



News to Reuse

Addison County Solid Waste Management District

Spring 2026

Our 8th Annual Repair Fair: March 28, 2026!



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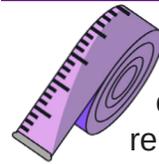
Date: March 28, 2026

Time: 10 AM to 2 PM

Where: American Legion Post 27,
49 Wilson Road, Middlebury, VT



What is the Repair Fair?



The Repair Fair is a FREE community event where residents of Addison County can learn basic repair skills, enjoy refreshments, and help build a culture of repair with neighbors. Give your broken stuff a second chance, and come get it repaired! ACSWMD is hosting its Repair Fair on March 28, 2026, from 10 AM to 2 PM. We'll also have free food, fabulous raffle prizes, and children's activities. Come join us for a day of fun and fixing!

What can get fixed?

We currently have fixers skilled in:

- Sewing / mending
- Small appliances (lamps, fans, toasters, etc.)
- Housewares / toys
- Light Woodworking
- Jewelry
- Bikes (basic only)



Please do not bring the following:

- Gasoline powered or outdoor power equipment
- Large appliances

This list is subject to change. For a broader list, check the District Website. Contact emily@acswmd.org to ask about specific items. Please note that not all items brought for repair may be fixable.

NOTE:

This event requires pre-registration.

Anyone interested in attending the Repair Fair must register on AddisonCountyRecycles.org, by email at emily@acswmd.org, or by phone. Scan the QR code with your phone camera to be directed to the Repair Fair Registration.

Scan me!



We strive to host inclusive, accessible events that allow all individuals to engage fully. To request accommodations, please contact Emily at 802-388-2333.

Limiting Food Waste

According to the USEPA and USDA, 30% of food in the US is wasted. This has far-reaching impacts from climate change to food insecurity. Below, find some helpful tips to limit the amount of food waste you produce.



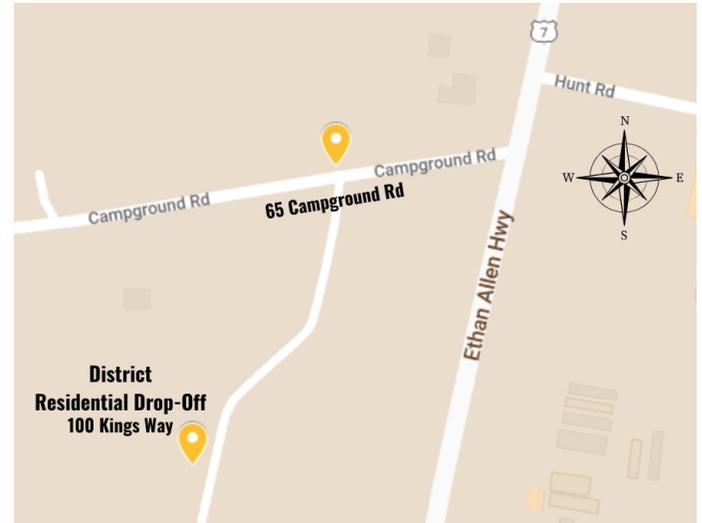
- Shop your fridge first; use **clear storage bins** and check to see if anything is close to expiring before shopping.
- Go to the grocery store with meals in mind. **A shopping list** keeps you on track in-store.
- Don't go to the store hungry; you'll be more likely to only **buy what you need**.
- If you made it, eat it. **Eat leftovers** from large meals and restaurants before they go bad.
- Get creative with recipes, **use leftovers** in a new meal or **repurpose** otherwise discarded parts of food such as using citrus peels in DIY house cleaners.
- Store foods **properly** so they keep longer
- Freeze food! Some foods can keep for months in the **freezer**, allowing for more time to eat them.
- Donate food you will not use. Feeding America states that 1 in 9 Vermont residents face hunger. **Donations** help.
- Compost! Anything not eaten or spoiled can be **composted**.



Open Year-Round: HazWaste Center

Located at the District Transfer Station on Route 7 South in Middlebury, the HazWaste Center is open year round. Residents can drop off household hazardous waste free of charge without an appointment. Non-households must make an appointment and pay for hazardous waste disposal. The HazWaste Center hours are Mon. through Fri., 8 AM - 2 PM, and Saturday, 8 AM – 1 PM.

New Hours: District Residential Drop-Off



The District's Residential Drop-Off in New Haven has updated hours. Residents may bring their bagged trash, blue-bin recycling, leaf and yard waste, and food scraps to this location on Fridays. Special wastes, bulky wastes, brush, and branches should go to the District Transfer Station in Middlebury.

