



News to Reuse

ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SPRING 2018

Free Backyard Composting Workshops

Ready to start composting in your backyard, but don't know where to start? Join us for a FREE Backyard Composting Workshop and learn how to turn household food waste into compost! Composting your food scraps will allow you to save money on your trash bill, reduce your impact on the environment, and comply with Vermont's Universal Recycling Law, which bans food scraps from the landfill in July 2020. Space is limited to 12 participants for the workshops located at ACSWMD Offices in Middlebury, so please sign up now by calling us (802-388-2333) or going to our homepage AddisonCountyRecycles.org and clicking on the "Backyard Composting Workshop Sign Up" link on the right side of the page.

Date	Time	Location
June 9th	10 am	Bixby Library, Vergennes
July 12th	7 pm	Platt Library, Shoreham
July 21st	2 pm	ACSWMD, Middlebury*
August 18th	2 pm	ACSWMD, Middlebury*
September 15th	2 pm	ACSWMD, Middlebury*
October 20th	2 pm	ACSWMD, Middlebury*

* Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Compost Bins and Kitchen Collectors Available at the Transfer Station

Ready to start collecting food scraps and composting at home? Addison County Solid Waste Management District has the supplies you need. You can purchase compost bins, kitchen collectors, and Green Cone Solar Digesters at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury. Stop by our compost demonstration area to see them in action or attend one of our free workshops for composting tips and tricks.



SoilSaver Compost Bin \$45

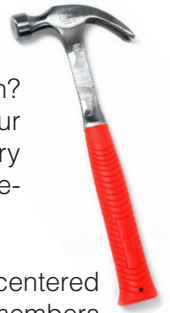


Green Cone Solar Digester \$125



Sure-Close Kitchen Collector \$5

Addison County Repair Event



Got a broken bike? A lamp that won't turn on? A jacket with a broken zipper? Bring it to our Repair Café on June 16th at the Middlebury Union High School and work with volunteer repair experts to learn how to fix it!

Repair Café is a free community event centered around repair. The goal is for community members to work together to learn basic repair skills and empower people to fix their broken household items rather than sending them to landfill. People skilled in fixing items such as clothing, furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles, toys, etc., volunteer their time to help community members fix broken items that they bring from home.

Our Repair Café will take place on **Saturday, June 16 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Middlebury Union High School Cafeteria**. In addition to repair experts and resources, we will provide refreshments, kids' activities, raffle prizes, and will have a limited number of tools and supplies for participants to use. Join us in our efforts to promote repair and keep fixable items out of the landfill!

Are you interested in volunteering or wondering if your item can be repaired? Email Sarah Lundquist at sarah@acswmd.org or call 388-2333 to sign up! You can learn more about the international Repair Café movement online at www.repaircafe.org.

What to do with meat & bones when you're backyard composting

Backyard composters know that keeping meat, bones, fish and dairy out of your compost system keeps pests away, but what should you do with the meat and bones?

You have options:

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) has said that backyard composters can place meat and bones in the trash to avoid attracting animals. You can also check with your hauler or municipal drop-off to see if they accept food scraps, compost for free at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury, or you can use a Green Cone Solar Digester.



REUSE IT OR LOSE IT!

Getting ready for spring cleaning? Don't send your usable household items to the landfill! Give household items and salvaged building materials a second life.

Residents of the District's member towns can bring household goods and salvaged building materials with some potential for reuse to the **REUSE IT OR LOSE IT!** program at the Middlebury Transfer Station. Please bring only items that are usable in their current condition.

Items under 50 lbs may be dropped off for free.* In addition to household goods, District residents and businesses may also bring in usable building materials free of charge.*

Accepted Household Goods

- ✓ Small kitchen appliances
- ✓ Books in good condition (others will be accepted for free recycling)
- ✓ Dishes, flatware, glasses, etc.
- ✓ Furniture (indoor and outdoor)
- ✓ Miscellaneous games, toys, sporting goods, etc.

