

# Facilities Services Newsletter

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## Midd MRF Boasts Record Diversion Rate for 2009

Staff at the Material Recovery Facility celebrate our highest waste diversion rate since Middlebury started its recycling and composting programs in 1993! In 2009 we successfully diverted 64.3% of our waste from the landfill, beating our previous record of 64% in 1996. While a .3% diversion increase may not seem impressive at first glance, it represents *tons* of material, and is a significant improvement over intervening years of mixed success. For details on diverted materials, see our [annual report](#).

## ADA Door Openers - Think Twice Before Using



The \*ADA-compliant automatic door openers on campus are intended to assist those with physical limitations. Doors are timed to remain open long enough to allow wheelchairs to pass through safely; therefore the doors remain open longer than when opened manually. **If you have no physical limitations, please open the doors manually to reduce heat loss and power consumption.** Thank you for your cooperation.

*\*Americans with Disabilities Act*

## Used Furniture & Equipment Sales Now Online

In an effort to reduce the time and labor required to organize our sale events, our unwanted items are now posted online. Check out the “Asset Sales” link on our [home page](#) (type [go/fs](#) in your browser window). Shop now; shop often! New items are posted as they become available. This month’s feature item:



Vertical Plan Filing Cabinet \$100

## Projects:

**Business & Ag. Center, Rte. 7 South** – Roof replacement.

**Forest Hall** – Carpet and flooring have been replaced in the main east & west entrances and lobbies.

**Gifford** – Installation of a carbon monoxide detection system and upgrade of the fire alarm system is in progress.

**Hadley/Milliken/Kelly/Lang** – Replacing window balances and bathroom vanities as needed. A carbon monoxide detection system will be installed and the fire alarm system will be upgraded after similar work is finished in Gifford. Schedule to be announced.

**Hepburn Zoo** – The lighting grid (support system) for the overhead theater lighting was upgraded during J-term.

**Lang** – Carpet will be replaced in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor hallway during spring break.

**Wired Glass Replacement** – Wire mesh glass is being replaced with fire rated safety glass in hallway and exit doors. This work has been completed in Gifford, is in progress in Battell, and will continue in Hepburn next.

## Green Bits:

**Sustainability Grant** – Facilities Services has been awarded a 2009-2010 Environmental Council grant! The grant will be used to launch a pilot program to recycle waste carpet generated through renovations and annual maintenance. Details will be reported as the program develops.

**EVT Rebate** – The College received a \$1,090 rebate from [Efficiency Vermont](#) for efficiency measures incorporated in projects completed in Proctor and Hadley/Milliken/Kelly/Lang in 2009.

**Recycling Diversion Rate** – One more time.... A record diversion rate for 2009 at 64.3% !!!

View “up to the second” weather conditions from the College weather station on our web site!

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