Universal Recycling VT

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Inspired by Vermont’s trash.
And keeping Vermonters safe.
And taking care of VT (and the US and the world).

**Benefits of Keeping Food Waste out of the Landfill**

1. Feeds People
   - Food donation grew by nearly 40% from 2015-2016, according to the Vermont Foodbank.

2. Reduces Greenhouse Gas Emissions
   - VT landfills ~60,000 tons of food scraps each year.
   - Composting the scraps instead of trashing them would... reduce greenhouse gas emissions as much as not driving ~84 million miles.

3. Supports Green Jobs
   - Reduce need for Landfills

4. Compost Restores Soil

5. Reduces need for Landfills

That’s like driving around Earth 3,373 times!
VERMONT STATE LAW
LANDFILL BANS

**Paints & Stains, Varnish, Thinner**
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**Tires**
- [Image]

**Waste Oil & Filters**
- [Image]

**Recyclables**
- Plastic #1 and #2
- Glass jars, bottles
- Aluminum & steel cans, aluminum foil
- Cardboard, mixed paper, newspaper
  - Effective July 1, 2015

**Mercury-Added Products**
- CFLs, mercury switches, thermostats, lamps, thermometers, etc.

**Electronics**
- Computers and accessories, all phones, televisions, MP3 players, VCRs/DVDs, etc.

**Organics (Compostable Material)**
- Clean wood, branches, leaf and yard debris, grass clippings, etc.
- Food scraps, coffee grounds, egg shells, etc.
  - Effective July 1, 2016
  - Effective July 1, 2020

**Certain Batteries**
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  - Lead-acid
  - Rechargeable

**Appliances (White Goods)**
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  - Refrigerators, ranges, washers, dryers, dishwashers, freezers, etc.

**Dangerous Wastes**
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- These items are regulated and extremely hazardous to persons handling solid waste:
  - Explosives, Fireworks, Gasoline, Sharps, Medical Waste, Pool Chemicals, Propane Cylinders
  - Liquid Waste.
  - Please use proper disposal methods or keep out of trash.

*Keep these items out of the trash!*

Ask attendant for details on recycling and alternative disposal options.

Waste Management & Prevention Division
(802) 828-1138 | www.recycle.vermont.gov

So, what is required?
We start with six.

Now anywhere in Vermont you can recycle these six items at the curb or transfer stations. You may be able to recycle even more, so check with your local district. But if you’re ever unsure, start with these six. A simple step that protects the environment. Learn more at VTrecycles.com.
Parallel Collection

Mixed Recycling
- Paper & Cardboard
- Aluminum & Steel
- Glass Jars & Bottles
- Plastic Bottles & Containers

Landfill
- All Trash Items
  - Napkins, tissue
  - Paper cups, tostidos & straws, plastic utensils
  - Bottle caps
  - Plastic bags & film, chip and candy wrappers
  - Styrofoam (not洌n)

Food Scraps
- All Food Scraps
  - Fruits, vegetables, dairy, beans, grains, meat, & bones, oils, sauces, eggs
  - Remove obstructions from produce

Returnables
- Select beverage containers
  - Look for "5¢ on redemption stamps!"

Coffee Grounds & Filters
- Coffee Grounds

Placed container only, please.
Leaf and yard debris, grass clippings, branches, etc.
Food scraps: now or 2020?

If there is a facility within 20 miles:

- 2014: >104 tons/year 2 tons/wk
- 2015: >52 tons/year 1 ton/wk
- 2016: >26 tons/year 1/2 ton/wk
- 2017: >18 tons/year 1/3 ton/wk

2020: All food scraps banned from landfill
(Notice landfill isn’t listed)
Finding a Hauler

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION DIVISION | FOOD SCRAP HAULER DIRECTORY

VERMONT RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL FOOD SCRAP HAULER DIRECTORY

Commercial Food Scrap Haulers

Black Dirt Farm  www.blackdirtfarm.com
- Towns Serviced: Lyndonville, St. Johnsbury, Danville, Jay, Newport, Derby, Morrisville, Greensboro, Hardwick, Hyde Park, Stannard, Wolcott, and possibly Barton and Johnson.
- Contact: Jenn Davis, 802-533-7033, jenn@blackdirtfarm.com