Accepted Building Materials

- ✓ Kitchen and bath fixtures, plumbing supplies
- ✓ Cabinets, medicine cabinets
- ✓ Interior and exterior doors
- ✓ Hardware: door knobs, hand and power tools, hinges
- ✓ Insulation (no small pieces)
- ✓ Lumber and plywood
- ✓ Roofing materials
- ✓ Flooring: tiles, laminate, vinyl, and hardwood
- ✓ Windows and shutters
- ✓ Lighting fixtures

Fees

Household Goods, 50 lbs or less.....	Free
Household Goods, Over 50 lbs.....	\$3.00/ea.
All Building Materials.....	Free

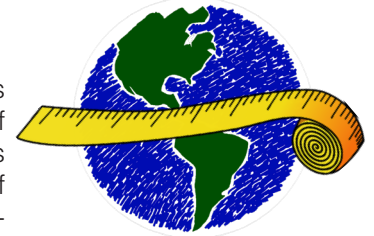
* Some restrictions apply. See the list of accepted materials. Additional items may be accepted or rejected at staff discretion.

We Recycle Maple Tubing!



We're offering a free collection and recycling program for high density polyethylene maple sap tubing. This program is the first of its kind and a great way to improve sustainable sap harvesting practices. To be accepted for recycling, the tubing must be polyethylene only (no PVC), contain no metal, wire, string, or fittings and must be coiled or bundled for easier transport. Please call to set up an appointment (388-2333).

Shrink Your Waste!



Every year, the world generates an estimated 1.3 billion tons of municipal solid waste. That's more than 4 times the weight of the entire human race, every single year! Every item that ends up in our trash or recycling took a substantial amount of resources, energy and water to produce.

Disposing of your wastes properly is an important part of tackling the waste issue, but the best thing you can do is work to reduce the waste you generate in the first place. Here are a few tips to get you started on your waste reduction journey!

Top 10 Waste Reduction Tips to Get Started

1. Use a reusable water bottle
2. Remember to bring reusable bags when shopping
3. Shop the bulk bins and loose produce section of the grocery store with your own reusable produce bags/ flour sacks (view the Package-Free Grocery Shopping Guide on our website to learn how)
4. Store food in reusable containers
5. Compost your food scraps
6. Use reusable rags and/or cloths for cleaning
7. Say no to paper plates and cups, plastic silverware, disposable napkins, and plastic straws
8. Get a bamboo toothbrush
9. Opt for reusable over disposable (visit our website and read our Simple Zero Waste Swaps article to learn about reusable alternatives to common disposable products)
10. Shop secondhand

Remember, the first step to reducing your household waste is saying no to the things you don't need. That might include refusing single use plastics, opting out of phone books and junk mail (learn how on our website AddisonCountyRecycles.org) or turning down freebies and giveaways at fairs, parties and conferences.

Start small and make a big difference!

Bin Missing Something?

Blue recycling bins are available at the District Transfer Station and at your local town clerk's office. If you are new to the area, your first 2 bins are free of charge. Additional bins may be purchased at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury for \$5 each.



The Dos and Don'ts of Recycling in Addison County

It takes more energy to manufacture products using raw materials and natural resources than it does to make them from recycled materials. You make a real difference when you choose to recycle! But some items don't belong in your household recycling bin. We call these items contamination. When put in the wrong place, they make recycling less efficient, increase costs, and reduce the value of the real recyclables. Did you know that recycling is a hands-on job? There are real people who sort your recycling, and contamination makes their jobs dirtier and more dangerous.

Mandated Recyclables are banned from landfill. Place these items in your household recycling bin:

 Metal Aluminum and Steel Cans empty and rinsed	 Glass Bottles and Jars empty and rinsed	 Paper Mixed Paper and Cardboard clean, dry and flattened	 Plastic Bottles, Tubs and Jugs empty and rinsed	 DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC
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NOPE. These items DO NOT belong in your household recycling bin:

 Plastic Bags Instead: Try reusable grocery bags or take plastic bags to a local grocery store for recycling.	 Paper Towels Instead: Put in trash or try composting those used to clean up food.
 Paper Cups Instead: Put in trash and consider a reusable coffee mug.	 Cartons Instead: Put in trash.
 Shoes & Clothing Instead: Bring to the District Transfer Station for free recycling or take to a reuse store.	 Styrofoam Instead: Put in trash.

