



News to Reuse

Addison County Solid Waste Management District Winter 2020

Keeping our Community Safe!

ACSWMD would like to thank all essential workers, including waste haulers, drop-off operators, recycling coordinators and Transfer Station staff for their dedication during the pandemic. At the time of printing this newsletter, the District Transfer Station is fully open, with the exception of our Reuse Sheds, which remain closed. For COVID-19 updates, including updates on programs at the District Transfer Station, visit our website, call us, or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

To combat the spread of COVID-19, we ask community members and businesses to minimize their trips to the District Transfer Station by saving and consolidating their waste. If possible, please save up wastes, and visit less often. When visiting the District Transfer Station, all customers must wear a mask when interacting with the Scalehouse Operator and when within six feet of other staff and customers.

Asphalt Shingles & Drywall Recycling

The District Transfer Station is now accepting asphalt shingles and new drywall scraps for special recycling. Community members and contractors now have the opportunity to bring in new or used asphalt shingles, with or without tar paper and nails attached, for special recycling. Drywall can also be recycled; however, it must be new drywall that has not been coated or painted, and it must be dry (no water damage or mold). The rate for each material is \$110 per ton, less than the rate for disposal. Be sure to separate these items from other wastes, especially soda bottles and other construction site trash.

When recycled, asphalt shingles are ground up and added to pavement, which reduces paving costs, reuses a resource that would otherwise be sent to the landfill, and improves the quality of roads. Drywall scraps are processed into a fertilizer product. During your next renovation or home improvement project, take time to separate these materials, conserve landfill space, and help us create new recycled materials! The District received partial grant funding for the asphalt shingle program from the VT Agency of Natural Resources.



Meet our new AmeriCorps Member!

We are pleased to welcome Colin Clarcq as our AmeriCorps service member. Hailing from the small town of Wayne, Maine, Colin is passionate about the outdoors, and is a tree tapping enthusiast as well as an amateur potter. He graduated from Skidmore College with a degree in anthropology last spring and is excited to explore Vermont. During his service year, Colin wants to focus on programs and outreach that advocate a zero-waste lifestyle. You may also see him around helping lead composting workshops. With all the uncertainty COVID-19 has brought, Colin is excited to bring new and creative ways of eliminating waste from our daily lives. If you are interested in or have questions about zero-waste living or have a passion for composting please feel free to email Colin at colin@acswmd.org.



Classroom Composting: No Sweat!

Just in time for the school year, ACSWMD distributed 500 food scrap buckets to Addison County schools for classroom use. Through a grant from the VT Department of Environmental Conservation, 235 four-gallon food scrap pails were provided to area schools. These were purchased with ease of handling and cleaning in mind. To make up for the shortfall needed to provide every classroom in our District with a food scrap pail, the District obtained an additional 265 used five-gallon pails donated by Cabot Creamery. These buckets have allowed schools to collect food scraps this year while students have been eating in their classrooms for safety reasons. Businesses and schools in need of additional compost pails, food scrap diversion advice or a refresher on what is and is not allowed in the compost stream in Addison County are invited to reach out to ACSWMD. Our outreach services are free, and our creativity to help is superb!



We're Hiring

Come work as part of a team operating the District Transfer Station in Middlebury, VT. Qualified applicants must meet all Federal Motor Carrier Safety Requirements, possess a clean driving record, and have a CDL endorsement, or ability to obtain one w/in first 6 months. Also, ability to: lift 50 lbs; be medically cleared and fit-tested for respirator use; operate heavy equipment (backhoe, skid steer loader, forklift); and drive a box truck and tractor-trailers (in yard only). Must be a reliable team player, able to communicate effectively and cordially with co-workers, customers, and the general public. Since this job involves working with residential and business hazardous waste, attention to detail and reading comprehension are critical. A high school diploma or equivalent, communication skills, math aptitude and familiarity with computers are required.

Work an avg. 38-hr work week: Mon–Fri, 6:30 am – 3:15 pm and Sat, 7:45 am – 1:15 pm (Sun. and one weekday off), with occasional overtime. Starting wage is \$17.63/hr, with a possible rate increase after 6-month probation. We offer excellent benefits, including: paid leave; health, vision and dental insurance; retirement savings plan; and training. We provide uniforms, laundry service, and all PPE required for the job.

To apply, visit www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org/about/us/ employment or call 802-388-2333 for an application. The District Office is currently closed, so no drop-ins please!

