

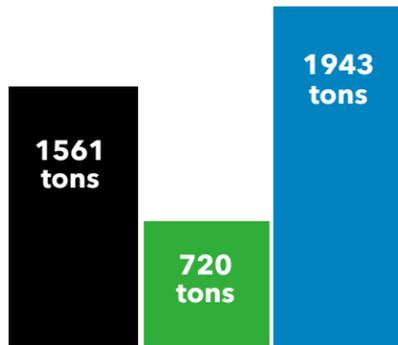
Need support? We help schools, businesses, and event planners.

Schools or businesses interested in presentations, tours, waste audits, or waste management logistical support are invited to email or call the district to arrange. It's our job to help Northwest Vermonters manage waste – that includes everyone from kindergartners and principals to janitors and CEOs.



2025 By the Numbers

- Disposal services used over 70,000 times
- Composted 720 tons of food scraps
- Collected 61 tons of HHW, 15 more than last year
- Expanded social media to earn 250,000+ views
- Provided outreach to 50+ businesses and schools
- Organized 20+ events, including papermaking and mending workshops, an upcycled art show, open houses, composting seminars, and a waste audit at Enosburg Elementary



We recycle everything from cardboard & soup cans to televisions & mattresses. Even hazardous materials like batteries and paint can be recycled with NWSWD for free!



Vermont Waste FAQs

How does waste disposal work here?

If you live in a property that you manage, you can either hire a hauler or utilize a drop-off, such as NWSWD sites or a transfer station. If you live in a rental property, contact your landlord.

Do I have to compost?

Food scraps are banned from trash disposal under Vermont law. Your options for disposal include drop-off, pick-up by a hauler, or backyard composting.

Do I have to sort my recycling?

Materials need to be sorted if you are using one of NWSWD's drop-off facilities. If you are using a hauler instead, you do not need to sort recycling yourself.

What is a disposal ban?

Disposal bans are laws that ban certain types of waste from the landfill. Vermont's bans mandate that certain wastes (blue-bin recyclables, tires, paints, waste oil, mercury-added products, electronics, and appliances) must stay out of the household trash.

I need help! Where does this item go?

Our Disposal A-Z Guide details how to dispose of most items. This alphabetical list will tell you if an object should go in the trash, recycling, compost, or elsewhere. Find it at nswd.org.

How do I find a licensed hauler?

We keep a list of licensed commercial haulers in Northwest Vermont on our website.

Where can I find recycling resources?

Check our website for downloadable/printable guides, pamphlets, and posters.



WASTE WATCH

Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District Newsletter Spring 2026

What Is The Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District?

NWSWD is a legislatively chartered Municipal Corporation charged with planning, implementing, and regulating waste management strategies for our 19 member communities. Our services include providing recycling, composting, trash and hazardous waste disposal options; establishing and managing waste reduction and disposal strategies; providing business and education outreach; and enforcing penalties for illegal burning and dumping. Check out our website at nswd.org for waste reduction resources, brochures, quizzes, directories, and our searchable A-Z Disposal Guide!



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☎ 802-524-5986

Instagram [northwest.vt.zerowaste](https://www.instagram.com/northwest.vt.zerowaste)

NWSWD Locations & Hours

All of our sites accept household trash, household recyclables, batteries, and food waste. See nswd.org/locations for more details.

Georgia Recycling Center & Offices

158 Morse Dr.
Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

St. Albans City Drop-Off

Wastewater Treatment Plant, 83 Rewes Dr.
Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Bakersfield Drop-Off

Old Fire Station, 380 Vermont Rt. 108
Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Montgomery Drop-Off

Fire Station, 86 Mountain Rd.
Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

North Hero Drop-Off

362 W. Shore Rd.
Saturday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Alburgh Transfer Station

260 Dump Rd.
Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Hudak Farm

599 St. Albans Rd., Swanton
Every day 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
food scraps & yard waste only

Board of Supervisors

Our Board is made up of community members from each member town. **If you're interested in waste & recycling, we invite you to fill one of our vacancies.** Email or call NWSWD to apply.