Size Limit on Recyclables:
 Items must be at least 2 inches on 2 dimensions and smaller than 2 feet on any one dimension.

Straws, plastic utensils and most bottle caps are too small!



Help Keep PLU Stickers out of the Compost & Win a Free Bag of Moo Doo®

Did you know that those little produce stickers on your fruits and veggies are commonly made of vinyl or plastic and are a big problem for commercial compost facilities that take residential food scraps? For District residents who have their food scraps picked up curbside, take food scraps to a hauler at a local town drop off, or take them to the District Transfer Station in Middlebury, we're offering an incentive to help keep our compost clean. Ask your hauler or our scale house operator for the PLU Sticker Board and start collecting! Once the sticker board is full (both sides) you can return it to your hauler or the Transfer Station for a free bag of MOO DOO® compost. You can help us get plastic stickers out of the compost and get your garden ready for spring. These efforts are funded through a grant from the High Meadows Fund.



Bring your Household Hazardous Waste to the HazWaste Center!

The HazWaste Center at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury is open year round! We accept household hazardous waste at no charge from District residents every Monday through Friday, 8am - 2pm and Saturday, 8am - 1pm.

Household hazardous waste includes any unused product that is poisonous, reactive, corrosive, or flammable. You can easily identify hazardous products by reading packaging labels. Look for key words such as Warning! Danger! Poison! Caution! Improper disposal of these products poses a risk to human health and the environment.

Common items include pesticides, gasoline, motor oil, paint products, cleaning products, automotive chemicals, and pool chemicals. We also take fluorescent light bulbs and all types of batteries during our regular hours.

Businesses must pay for the cost of disposal and should call 388-2333 to make an appointment to drop off waste.



What is the Addison County Solid Waste Management District?

We are a union municipal district that exists to cooperatively and comprehensively address the materials management interests of our 20 member towns. The District promotes waste reduction; maximizes diversion of materials through reuse, recycling & composting; & provides for the disposal of remaining wastes. Our office is located at 1223 Route 7 South in Middlebury, and is open weekdays.

Is My Town a Member?

Member towns are: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge, & Whiting. District programs & services include: the full range of services at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury (including the HazWaste Center); solid waste planning & management; public outreach; educational programs, including school workshops and events; technical support and advocacy on waste-related issues; & enforcement against illegal burning & dumping.



Search 'Addison County Solid Waste Management District,' and like our page to stay up to date on the happenings with the District, as well as learn about waste reduction and material reuse tips for green Vermont living.

District Transfer Station

Location: 1223 Route 7 South in Middlebury.

Hours for Transfer Station & our **REUSE IT OR LOSE IT!**
Sheds: Mon-Fri: 7 AM - 3 PM, Sat: 8 AM - 1 PM

The **HazWaste Center** at the Transfer Station is open Monday through Friday, 8 AM - 2 PM & Saturdays, 8 AM - 1 PM. Business hazardous waste is received by appointment only.

We cannot accept household recycling or small amounts of bagged trash from residents. Please call us for a list of town drop-off locations, or licensed haulers for curbside collection and cleanouts. The Transfer Station accepts many other items. Visit www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org for more info.

Recycling of the following landfill-banned items is mandatory for residents and businesses in the District: Newspaper, cardboard, boxboard, white & mixed paper, magazines & catalogs, plastic bottles (#1 & #2), glass bottles (clear, green, brown), metal cans. Contact your hauler or local drop-off for disposal of leaf & yard waste. You may bring clean wood to the District Transfer Station.

Loads must be properly sorted. We reserve the right to inspect & reject / surcharge improperly sorted loads.

Finally, a friendly reminder that every visitor must check-in at the scalehouse. Thank you!

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