

Green Up Day After Action - Clayton

Heading into Green Up Day:

Concern: Disentangling Bulky Waste from Green Up Day

Pretty Successful. The new bulky waste plan was in place for 5 full months before Green Up Day and there was significant promotion of the service as “new and different” in the lead-up (via FPF, Town Signage, etc) that there was very little confusion on the day of the event. While there were still several people who treated the two days as one in the same, they could be accommodated on Green Up Day.

Lead-up to Green Up Day:

The signage cost \$180, but it is reusable. Whether it was effective, I don't know, but it felt proactive from my end. Again, advertising the change in central location.

Bags before Green up Day:

In place bulky dumpster made it far easier to administer and deal with bags filled prior to the day. I think we absolutely want to encourage this behavior in any way we can. People who succeed in greening up early are likely to continue doing so.

Bags were delivered on March 28th and there's a whole month that people can be motivated to act, and actively encouraged to bring bags to the recycle center on Saturdays.

Week ending April 26th - took in 6 green bags

Week leading up to Green Up Day: Had 13 more bags by Thursday May 1.



Bags Initially Picked up either at gates in front of recycle center or dropped off: Includes also a pile found at Jamieson / Route 2 and a pile found at Morrill / Bruce Badger

May 1, Picked up two truckloads of bags and roadside trash collected by Danville Middle/High school kids, including a great many tires pulled off the the rail trail below the cemetery on Brainerd Street. Picked up another pile at the school. Various amounts of effort by individual children but overall a quality effort.



Green Up Day Itself:

The goal was the sea change in addition to a successful day. This included and will likely include a large amount of bulky waste.

Recycle Center was the designated dropoff site, serving that day many purposes, to include regular recycling, bulky waste with the new strategy and green up in general. This was accomplished with on hand adult volunteers all day as well as the Green Up Coordinators / Girl Scouts for most of the morning.

Many bags, many loads. Not all roadside trash was in green bags, but it's easy to discern between roadside and household. Having two empty bins to start was very helpful but may not be necessary in the future. One (empty) bin should suffice.

The day was long and wet. Because the storms were so strong that afternoon, the additional hours (from 12.30 - 3PM) were a bit of bust. Probably should continue, though, as there were questions the next day / during the next week about the dispensation of filled bags.

May 4th, the next day.

I retrieved all 10 signs safely, and picked up more bags and trash and tires that people had left on corners and roads. I made a Greenbacks loop, a North Danville loop and a loop on Parker/Trestle/Penny. Found several more piles and several roads where people had left their bags along the way.

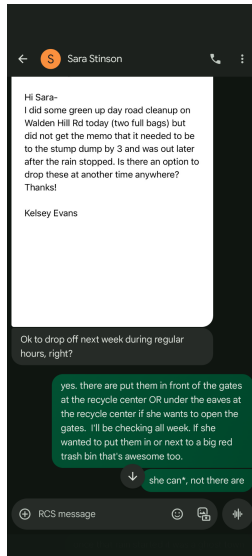
Notably, I did not go down to spurs: I did not go down McDowell Road to the class 4 end. I also did not go down Cole's Pond Road until the end. Keith Gadapee received reports later on both of those roads that there was green up trash/tires collected but not delivered. I went down McDowell Road on Thursday May 15th (at Keith's request) and down Cole's Pond Road at May 23rd (at Keith's request).

Whether you want this to happen or not, people will collect and leave bags places. It is simpler to pick them up as they are noticed / notified so that they don't become dumping grounds. If you have unmonitored dump sites, they will become dumped upon illegally.

Ongoing concern: Do you want people leaving bags/tires on the roadside? Does encouraging them to do so facilitate their greening up? Can you handle the expense of having those bags picked up?

Week after Green Up Day:

Several people reached out in various ways to ask questions about either filled bags that hadn't been dropped off, or situation like above, where bags remained on roadsides. When and where that could be easily addressed, it was easily addressed. See below.



These few bags ended up place in front of the gates at recycling and then I moved them into the dumpster.

Illegal Dumping: While there was not NO illegal dumping, most of the illegal dumping found that was fresh this year is of household garbage, not bulky waste. I know the town crew cleaned up a couch in Greenbacks Hollow but it had been there for several years.

i was sent to an illegal dump site myself (quite near my house) on the North Danville Road. It has been a known illegal dump site for years.

I have some evidence of who has dumped (and is still routinely dumping) there, but I don't know if you want it in this report and public. Probably useful for a constable. I can explain moreso either just to Eric or to the board.

Green Up Paperwork:

Being returned to Sara Stinson for final disposition to the state. I have had it collecting additional data between now and then.

2026 Green Up Goals:

Potential?

Green Up Events that are related to the day being a success? An event on the green? Volunteer Crew Meetups?

No second rolloff dumpster needed. Should be no additional expense there. This year, that was an additional \$450 but going into next year we will have fully established this new culture.