Alburgh | Alex McCracken
 Berkshire | Mary Sylvester
 Bakersfield | Mark Doremus
 Enosburg | vacant
 Fairfield | vacant
 Fletcher | Jennifer Getty
 Franklin | Jared Blake
 Georgia | Paul Lambert
 Grand Isle | vacant
 Highgate | April St. Francis
 Isle La Motte | vacant
 Montgomery | Barry Kade
 North Hero | Jim Richards
 Richford | Kristin Shepard
 Sheldon | vacant
 St. Albans City | Mike Manahan
 St. Albans Town | vacant
 South Hero | Bob Buermann
 Swanton | Carlo Micheli



Attention, sugarmakers!

Maple production season is here, and that means one thing for us at the District - plastic! Vermont syrup producers generate over 160 tons of used maple tubing every year. Most of these plastics end up in the landfill at a cost to farmers and our environment. Our Georgia Recycling Center accepts all sap tubing lines.

The Dos And Don'ts Of Recycling

- ✓ **Do** put paper, plastic containers and packaging, cardboard, metal cans, aluminum and glass bottles and jars in recycling.
- ✓ **Do** consult the A-Z Guide on our website to see how to dispose of (almost) every material.
- ✓ **Do** wash recyclables that have food residue on them and leave them out to dry before placing in the bin.
- ✓ **Do** leave out plastic smaller than 2in x 2in.
- ✗ **Don't** put Styrofoam, food or drink cartons (ice cream and juice), black plastic, filmy bags, pet litter, durable plastics, paper towels, napkins, tissues, or disposable cups in the blue-bin.
- ✗ **Don't** place a material in the recycling without knowing if it's recyclable. When in doubt, throw it out!
- ✗ **Don't** put recyclables in a bag before placing them in the blue-bin.
- ✗ **Don't** recycle anything less than 2 inches tall and 2 inches wide and larger than 2 feet in any dimension.



Options For Managing Food Waste



Reduce waste. Minimize the scraps you generate. Use what you already own. Rely on versatile recipes that can be made with varied ingredients. Freeze leftovers.



Feed animals. Chickens love food scraps! Pigs may legally eat scraps, except for meat.



Home composting. Simple & inexpensive. Contact us for how-to guides and handouts, or attend a composting workshop!



Drop off. All NWSWD drop-off sites accept food scraps. They can also be dropped off directly at Hudak Farm in Swanton.



Curbside pickup. Ask your hauler if they collect food scraps. NWSWD also offers a food scrap collection service for St. Albans residents. You can even share a tote with your neighbor if you want to split the cost!

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

We collect Household Hazardous Waste from District member community residents **by appointment at Georgia Recycling Center year-round.** Visit nswd.org to schedule your appointment! We also hold **special Saturday collection events around the District** in warm weather months, listed below.

Town	Location	Date	Hours
Highgate	Salt Storage Shed	April 25, 2026	8AM-2PM
Grand Isle	Transfer Station	May 9, 2026	8AM-2PM
Swanton	Town Garage	May 16, 2026	8AM-2PM
Montgomery	Town Garage	August 1, 2026	8AM-2PM
St. Albans	Town Garage	August 8, 2026	8AM-2PM
North Hero	Transfer Station	August 15, 2026	8AM-2PM



Remember to keep PLU stickers and "compostable" products out of the compost bin!

Our **Close-The-Loop Program** operates a food scrap pick-up route for 100+ residential customers and 70+ commercial customers, including schools, restaurants, healthcare facilities, & stores. This service diverts 10,000+ lbs. of food waste each week from the landfill! Call to sign up.



How to Reduce HazWaste

Buy only what you need. When possible, use multi-purpose products that can be used for several tasks.

Share products with neighbors or friends rather than hoard them idly. Most hazardous waste gets used only 1-2x/year, expires, and is replaced.

Choose the least toxic products available. Avoid products labeled "WARNING", "DANGER", "POISON".

Try a DIY recipe for common products such as detergents, bath scrubs, or bug sprays. We have recipes!