

Monthly Report

Solid Waste Education and Enforcement

April 2024

Education & Enforcement

Earth Day Initiatives

Community Clean ups

Staff are gearing up for Earth Day Celebrations. There are a number of groups that are conducting cleanups with the hopes that more will join! If community groups are looking to register a cleanup they are encouraged to visit the following website: <https://www.nsadoptahighway.ca/>

Staff will have a table set up at the Amherst Stadium on Friday, April 19 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. to give away bags and gloves to residents looking to do a cleanup in their neighborhood.

School Cleanups

Staff have reached out to all schools in Cumberland County encouraging staff and students to take part in an Earth Day Cleanup. To date, we have 6 schools that have signed up to participate.

Emmerson Packaging Pick up The Park Challenge

Emmerson Packaging is once again holding their annual “Pick Up the Park” Challenge where local businesses come together and clean up litter in the Industrial Park. The Town of Amherst offers support by having public works staff pick up the bags of litter that have been collected. The cleanup is scheduled for Friday, April 19th (rain date, April 22).

Litter Kits

Staff have partnered with the libraries to provide Litter Kits to individuals looking to conduct a cleanup in their neighborhood. The litter kits will include everything needed for residents to conduct a cleanup such as bags, gloves, and cleanup stickers. The kits will be available to the public during the months of April and May.

Collection schedules

Collection schedules for April 1, 2024 – October 31, 2024, have been mailed to residents in the Town of Amherst.

Divert NS Scholarship

As a reminder, the Divert NS Champion of the Environment Scholarship applications are now open. The scholarship is open to Grade 12 students in NS. One (1) \$2500 scholarship will be awarded to a Grade 12 student in Region 3. All information about the scholarship can be found at <https://divertns.ca/champion-environment-scholarship>. The deadline for submissions is April 28th, 2024.

Enforcement

Miller Waste reported 146 rejections in the Town of Amherst during the month of March. Recycling rejections accounted for 82% of the rejections, with Garbage & Organics accounting for 18%.