

TOWN OF OGUNQUIT

# Annual Town Report

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## Transfer Station Annual Report



This past year marked an important transition for the Transfer Station. We recognize the retirement of former Transfer Station Manager, John Fusco, and extend our sincere gratitude for his more than 20 years of dedicated service to the Town. John's knowledge, leadership, and commitment helped shape the operation into what it is today, and his contributions will have a lasting impact on the community.

As I step into the role of Transfer Station Manager, I am grateful for the opportunity to build upon the strong foundation that John established. I have learned a great deal from working alongside him and will continue to apply those lessons moving forward. I am committed to serving the Town with the same level of professionalism, dedication, and focus on best practices to ensure the continued success of our programs.

As we reflect on the past year at the Transfer Station, we continue to see the positive impact of our waste reduction and recycling efforts. The Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) program remains an important tool in encouraging residents to be mindful of their disposal habits and to prioritize reducing, reusing, and recycling.

This year, municipal solid waste (MSW) totaled 38 loads, amounting to 506.94 tons, with a total disposal cost of \$65,902.20. Compared to last year, this represents a decrease of 1 load and 21.8 tons. Despite the reduction in volume, disposal costs increased by \$16,755.57, reflecting rising costs associated with waste management.

Construction and demolition (C&D) debris totaled 73 loads, with a combined weight of 445.93 tons and a total disposal cost of \$57,947.50. This represents a decrease of 1 load but an increase of 11.91 tons over the previous year.

Disposal costs for C&D also rose significantly, increasing by \$16,637.49. This continued growth in tonnage highlights ongoing development activity in the community and reinforces the importance of responsible disposal practices.

In addition, our food composting program continues to gain traction and plays an important role in reducing the amount of organic waste entering the waste stream. By diverting food scraps from disposal, we are able to lower overall tonnage while supporting more sustainable waste management practices. We encourage all residents to take advantage of this program and make food composting a regular part of their routine. Increased participation not only benefits the environment but also helps reduce long-term disposal costs for the community. For more details about this program, please see an attendant at the Transfer Station.

On the recycling side, we continue to see strong performance and community participation:

**Metal Recycling:**

A total of 12 loads were shipped, totaling 67.55 tons and generating \$10,347.48 in revenue. While this is 1 load fewer than last year, tonnage increased by 8.08 tons, and revenue rose by \$3,008.30.

**Cardboard Recycling:**

We shipped 40 loads totaling 153.62 tons, generating \$5,816.24 in revenue. Although this reflects a decrease of 4 loads and an increase of 14.84 tons, unfortunately the price for cardboard has dropped significantly, impacting overall revenue despite the higher tonnage.

These recycling efforts continue to play a critical role in offsetting operational costs while reducing the amount of material sent to the landfill. The increase in tonnage and revenue, despite fewer loads, demonstrates improved efficiency and continued commitment from our residents.

Overall, while disposal costs continue to rise across all waste streams, the reduction in MSW and the strength of our recycling programs highlight the effectiveness of our current approach. We remain committed to maintaining and improving our operations, supporting waste reduction initiatives, and providing reliable service to the community. We will also continue to monitor

recycling market conditions, including fluctuations in commodity pricing, to ensure we are maximizing the value and efficiency of our programs.

I would like to thank all residents for their continued participation and support, as well as our dedicated staff and Town departments whose efforts keep the Transfer Station running efficiently every day. I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to my team members, Steve Twombly and Paul Jean, for their hard work, professionalism, and cooperation during this year's transition. Their support has been invaluable, and I greatly appreciate their commitment to the continued success of the Transfer Station.

Respectfully submitted,  
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