Composting Supplies & Methods

On July 1, 2020, Vermont's Universal Recycling Law banned all food scraps from the trash. At the District Transfer Station in Middlebury, we sell compost bins, solar digesters, kitchen collectors and food scrap buckets. Featured below are the most common ways to keep food scraps out of the trash.



Feeding animals:

Chickens love food scraps! Pigs can eat scraps, too, with restrictions. Visit our website for details.



Drop-off Composting:

Your local Town Drop-off and the District Transfer Station in Middlebury all accept food scraps.



Curbside pick-up:

Ask your hauler if they collect food scraps or visit our website for a list of haulers that do.



Home Composting:

Simple & inexpensive. **If you compost at home, you're still allowed to throw away meat & bones.**



Digesting at home:

Green Cones can handle all food scraps on site, including meat & bones if used properly.

HazWaste Reminder

The HazWaste Center at the District Transfer Station is open 6 days/week, year-round. Hours are 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturdays. We accept most household hazardous waste from District residents free of charge. HazWaste generated by businesses is received by appointment only, and businesses must pay the full cost of disposal.

Are you unsure if products in your home are considered hazardous waste? Check product labels for keywords like **"Danger," "Poison,"** or **"Warning."** If your containers are stored outside, place them in an area that protects them from rain or snow accumulation. Digging containers out of a block of ice or fishing them out of a tub of water is no fun for us! Try to keep chemical wastes from freezing. Liquids that freeze take longer for us to process and can also rupture the container as the frozen liquid expands. Here are a few additional tips for safely bringing your wastes to us:

- If a container has no label or has been repackaged into something that wasn't its original container, use a permanent marker to clearly print the name of the product or chemical on the container.
- Do not try to mix or consolidate partially full chemicals by pouring them into the same container. Wastes in their original packaging are easier and safer for us to identify and sort.
- If you place your containers in a box or bag, position them so that they are upright and will remain that way during transport. Be sure the box or bag is strong enough to hold the waste.
- Empty containers (even empty paint cans) can go in the regular trash. Please don't bring empty containers.

Reuse Shed Update

Prior to the pandemic, our Reuse Sheds were closed due to construction taking place near them. They have remained closed during the pandemic due to their small size and social distancing guidelines. Meanwhile, food scrap drop-off at the District Transfer Station has grown tremendously since July 1. Starting in October, we relocated our food scrap drop-off area in front of our Reuse Sheds to handle the huge increase in volume. There are no plans to permanently close the Reuse Sheds, but they will remain closed while social distancing guidelines are in effect. Please consider other ways to donate and market reusable home goods and building materials before placing them in the trash. Visit our website to view local donation venues and hours.



AmeriCorps Member Colin Clarcq dumps food scraps

Clothing & Textile Program Closed

The District Transfer Station will no longer be accepting clothing and textiles for special recycling. This change was due to increasing contamination in our program from wet, dirty, moldy, and smelly clothing/textiles, which makes them difficult to market. While not banned from the trash, residents and businesses can continue to recycle clean clothing and textiles at local thrift stores, at yard sales or by marketing them online. For locations and donation guidelines visit www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org/guide/clothing-textiles.



6 Zero Waste Tips during the Pandemic

It seems that waste is inevitable during the pandemic! Whether you're trying to support your favorite restaurant, or you forgot your mask, single use items are everywhere! Fortunately, guidance has come out from the Vermont Department of Health and the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation that reusable items are safe to use in certain settings. Here are some tips to reduce your waste during the pandemic:

1. Use a reusable coffee mug when buying coffee on the go.
2. Wear two-layer cloth masks. They are safe to reuse when washed regularly.
3. Ordering take-out? Say no to disposable silverware when placing your order.
4. Keep a clean, reusable bag handy for shopping trips.
5. Stay hydrated with a reusable water bottle.
6. Refill pocket-size hand sanitizer bottles using sanitizer bought in bulk.

Save the Dates for Tree Pick-up!

After the holidays are through, residents of Vergennes and Middlebury can set their Christmas trees out for curbside pick-up. The Vergennes Lions Club will pick-up trees on the morning of Saturday, January 2nd in Vergennes while the Middlebury Rotary Club will be picking up trees on the morning of Saturday, January 9th in Middlebury. Please set trees out the night before, and not so far in advance that they are covered with snow or blow away. Trees must not contain any tinsel, ornaments, garland, or wire. No wreathes please!

