

BOARD OF HEALTH

	2004*	2005*	2006*
Annual Flu Clinic	280	196	185
Pneumonia	17	0	0
Lyme Disease	9	16	14
Annual Rabies Clinic	47	50	50
Percolation Tests	66	52	57
Septic Systems – Installed/Repaired	68	44	65
Well Permits	13	21	18
Septage Haulers Permits Issued	4	4	4
Disposal Works Installers Licenses Issued	16	17	10
Food Service Establishment Permits Issued	29	28	28
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	1	1
Health / Nuisance Complaints	11	3	3
No. of gallons of Hazardous Household Waste Collected	495	490	800

*(Numbers based on calendar year)

The Transfer Station is used by approximately 600 households, where 533 tons of solid waste and 176 tons of recyclable materials were processed. The recycling area opened for weekly recycling to make it more convenient for all town residents to recycle. The Board of Health would like to thank the people that keep the Transfer Station running smoothly on a weekly basis, Tom Balsler and Carroll Willey. Thanks to the Highway Superintendent, Dana Pixley and the Highway Department for all their continuous help. For more information on how to use the Transfer Station, please refer to the Transfer Station Information section of this Town Report.

On April 1, 2006, we held our annual Rabies Clinic at the Highway Department Town Garage, where 50 dogs/cats were vaccinated. Many thanks to Dr. Penny Peck for her time and to our Town Clerk, Eva Wiseman, for her help in issuing dog licenses, and to the Girl Scouts, who, once again, lent a hand in organizing this important annual event.

On September 9, we participated in the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Day that was held at Minnechaug Regional High School. During this event, 800 gallons of hazardous waste from our Town were disposed of properly. The event also took in 45 mercury fever thermometers for exchange. Please contact the Board of Health office for more information on what materials are accepted during the event. September 2007 is the next hazardous waste collection month.

The Board held a flu clinic on November 17, 2006. One hundred eighty-five individuals were vaccinated for influenza. Many thanks to Rebecca Moriarty for her many hours of tireless work, the Council on Aging volunteers, nurses Judy Hatch, Bea Moriarty, the student nurses from STCC and volunteers that helped make this event a successful one.

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The Board of Health and Lorri McCool, Hampden Board of Health Agent has continued to work with the Hampden County Health Coalition (HCHC) in preparation for an emergency response plan. The Town of Hampden and Wilbraham have worked together to develop an Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) and Staging areas in order to effectively inoculate the residents of both towns, as required. The funds provided by the HCHC have enabled the towns to purchase printers. The upcoming year will continue to focus on increasing the capacity, capability and level of preparedness for routine and emergency public health events. If interested in volunteering on this project please call the Board of Health.

Well water testing for Coliform bacteria is now available throughout the year. Sterile sample bottles may be picked up from the BOH office with instructions on how to properly draw a water sample. Residents are responsible for taking their sample to the laboratory for testing and for the cost of the test. Con-Test Labs located in East Longmeadow charges \$50.00** a sample, and there are other local labs that may be used.

We encourage you to visit our website, www.hampden.org, to access forms required for percolation testing, disposal works construction application, Title V information and links, Transfer Station information, upcoming events, etc.

The Board of Health would like to take this opportunity to thank the Transfer Station Committee; Mark Barba, Arthur Booth, John Matthews and Michael Shea for all the hard work done. The committee investigated the possibility of privatizing the Transfer Station. Their findings are that it is in the Town's best interest to keep the Transfer Station running as is.

Thank you to Christopher Thompson for all of his hard work as Board of Health Coordinator. We wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Budynkiewicz, Coordinator

John D. Flynn, Chair, Board of Health

**Cost of water testing subject to change based on Con-Test Lab prices.