



Department of Public Works The Town of Ludlow, Massachusetts

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Ludlow Recycling is a Success

The Ludlow Board of Public Works met with Arlene Miller, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Municipal Assistance Coordinator for Recycling in Western Massachusetts, who termed the Waste Reduction Program adopted at the May 2012 Town Meeting a success. Over the past three years Ludlow residents have reduced the amount of trash by an average of 1900 tons per year for a total savings of over \$420,000. She said waste reduction is happening. The first six months of the program showed a 36% decrease in trash and a 63% increase in recycling.

On top of the savings in trash reduction, an average of 28% over the three years, and the increase in recycling, an average of 49%, the program has benefited from the sale of overflow “purple” bags by \$197,432. The overall value of the waste reduction program is \$617,727.

The Board credits the cooperation of the Ludlow residents for the success of the waste reduction program. Recently, a Recycling Information Flyer went out in the Register containing information on what can and what can't be recycled. Any questions on Recycling, please call the Department of Public Works at (413) 583-5625.