unsafe storage situations



Illegal Dumps & HHW



Need for Mobile HHW Unit

- Began accumulating information in Early 2014
- Ordered trailer July 2014







Some Details

- 20 Ft. Cargo Trailer & F250 $\frac{3}{4}$ Truck
 - L-Track Tiedown System
 - Standard Medium Duty Ratchet Straps
 - Trailer has Capacity to Hold 14 Barrels
 - Drop-Down Back Door to Ramp
 - Roof Vent, Detailing
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- Awning Installed – Additional
 - Properly Licensed - Staff – “Condition 15”
 - TDG Course – Online; AIS Lab Packing Instruction



“Must Have” Items

- Fire extinguisher; first aid kit; eyewash stn.
- Spill kit; vermiculite; spillproof funnel
- Garbage bags, empty plastic barrel, rags, broom, folding table, proper signage
- Quick ratchet, rubber mallet, sledge hammer, ground rod & wire, pylons
- PPE – Visors, chemical resistant gloves, respirators, Tyvek suits, appropriate boots



Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event

Hosted By:

John's Bottle & Recycling Depot

Location: 28 Depot Street, Pictou
Thursday, September 24TH from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Aerosol Cans
- Batteries
- Poisons
- Solvents, Strippers
- Glues, Adhesives
- Cleaners, Waxes
- Gasoline, Kerosene
- Lawn/Garden Chemicals
- Pool Chemicals
- Automotive Fluids, Antifreeze
- Small & Large Propane Tanks
- Paint, Stain
- Asphalt Sealer
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs, CFLs

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- PCBs
- Radioactive Materials
- Fireworks, Flares
- Industrial/Commercial Waste
- Needles, Sharps
- Explosives, Ammunition
- Pathological Waste

Questions? Hotline **902-396-1495**

www.pcwastemgmt.com or find us on Facebook

John's Bottle & Recycling Depot is a designated ENVIRO-DEPOT drop-off for refundable beverage containers; they accept electronics and paint products for recycling. There is also a bin on site for donations of used clothing and textiles.

HOURS OF OPERATION • 902-485-4624

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



PUT WASTE IN ITS PLACE



Mobile HHW Events

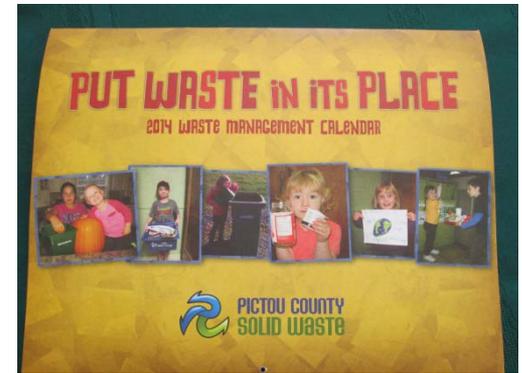
- First event Wellness Centre – October 2014
- During 2015 – Six events
- Four held in ‘rural’ communities
- Three held with paper-shredding
- Five well-attended; one was not
- Plans for 2016 – Monthly (not winter)
- Have other items (ie: textiles) included in events





Getting the Word Out

- “Watch For” Announcement in Calendar
- Canada Post – Fliers in Mailboxes
- The News, The Advocate – Newspapers
- CKEC-FM – Community Radio
- Facebook, PCSW Website



- Online Communications App., Twitter
- Posters on Community Bulletin Boards

Suggestions

- Plan for a big turnout; think about issues re transporting cardboard, waste containers, etc. back to site
- Have a checklist – you don't want to forget something important you should be taking from your site
- If possible have paint tubs on hand
- Choose easily accessible locations
- Good traffic control & flow are essential
- Consider time/length of event with regard to distance from your site
- Consider type of advertising with regard to distance as well
- Vary locations; first visit to an outlying community will probably result in LOTS of HHW



Expect to Get

- Just about anything
- Propane tanks are popular
- Many empty paint cans
- Fluorescent tubes
- Eight pounds of Mercury in a glass jar
- Arsenic in a WW2 ammunition case
- Lots of positive comments
- Many happy residents
- Inquiries as to when you're coming back!



Thank You!

