

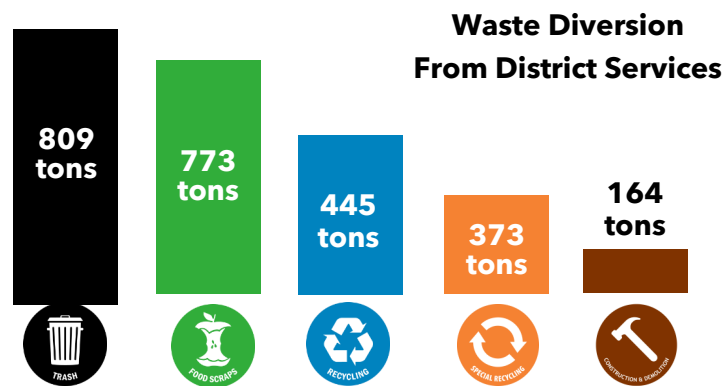
Reminder | Support For Schools

Schools interested in classroom visits by NWSWD staff, waste system tours, club visits, or support are invited to email or call the district to arrange. It's our job to help Northwest Vermonters manage waste – that includes everyone from kindergartners to principals!



NWSWD Highlights Of 2024

- Services used over 54,000 times
- Increased diversion rate to 33%
- Composted 773 tons of food scraps
- Collected 46 tons of HHW material from 2,967 residents and 55 businesses
- Expanded online presence to reach over 50,000 social media users
- Provided outreach to more than 50 businesses and 10 schools



Updates and Goings-On

The District is excited to share news about our efforts to improve. We expect to finish renovation of our Georgia Recycling Facility by June 2025. New features include a hazardous waste storage room and expanded customer parking, improving public drop-off to make it more efficient and safe! We also hope to introduce new services to the Alburgh Transfer Station.

Are You A New Resident?

How does waste disposal work here?

If you live in a property that you manage, you can either hire a hauler or utilize a town drop-off. If you live in a rental property, contact your landlord.

Do I have to compost?

Food scraps are banned from trash disposal under Vermont law. Your options for disposal include drop-off, pick-up by a hauler, or backyard composting.

Do I have to sort my recycling?

Materials need to be sorted if you are using one of the NWSWD drop-off facilities. If you are using a hauler instead, you do not need to sort recycling yourself.

What is a disposal ban?

Vermont passed the Universal Recycling law in 2012 to focus on diverting waste from the landfill. This mandates that certain wastes like organics, blue-bin recyclables, tires, paints, waste oil, mercury-added products, electronics, certain batteries, white goods appliances, and dangerous waste materials must stay out of the household trash.

I need help! Where does this item go?

Our Disposal A-Z Guide details how to dispose of most items. This alphabetical list will tell you if an object should go in the trash, recycling, compost, or elsewhere. Find it at nswd.org.

How do I find a licensed hauler?

We keep a list of licensed commercial haulers in Northwest Vermont on our website.

Where can I find recycling resources?

Check our website under the resources section for downloadable/printable guides, pamphlets, and posters.



WASTE WATCH

Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District Newsletter Spring 2025

What Is The Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District?

NWSWD is a legislatively chartered Municipal Corporation charged with planning, implementing, and regulating waste management strategies for our 19 member communities. Our services include providing recycling, composting, trash and hazardous waste disposal options; establishing and managing waste reduction and disposal strategies; providing business and education outreach; and enforcing penalties for illegal burning and dumping. Check out our website at nswd.org for waste reduction resources, brochures and posters, and our Disposal A-Z Guide!



Get In Touch With NWSWD

✉ info@nswd.org

☎ 802-524-5986

🌐 northwest.vt.zerowaste

📘 Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District

🌐 Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at nswd.org

NWSWD Locations & Hours

All of our sites accept household trash, household recyclables, and food waste.

Georgia Recycling Center & Offices

158 Morse Dr.

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

St. Albans City Drop-Off

Wastewater Treatment Plant, 83 Rewes Dr.

Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Bakersfield Drop-Off

Old Fire Station, 380 Vermont Rt. 108

Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Montgomery Drop-Off

Fire Station, 86 Mountain Rd.

Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

North Hero Drop-Off

362 W. Shore Rd.

Saturday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Alburgh Transfer Station

260 Dump Rd.

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Hudak Farm

599 St. Albans Rd., Swanton

Every day 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

food scraps, leaves, & yard waste only

St. Albans Creamery CO-OP Store

138 Federal St., St. Albans

food scraps only

Board of Supervisors

Our Board is made up of community members from each member town

Alburgh | Russell Duchaine
 Berkshire | Mary Sylvester
 Bakersfield | Mark Doremus
 Enosburg | vacant
 Fairfield | Jaime Tibbits
 Fletcher | Jennifer Getty
 Franklin | Jared Blake
 Georgia | Paul Lambert
 Grand Isle | vacant
 Highgate | April St. Francis
 Isle La Motte | vacant
 Montgomery | Barry Kade
 North Hero | Jim Richards
 Richford | Kristen Shepard
 Sheldon | vacant
 St. Albans City | vacant
 St. Albans Town | Al Voegele
 South Hero | Bob Buermann
 Swanton | Carlo Micheli

The Do's And Don'ts Of Recycling

- ✓ **Do** put paper, plastic containers and packaging, cardboard, metal cans, aluminum and glass bottles and jars in recycling.
- ✓ **Do** consult the A-Z Guide on our website to see how to dispose of (almost) every material.
- ✓ **Do** wash recyclables that have food residue on them and leave them out to dry before placing in the bin.
- ✓ **Do** leave out small, plastic items and large, bulky items.
- ✗ **Don't** put Styrofoam, food or drink cartons (ice cream and juice), black plastic, filmy bags, pet litter, durable plastics, paper towels, napkins, tissues, scrap metal and disposable cups in the blue -bin.
- ✗ **Don't** place a material in the recycling without knowing if it's recyclable. When in doubt, throw it out!
- ✗ **Don't** put recyclables in a bag before placing them in the blue-bin.
- ✗ **Don't** recycle anything less than 2 inches tall and 2 inches wide and larger than 2 feet in any dimension.



Attention Sugar Makers! We Recycle Maple Plastic Tubing!

Maple production season is quickly approaching and that means one thing for us at the District - plastic! Vermont syrup producers generate over 160 tons of used maple tubing every year. Most of these plastics end up in the landfill at a cost to farmers and our environment. NWSWD is dedicated to offering disposal options for agricultural plastic products. Our Georgia Recycling center accepts all sap tubing lines (lateral and main), polycarbonate spouts, plastic mulch, and AG film! Since the establishment of our single-use agricultural recycling program, the District has collected over 1,000 pounds of clear PC spouts!

Options For Managing Food Waste



Reduce waste. Save money & minimize the scraps you have to manage by using tips from scrapfoodwaste.org.



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



Home composting. Simple & inexpensive. Pick up an at-home composting guide from our Georgia facility.



Drop off. All NWSWD drop-off sites accept food scraps. They can also be dropped off at Hudak Farm and St. Albans Co-op Store.



Curbside pickup. Ask your hauler if they collect food scraps. NWSWD also offers a food scrap collection service for St. Albans City residents. Read more about our Close-The-Loop Compost Pickup program!

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

We collect Household Hazardous Waste from District member community residents by **appointment only** at our Georgia Recycling Center year-round. Visit nswsd.org to schedule your appointment! Check our website for a full list of what materials are accepted and what materials are not.

2025 Household Hazardous Waste Saturday Collections

Town	Location	Date	Hours
Highgate	Salt Storage Shed	April 26, 2025	8AM-2PM
Grand Isle	Transfer Station	May 10, 2025	8AM-2PM
Swanton	Town Garage	May 17, 2025	8AM-2PM
Montgomery	Town Garage	August 2, 2025	8AM-2PM
St. Albans	Town Garage	August 9, 2025	8AM-2PM
North Hero	Transfer Station	August 16, 2025	8AM-2PM



Remember to keep PLU stickers and compostable products out of the compost bin!

NWSWD's **Close-The-Loop Compost Pickup Program** currently operates a food scrap pick-up route for over 100 residential customers and 80 commercial customers, such as schools, restaurants, healthcare facilities, and grocery stores. This service diverts over 10,000 pounds of food waste each week from the landfill! Call (802) 524-5986 or email info@nswsd.org to sign up today!



How To Reduce Your Household Hazardous Waste

Buy only what you need instead of buying in bulk. When possible, use a multi-purpose product that can be used for several tasks.

Share products with neighbors or other community members rather than store them.

Choose the least toxic products available. Avoid products labeled "WARNING", "DANGER", or "POISON".

Try a DIY recipe for common household products such as cleaners, detergents, bug sprays, and more!