



# News to Reuse

Addison County Solid Waste Management District

Fall 2024

## New Residential Drop-Off is Now Open!

The District's new regional trash and recycling drop-off is open for business at 100 Kings Way (off Campground Road) in New Haven, serving residents from all towns within Addison County. This facility was developed after an eight-year planning process to improve access to household trash and recycling services. Earlier surveys conducted by the District identified a need for an additional location and increased operational hours for recycling and bagged trash drop-off service, which will supplement the services already provided by area towns. Residents can now bring household recycling (unbagged) and bagged trash to the King's Way location on Fridays and Saturdays every week.

### Accepted items

- Bagged Trash
- Blue Bin Recycling
- Food Waste
- Leaf & Yard Waste



Large loads of waste should be disposed at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury.

### Hours/Operation

**Fridays: 7 AM to 2 PM**

**Saturdays: 7 AM to Noon**

For details on rates and pricing, please contact JR & Sons at (802) 735-9760.

### Where?

**65 Campground Rd.  
(100 Kings Way)  
New Haven, VT  
05472**



## ECO Americorps: A Warm Welcome

Sarah Bialas is our new ECO AmeriCorps member. Sarah recently graduated from the University of New Hampshire in May 2024 with a degree in Environmental Conservation and Sustainability. Born in South Burlington, Vermont, she missed the Green Mountains and is excited to give back to her home state! Outside of service, she likes to hike, ski, surf, swim, and travel. She is most excited to go out in the community to teach about recycling and composting and to meet some fellow environmentalists. She will be helping to organize the District's annual Repair Fair happening in the Spring of 2025. If you have questions or want to say hello to Sarah, please reach out to her at [ECO@acswmd.org](mailto:ECO@acswmd.org).



## Overflowing Bookshelf? Try Recycling



If your bookshelves are overflowing, we can help! We recommend donating books in good condition, but the District also accepts hardcover and softcover books for special recycling. Bring books year-round to the District Transfer Station in Middlebury for \$2/load (business loads at \$80/ton). Books must be clean, dry, and not moldy. All books are processed for paper recycling. Books are accepted during our normal hours of operation, with no limit on quantity. Please do not bring magazines, catalogs, or binders to the Transfer Station. Books with bindings made of plastic or metal are also not accepted in this program.

## Compostable Liner Bags: Not Accepted

All liner bags, including compostable liner bags, are **prohibited** in any commercial composting collection in Addison County. Liner bags cause problems at the composting facility we partner with to manage food waste. If you bring your food waste to a town drop-off, the District Transfer Station, or have a local hauler pick it up, make sure to **avoid liner bags of all kinds**.

What is acceptable?



YES

All food scraps

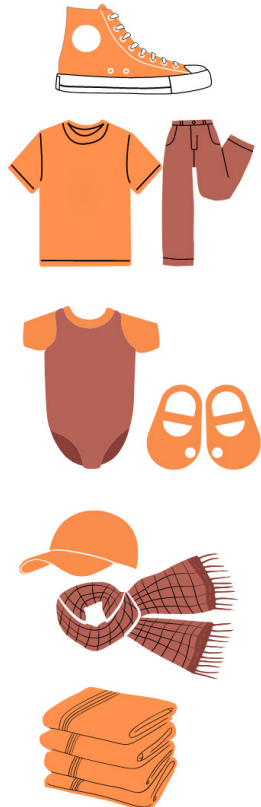


NO

Compostable bags



## Textile Recycling: Available at the District Transfer Station



The District Transfer Station accepts used clothing and textiles for special recycling! Clothing does not need to be in wearable condition but must be **CLEAN, DRY, and ODORLESS**. Items must be in **closed plastic bags**. Accepted items include most clothing, footwear, and accessories. We do **NOT ACCEPT ANY: Quilts, rugs, pillows, fabric scraps, comforters, mattress toppers or protectors, or stuffed toys**. These items are trash. A complete list of acceptable items is available on our A-Z recycling guide online.

## Wood Mulch Still Available!

A coarse wood mulch is available now for free at the District Transfer Station if you self-load, and for \$10/scoop if you need assistance from our bucket loader. There might be a wait time. Come get mulch while the supply lasts!

## Batteries Banned from Landfill



As of July 1, 2024, it is illegal to dispose of single-use and rechargeable batteries in the landfill. Batteries should not be placed in blue bin recycling, either. When disposing of any batteries, please bring them to a battery drop-off for recycling. The District Transfer Station in Middlebury collects all batteries for free for recycling as a collector under the VT Primary Battery Stewardship Law. Participating hardware stores also collect batteries for recycling.

Rechargeable batteries, lithium-ion in particular, pose a fire hazard when placed in your household trash or recycling. Batteries also contain precious metals that can be recovered through a special process.



Damaged, defective, or swollen batteries must be managed with extreme caution to prevent burns or other injuries. Please place any damaged, defective, or swollen battery in a closed, water-tight storage container such as a plastic pail or bin and add sand, vermiculite, or kitty litter as soon as possible to prevent a blaze. These should not be stored for long periods and should be brought to the HazWaste Center in Middlebury during operating hours. For more information on safety, please call the District.

