

Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District: Your Local Waste Reduction Resource

Let Us Help!

The Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District (NWSWD) is a legislatively chartered Municipal Corporation (similar to a school or water district) charged with planning, implementing, and regulating waste management strategies for our member communities. Our drop-off sites in **Georgia, North Hero, St. Albans City, Montgomery, and Bakersfield** provide close-to-home recycling, composting, and waste disposal options. We also aid schools, businesses, residents, and events in forming waste reduction and disposal strategies. Questions about waste reduction, recycling, composting, or disposal? Get in touch; our help is free or low-cost and we're happy to assist you!



*NWSWD administrative offices and
the Georgia Recycling Center*

NWSWD Board of Supervisors

NWSWD's board is made up of a community member from each of our member towns.

Alburgh: Amy Mashtare
 Bakersfield: Jim Linteur
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 Enosburg: Jennifer Bright
 Fairfield: Jaime Tibbits
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 North Hero: Jim Richards
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 South Hero: Bill Rowe
 Swanton: Carlo Micheli

Get in Touch!!

We love to answer your questions and we're here to serve. Watch for announcements on **frontporchforum.com**. Find us on **Facebook**. Or go to our website and sign up for our **e-newsletter**.



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We All Have to Recycle!

State and local laws direct that everyone—businesses and residents—recycle. Recycling of the following is available at all drop-off sites and from all trash haulers:

- paper and cardboard
- glass bottles and jars
- plastics #1 - #7
- metal cans
- aluminum cans, foil, pie plates, etc.



All electronics (e.g. computers, tv's, games, telephones, etc.) are also mandatory recyclables. Bring them to an approved facility. Do not place them in your curbside recycling. NWSWD offers free disposal of televisions, computers, and computer components. Small fees apply for other electronics. Contact us for details.

Recycling can lower your trash bill by cutting down what you send to the landfill, reuses resources that are too valuable to throw away, and **creates jobs, too!** In fact, 5-6 recycling jobs are created for every 1 job that would be created by landfilling recyclable material.

Food scraps, leaves, and yard waste can be recycled, too. Leaves and yard waste are already banned from the landfill and residential food scraps will be banned in 2020. Get in touch or look on the back of this newsletter for more information on how we can help.

A final point: reducing the amount of trash that you throw away reduces your trash bill and is good for the environment. Before you buy something, ask yourself: "Do I really need this?" If you *must* buy something, try to buy items with recyclable packaging. Go to nswd.org for more tips on waste reduction!

NWSWD Drop-off Sites

All NWSWD Drop-Off Sites accept household trash, a range of recyclable materials which are self-separated by material type (cardboard, paper, plastic, glass, metal), and **food waste (compost)**. Most NWSWD sites accept additional materials like tires, large items, electronics, etc. See below for locations and hours. Contact us at **524.5986** or **info@nswd.org** with questions or visit our website **nswd.org**.

Our Drop-Off Sites:

Georgia Recycling Center

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

St. Albans City Drop-Off

Address: Wastewater Treatment Plant, 83 Rewes Dr.
Hours: Saturday 8:00 am-1:00 pm
Friday 4:00 pm-7:00 pm (summer hours)

Bakersfield Drop-Off

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

Montgomery Drop-Off

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

North Hero Drop-Off

Address: 362 W. Shore Rd.
Hours: Saturday 8:00 am-2:00 pm
Friday 4:00 pm-7:00 pm (summer hours)

Hudak Farm Stand and Greenhouse

Address: 599 St. Albans Rd., Swanton
Hours: 8:00 am-7:00 pm, 365 days a year
Note: Hudak Farm is NWSWD’s composting partner.
Materials accepted: food scraps, leaves, yard waste, brush, branches, **no trash/recycling**

Our Administrative Offices:

NWSWD Administrative Offices in Georgia

Address: 158 Morse Dr.
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm
See “Georgia Recycling Center” above for drop-off hours.

These non-district entities offer waste and recycling management in the Northwest Solid Waste District. Contact them directly for more information:

Highgate Transfer Station: (802)651.5491
Grand Isle Transfer Station: (802)372.8830
Alburgh Transfer Station: (802)796.3468



Vermonters recycle! It creates jobs and aids in energy independence.

Household Bagged Trash / Recycling / Food Scrap Fees	
15 gallon bag	\$2.00
30 gallon bag	\$4.00
45-55 gallon bag	\$7.00
Household recycling	No charge
Food scraps	No charge



Got Junk?

Many of our sites take things like old tv’s, tires, appliances, furniture, and lots of other things, too. Go to nswd.org or call 524.5986 for more information.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Options

1. Georgia Recycling Center:

We collect Household Hazardous Waste from District member community residents **by appointment only** at our Georgia Recycling Center **year-round** Monday-Friday. **Fees apply for many items.** Payment by cash or check only. Call **524.5986** with questions or to schedule an appointment. Check **nswd.org** for more information.