Casella Resource Solutions  www.casella.com
- Provides services to large and mid-sized commercial generators throughout most of the state.
- Towns Serviced: Towns throughout the state.
- Contact: 800-227-3552 (800-CASELLA)

Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District  www.cvswm.org
- Towns Serviced: Barre City, Barre Town, Berlin, Calais, Chelsea, East Montpelier, Hardwick, Middlesex, Montpelier, Northfield, Orange, Plainfield (also Marshfield’s Twinfield school), Tunbridge, Walden, Washington, Williamstown, and Woodbury.
- Contact: Cassandra Hemenway, 802-229-9383, cassandrah@cvswm.org

Cloud’s Path Farm
- Towns Serviced: Sheffield, Lyndonville, Glover, Barton. Possible expansion to Burke and other towns surrounding Lyndonville.
- Contact: Sam Carter, 802-535-4670, samelfcarter@gmail.com

Cookeville Compost
Special Recycling Programs: Mfter. Funded

BANNED & SPECIAL RECYCLING: Find collection locations at vtrecycles.com.

- Mercury-containing bulbs, thermostats, switches, thermometers, etc.
- Paint, stain, thinner and varnish
- Computers and accessories, phones, TVs, MP3 players, VCRs/DVDs, etc.
- Lead-acid, rechargeable, and other batteries
More Vermonters have access to recycling and composting services than ever before!

Donations of rescued food to the Vermont Foodbank almost tripled from 2014 to 2017.
Key Updates/Reminders

When you properly store and get rid of unused medications, you're doing your part to keep Vermonters—and Vermont—healthy and safe.

- **LOCK**
  Store your medications in a lock box or locked medicine cabinet.

- **DROP**
  Drop off unused medication at a kiosk at your local pharmacy or police station.

- **MAIL**
  Or mail unused medication in a pre-paid envelope.

Free Prescription Medication Mail-Back Envelopes

Click the icons on the map below for information about prescription drug disposal sites. You can also dial 2-1-1 for locations.
What To Do With A Found Needle

With a few simple steps, it's OK to throw it away.

1. Put on heavy duty gloves and use pliers or tongs to place the needle in a thick plastic container like a laundry detergent bottle.

2. Screw on the lid and seal it well with strong tape, like duct tape.

3. Write “Do Not Recycle” on the container and throw it away in the regular trash.

If you are stuck with someone else’s needle:
1. Wash the wound well with soap and water.
2. Seek medical attention right away.

Learn more: www.healthvermont.gov/needledisposal
Safe Needle Disposal: What Should I Do?

What you do depends on who and where you are.

I am a citizen at home or in my community and...
- I bought a needle for myself or my family.
- I found a sharp in my community.

Place needles in a thick plastic container, like a laundry detergent bottle, and throw it away with the regular trash.

Learn more: [www.healthvermont.gov/needledisposal](http://www.healthvermont.gov/needledisposal)

I am at work as a health care worker or veterinarian and...
- My facility generates more than 50 pounds of regulated medical waste each month.
- My facility generates less than 50 pounds of regulated medical waste each month.

Contact a licensed medical waste hauler for proper disposal.

Find a list of permitted solid waste transporters: [www.dec.vermont.gov/haulers](http://www.dec.vermont.gov/haulers)

What is regulated medical waste?

Regulated medical waste is waste generated in health care facilities, by licensed health care professionals or at trauma scenes that contains blood or other potentially infectious materials or animal infectious waste. This includes any needles or syringes (unused or used) that have been removed from original packaging.

Learn more: [www.healthvermont.gov/needledisposal](http://www.healthvermont.gov/needledisposal)
How2Recycle in Action

Top 18 Things You Should NOT Recycle Curbside

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Share Top 18 Things You Should NOT Recycle Curbside:
NO PLASTIC BAGS IN THE RECYCLING CART

DO NOT BAG Recyclables

Collecting recyclables in a bag? Empty the contents into the cart.

Return plastic bags to retailers.
Does your town operate a transfer station?
Learn more www.vtrecycles.com

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Find your Waste District www.vtrecycles.com

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