## 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.



Area businesses 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.



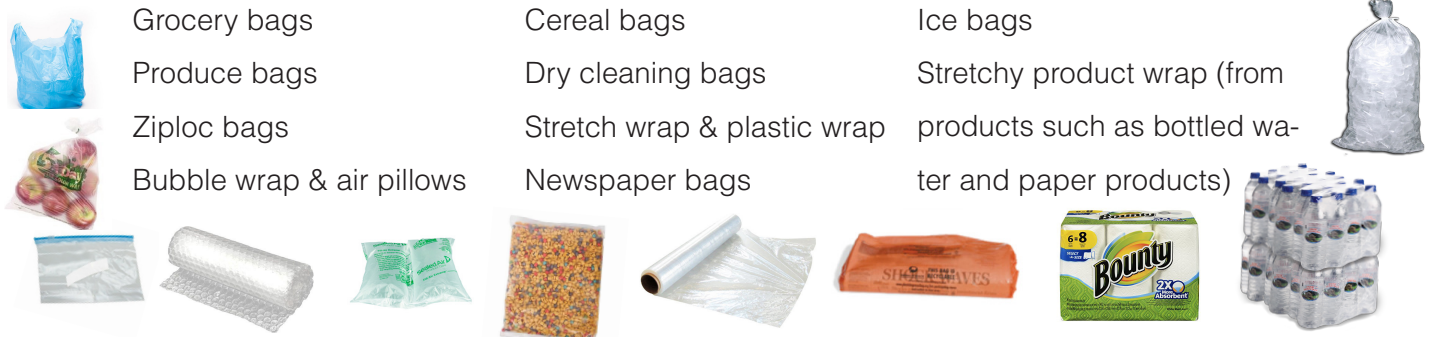
## Plastic Bag & Film Special Recycling Reminders



“Tanglers” are problem items at recycling facilities named for their issue: tangling recycling equipment. Plastic bags and film are tanglers and cannot go in your blue bin. The District hosts a collection of polyethylene plastic bags and film at its Transfer Station in Middlebury. We have collected nearly 33 tons of polyethylene since 2019. We currently need your help to make sure only the acceptable materials listed below end up in our collection container. Polyethylene bags and film are sometimes labeled with PE, LDPE, or HDPE; with a number 2 or 4; or with How2Recycle labels stating “Store Drop-Off.” If unlabeled, we recommend the stretch test: pull on a small section and see if it stretches before tearing. If it can stretch, it is accepted in this program.



**These polyethylene materials are accepted at the Transfer Station if they are EMPTY, CLEAN and DRY:**



**These items are accepted if they are empty, clean and dry and meet CERTAIN CRITERIA:**

Plastic shipping envelopes (may be bubble-lined)

Wood pellet & softener salt pellet bags

Plastic bread bags (no paper/plastic combo bags)

**Criteria:** both ends must be completely cut off, and each bag must be turned inside out or completely cut down on one side to form an open sheet, please remove residue

**Criteria:** paper labels must be removed (cut out or tear off)



**These items must go in the TRASH because they are generally not made from polyethylene:**

Food-contact bags & packaging (other than those listed above), especially:

- Pre-washed salad mix bags
- Grape bags
- Chip bags
- Candy and energy bar wrappers
- Metallic/foil packaging & anything with shiny foil lining
- Snack food bags, including for pretzels & nuts
- **Pouches for nuts, craisins, etc.**
- Meat & cheese packaging
- Mesh bags
- Frozen food bags & packaging
- Pet food & bird seed bags
- Woven grain & feed bags
- Biodegradable or compostable materials
- Cellophane
- Six-pack rings
- Paper envelopes lined with bubble wrap
- **Anything not labeled with a 2 or a 4 or with strike-through labels:**



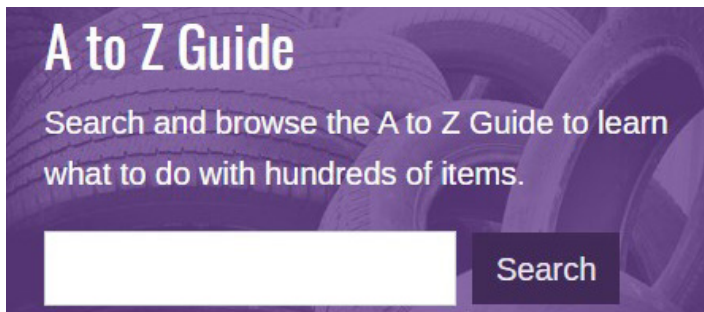
Strike-through = TRASH

## 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.

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, 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 hazardous waste is received by appointment only.

**Please note that only the new Residential Drop-Off accepts household trash and recycling; the District Transfer Station in Middlebury does not.** Please call us for a list of other town drop-off locations, or licensed haulers for curbside collection and cleanouts. Visit [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://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 food scraps and leaf & yard waste. Food scraps, leaf & yard waste, and clean wood are all accepted at the District Transfer Station.

**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!**



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