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MRF Report July 7, 2021

During the morning hours before the MRF is open, there is a calm and silence that fills our little recycling center. The crows scatter when I pull around the corner after a full morning of pulling half eaten bags of chips and old sandwiches from the compactor. The lingering signs of last night bears and raccoons lay strewn across the driveway and into the woods. The work we do extends before and after our regular business hours and begins; usually right after I put the office coffee on.

July roared in with a storm of friends and visitors, complimenting us on the smiles, the assistance with trash and recycling and further questions like "Is this a #1 bottle or a #2?" Unfortunately, there is no consensus, even in the plastic industry as to what plastic *should* be. WE have gotten into a simple delineation: Clear Plastic-meaning you can see through it (including colored clear plastic-usually green) and Solid Plastic- you cannot see through it (milk jugs are a good example of #2 plastic). Each have there own separate place.

Another common mistake is the difference between aluminum cans and tin/steel cans. Most pop cans ("soda" in the southern vernacular) are aluminum cans. Most food cans that you food comes in, are tin/steel cans (thank you Bryan Donkin and John Hall-inventors) . These both have separate barrels and as usual, there are exceptions to the rule. If you don't know which is which, feel free to ask one of our lovely MRF attendants and they would be glad to assist you.

We continue to bale our cardboard (2 a week), aluminum (1 a week) along with processing other materials for sale. Cardboard prices are up and we continue to reach out to new markets to sell our cardboard (all time high prices) as well as aluminum (.50/lb). Joe continues to do the amazing work he does crushing cars, moving glass, punching tickets and compacting piles of dem con into splinters. When finished there, he's in the cab of the new yellow truck; appropriately dubbed WOODSTOCK, hauling boxes to the mainland and returning with road material in a cycle of pure efficiency. We are pleased to have the ever smiling and always friendly Evan Erickson Jr with us on Saturdays assisting with MRF duties and customer service; a great addition.

The gratitude of our community and seasonal visitors continues to roll in regarding the Island Closet. There are many happy faces leaving with new treasures and many grateful homeowners dropping off gently used items that deserve a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance.

As always, thank you for your support. Cheers.

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