

Department of Public Works

Public Works is responsible for maintenance of all athletic fields, parks, school grounds, sewer system, trees, Town buildings, roadways, snow plowing, salting and sanding, beach maintenance, street sweeping, drainage and oversight of refuse and recycling.

The Department received 2,002 requests for service in FY 2014-2015.

This past winter the Department had to deal with an incredible amount of snow removal operations. The Department responded twenty-four times for plowing with over 14,000 miles of road, Town parking lots and School lots being cleared. Salting and sanding took place twenty-three times with 2,500 miles of roadway and lots being treated. Sidewalks were cleared fourteen times and hauling and removal of snow from intersections and corners was also required. From the named Juno storm - January 26, 27 and 28, the Department became eligible for FEMA reimbursement of \$51,866.



The Department removed one hundred and nineteen (119) trees and trimmed another three hundred and sixty-three (363).

The Department in conjunction with RI Resource Recovery Corp. sponsored a Household Hazardous waste collection day at the High School. 3.78 tons of hazardous waste, 5 lbs. of mercury, 15 lbs. of sharps, 20 lbs. of fluorescents and 60 lbs. of CFL's were collected and disposed of properly.



The Department hosted a Community Shred event in May. A total of 155 vehicles brought 1.56 tons of confidential documents to be shredded.

The Town's Recycling Center adjacent to Public Works (84 Upland Way) is open five days a week - Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to Noon. The Center accepts: paper, glass, plastic, aluminum/tin cans, white goods, leaves, grass clippings, computers, household batteries, motor oil, anti-freeze, vegetable oil, fluorescent bulbs, televisions and hard plastic. Please call 401-247-1907 if you have any questions.

Through the Town's recycling efforts RI Resource Recovery Corporation presented the Town with a profit sharing check of \$34,233.