Materials accepted at Georgia Recycling Center:

Batteries: all batteries including auto accepted (at no charge)

Mercury bulbs

Stewardship Paint Program: latex/oil paint, varnishes, stains, wood/concrete waterproofing liquids

Non-Stewardship paints/coatings: auto, marine, industrial coatings/paints, asphalt coatings, thinners, aerosols

HHW materials: kitchen, bathroom, auto, and marine products; pesticides; aerosols; used oil; antifreeze; taping compound; adhesives

Other materials: fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, oil filters, propane cylinders, light fixture ballasts, mercury containing devices, used vegetable oil

2. NWSWD 2018 Household Hazardous Waste Saturday Mobile Collections:

Town	Location	Date	Hours
Highgate	Salt Storage Shed	05/05/18	8am-2pm
Grand Isle	Transfer Station	05/12/18	8am-2pm
Swanton	Town Garage	05/19/18	8am-2pm
Montgomery	Town Garage	08/04/18	8am-2pm
St. Albans Town	Town Garage	08/11/18	8am-2pm
North Hero	Transfer Station	08/18/18	8am-2pm



Materials accepted at HHW Mobile Collections:

Same as items accepted at Georgia Recycling Center. Please see top of page for list.

Note: No businesses or large loads at HHW events; please call 524.5986 for an appointment at our Georgia facility. **Small loads only at events.** Large loads may be **rejected.** **Fees apply for many items.** Payment by cash or check only. All HHW collections are open to all residents of our member towns.

3. Paintcare.org:

Just have **small volumes of house paint or stain?** PaintCare is a paint manufacturer-supported program that supports paint drop-off locations in your community at places like paint and hardware stores. These drop-offs may be more convenient than the above options. Go to **paintcare.org** to find a drop-off near you. A few options that you'll find are places like: **Sherwin-Williams** and **Sticks and Stuff** in St. Albans, **Bibens Ace Hardware** and **Sherwin-Williams** in Essex Junction, and **Green's Ace Hardware** in Enosburg Falls. Don't forget to call first for details.

Vermont Leads the Way in Responsible Waste Management: Act 148—Universal Recycling

Act 148—the Universal Recycling Law—is Vermont’s law aimed at increasing the recycling of solid waste. The Vermont Legislature unanimously passed the Universal Recycling law in 2012, which banned the landfill disposal of household recyclables (metal, glass, plastics #1 & #2, and paper/cardboard) on **July 1, 2015** (it was already the law for District towns!). Leaves, yard debris, and clean wood were banned from the landfill on **July 1, 2016** and food scraps will be by **July 1, 2020**.

These are all materials that have better uses than just being thrown in the landfill. Vermonters are thrifter than that! And...*recycling creates Vermont jobs!* For instance, NWSWD sends all of the paper and cardboard that we collect to **WestRock** in Sheldon, where it is turned into new cardboard packaging. Most of the metal that we receive (including appliances) ends up at **Hodgdon Brothers Recycling** in Swanton, then goes on to become a variety of new metal products. We collect electronics, too, and send them to **Good Point Recycling** in Middlebury where metals and other useful materials are recovered. As you can see, landfilling materials that have more use in them is just plain wasteful.

This same concept applies to food scraps, leaves, yard waste, and clean wood. Wood is already used to generate electrical power at **McNeil Generating Station** in Burlington. Heard of “cow power” (generating electricity with cow manure on farms)? Well, **Vermont Technical College** in Randolph is generating **power** and **heat** using *manure and food scraps!* Large-scale composting is picking up, too. NWSWD sends 6-7 tons of food scraps a week to be composted at **Hudak Farm** in Swanton. Compost is great for soil and great for food growth! Further, there are many other projects like these already occurring or being planned in Vermont. (But it’s not all high-tech and large scale; composting food scraps is something everyone can do with a little space in their backyard.)

Act 148 supports these innovations and activities. Right now, any organization that generates at least **18 tons/year (1/3 ton/week—about 650 lbs./week)** of food scraps should already be separating them from their trash. Lesser generators, including residents, will have to be in compliance in 2020. Having this material available gives Vermont innovators and entrepreneurs something to work with (Vermont produces approximately **60,000 tons** of food scraps a year)—who knows what they’ll come up with next?

For more information, visit the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Universal Recycling page:
<http://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/universal-recycling>



Universal Recycling symbols

St. Albans Home Compost Pick-Up

Help make a difference! We now offer home compost pick-up in St. Albans City! Our standard weekly service is only **\$10/month!**

Go to nswsd.org or call 524.5986 to get more details or to sign up today!

(We pick up from some areas of St. Albans Town, too! Contact Aaron Shepard at 524.5986 or ashepard@nswsd.org to find out more!)

Help with All Things Compost

NWSWD is your source for all things compost! Contact **Aaron Shepard**, Compost Program Coordinator, with ???’s.

- We have a **food scrap pick-up service** for businesses and institutions in northwestern Vermont as well as a **home pick-up service** in St. Albans.
- We offer **free** food scrap drop-off and \$10 food scrap collection **starter kits** at our Georgia, St. Albans, Bakersfield, Montgomery, and North Hero sites and at our composting site, Hudak Farm Stand and Greenhouse in Swanton.
- We offer help with **event, business, and institutional** food scrap separation system set-up including training and educational materials at **little to no cost**. We can also assist with on-site composting system set-up.
- We sell **low-cost backyard composters** and kitchen food scrap collectors.
- **Contact us with composting questions** or visit our website. We have Master Composters on staff. Look for a **compost class** list soon!