Hours of operation:

- Friday, 8 AM to NOON

Location:

- 100 Kings Way (off 65 Campground Rd.)
New Haven, Vermont

Accepted items:

- **Bagged Trash**
\$7/bag small/medium
\$10/bag large
- **Blue Bin Recycling**
If brought w/o trash: \$5/bin or bag
- **Food Waste**
\$2/5-Gal Bucket
- **Leaf & Yard Waste**
\$3/bag or \$15/yard



Dispose with Care: Vaping Devices



Vaping devices, also known as vapes, vape pens, e-cigarettes, or e-cigs, are an increasing portion of the waste stream. Although they vary greatly in design and appearance, they all typically contain nicotine which is toxic. They also contain lithium-ion batteries, which are a fire hazard in the wrong waste stream. These items should never be placed in the trash or household recycling.

To dispose of vapes, bring them to the HazWaste Center at the District Transfer Station during its regular hours.

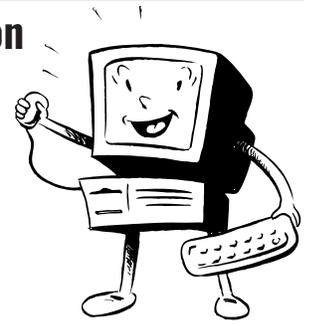
Because vapes contain hazardous waste and lithium-ion batteries, fires are not uncommon when dealing with vapes. Here's some safety tips to manage vapes properly:

- If a vape is swollen, leaking, or damaged:
 - Place any damaged vapes in a closed, watertight storage container. Add sand or kitty litter for fire containment
 - Wear safety equipment like gloves, eye protection, etc. if handling a damaged vape
- If a vape is not swollen, leaking, or damaged:
 - Place vaping devices in a sealed container away from pets and kids while storing them before disposal

Bring vaping devices to the District HazWaste Center!



Refresh Your Memory on Electronics Recycling



The US disposes of millions of tons of electronics each year, according to PIRG. Rapid advances in technology mean that electronic products are becoming obsolete more quickly. This, coupled with explosive sales in consumer electronics, means that more products are being disposed, even if they still work. Last year the District collected about 85 tons of electronic waste (E-waste) at its Transfer Station in Middlebury!

What and who is eligible for FREE E-waste recycling?

The following electronic items are eligible for free recycling under the law:

- Computers
- Computer peripherals (mice, keyboards, etc.)
- Monitors
- Televisions
- Printers

The items listed above may be brought in for free recycling provided that they were originally sold to any Vermont household, charity, school, or business with up to 10 employees. Additional electronic items not listed above (or *any* devices sold to businesses with 10 employees or more) are also accepted for a nominal fee per item. For prices, visit **AddisonCountyRecycles.org**, or call us at 388-2333.

Where are the collection locations?

To participate in the free Vermont E-Cycles program, you must visit one of the registered collection locations. In addition to the District Transfer Station at 1223 Rte. 7 South in Middlebury, there are more than 80 sites around VT. Visit **ecycles.vermont.gov** for details.

Please note that the following items ARE BANNED from trash disposal in VT:

- Computers, monitors & peripherals (keyboards, mice, etc.)
- Printers (all types, incl. all-in-one), fax machines
- TVs (all types) & digital converter boxes
- Telephones, wireless (cell) phones, & answering machines
- Stereo equipment, VCRs, & DVD players
- Electronic game consoles
- E-device power cords & chargers
- Personal electronics such as digital assistants and personal music players

What is the Addison County Solid Waste Management District?

ACSWMD is a union municipal District that exists to cooperatively and comprehensively address the materials management interests of our 21 member towns: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge, and Whiting. The District promotes waste reduction; maximizes diversion of materials through reuse, recycling, and composting; and provides for the disposal of remaining wastes.

District services include: use of the District Transfer Station in Middlebury (including the HazWaste Center); use of the Residential Drop-Off in New Haven; solid waste planning and management; public outreach; education programs, including school workshops and events; technical support and advocacy on waste-related issues; and enforcement against illegal burning and dumping.

District Transfer Station

Location: 1223 Route 7 South, Middlebury, VT
Hours: 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, school, and institution hazardous waste is received by appointment only.

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

All visitors must check in at the Scalehouse. Thank you!

District Residential Drop-Off

Location: 100 Kings Way (off 65 Campground Road), New Haven, VT
Hours: Fridays, 8 AM to Noon

Please note that only the new Residential Drop-Off accepts household trash and recycling; the District Transfer Station in Middlebury does not. The Residential Drop-Off accepts household recycling, bagged trash, leaf & yard waste, and food scraps. It operates currently as cash or check only.

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), and metal cans. These mandated recyclables can be commingled in the same bin along with other non-mandated recyclable items that your hauler offers to collect. Contact your hauler or local drop-off for disposal of food scraps and leaf & yard waste. Food scraps, leaf & yard waste, and clean wood are all accepted at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury.

Our website hosts the **A-Z Guide** which describes how to dispose of hundreds of items. If you cannot find answers online, please reach out to us!

We are active on social media. Please:



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