All District residents may drop their trees off at the District Transfer Station free-of-charge until the end of January. Trees are then chipped into fragrant mulch that we offer back to the community for free.



Rate Changes Coming January 1st

The ACSWMD Board of Supervisors adopted the 2021 Annual Budget, including the Rate Schedule for calendar year 2021. The new rates will take effect January 1st. Rate changes at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury will be:

Municipal Solid Waste/Construction/Demo Debris...	\$130/ton
Minimum fee - 100 lbs or less.....	\$8/load
Appliances with CFCs (air conditioners & more).....	\$15 each
Books (hard and soft cover)	
Residential.....	\$2/load
Business.....	\$10/load
Fire Extinguishers (any size).....	\$5 each
Food Scraps	
Residential (containers up to 5 gallons).....	\$1 each
Business (32-gallon container).....	\$15 each
Business (48-gallon container).....	\$20 each
Leaf & Yard Waste	
3 cubic yards or less.....	\$2/load
Over 3 cubic yards.....	\$20/load
Propane Tanks (1-lb tanks accepted from residents for free)	
Residential or business (20-lb or larger).....	\$5 each
Recycling	
Single stream from commercial haulers.....	\$125/ton
Single stream self-hauled from businesses(1 cy or <).....	\$10
Single stream self-hauled from businesses(>1 CY)	\$125/ton
Tires	
Passenger tires.....	\$3 each
Large truck tires.....	\$9 each
Ag, Earthmoving, Oversized tires.....	\$0.10/lb
Large quantities of tires by weight.....	\$0.09/lb

In addition to the rate increases above, the rates for the following items sold at the District Transfer Station will increase:

Recycling bins (no free bins).....	\$5
Kitchen collectors.....	\$6
4 gallon food scrap buckets.....	\$7
5 gallon food scrap buckets.....	\$5
SoilSavers.....	\$55

Reporting Illegal Burning or Dumping

Burning OR dumping waste in Vermont is illegal. Fumes from burning trash and recyclables release toxins that are easily inhaled or deposited onto the ground. Dumping and littering pollutes watersheds and drinking water relied on by humans and wildlife. To combat these illegal activities, ACSWMD has made reporting burning or dumping easy and anonymous.

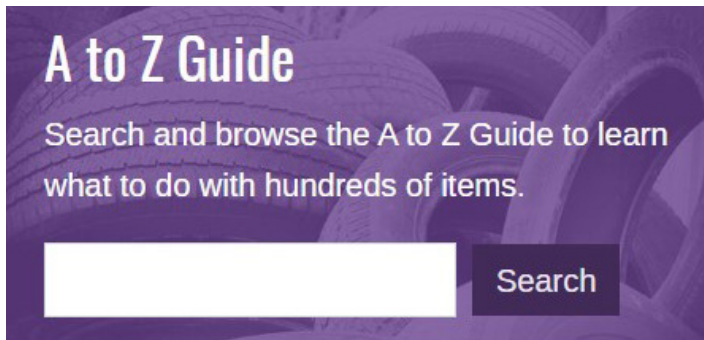
Visit www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org/trash/regulations/illegal-burning-dumping and fill out our Solid Waste Violation Complaint Form. Alternatively, you can call ACSWMD or the Addison County Sheriff's Dept. and report the violation. In any case, the Addison County Sheriff's Dept. will investigate and enforce based on the information given.

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); 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.

Our website is a robust resource, and the **A to Z Guide** can tell you how to get rid of almost anything! If you can't find the info you need on our website, give us a call.



District Transfer Station

Location: 1223 Route 7 South, Middlebury
Hours: Mon-Fri: 7 AM - 3 PM, Sat: 8 AM - 1 PM

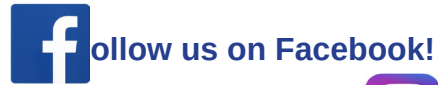
The **HazWaste Center** at the Transfer Station is open Monday through Friday, 8 AM - 2 PM & Saturdays, 8 AM - 1 PM. Business hazardous waste is received by appointment only.

We cannot accept household recyclables 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 special recycling items. Visit www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org for more information.

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 leaf & yard waste. Leaf & yard waste and clean wood are accepted at the District Transfer Station.

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

Every visitor must check in at the Scalehouse. Thank you!



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