

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

### We Can Help!

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 waste disposal and recycling options. We also aid schools, businesses, residents, and events in forming waste reduction and disposal strategies. Do you have a question about waste reduction, recycling, composting, or disposal? Get in touch with us; our help is free and we're happy to assist you!



(NWSWD Georgia headquarters)

### NWSWD Board of Supervisors

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

Alburgh: Amy Mashtare  
 Bakersfield: Jim Lintereur  
 Berkshire: Vincent Hickey  
 Enosburg: vacant  
 Fairfield: Jaime Tibbits  
 Fletcher: Dave Clark  
 Franklin: Dave Bennion  
 Georgia: Paul Lambert  
 Grand Isle: John Lawrence  
 Highgate: Ben Lowell  
 Isle La Motte: Terry Anderson  
 Montgomery: Barry Kade  
 North Hero: Jim Richards  
 Richford: Tim Green  
 St. Albans City: vacant  
 St. Albans Town: Al Voegele  
 Sheldon: Dave Supernault  
 South Hero: Bill Rowe  
 Swanton: Carlo Micheli

### Keep 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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Watch for our **A-Z guide** to waste arriving in your mailbox soon!

### Do I Have to Recycle?

Yes, 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. Please 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 may apply for other electronics. Contact us for more details.

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

A final point: reducing the amount of trash that you throw away reduces your trash bill and is good for the environment, too. Before you buy something, ask yourself: "Do I really need this?" If you *must* buy something, try to buy items with recyclable packaging. And go to [nswsd.org](http://nswsd.org) for more tips on waste reduction.

## Our Drop-off Sites

**All NWSWD Drop-Off Sites accept household trash and a range of recyclable materials** which are self-separated by material type (cardboard, paper, plastic, glass, metal). Most NWSWD sites accept additional materials like tires, large items, electronics, etc. See below for locations and hours. Contact us at (802)524.5986 or [info@nswd.org](mailto:info@nswd.org) with questions or visit our website [nswd.org](http://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**

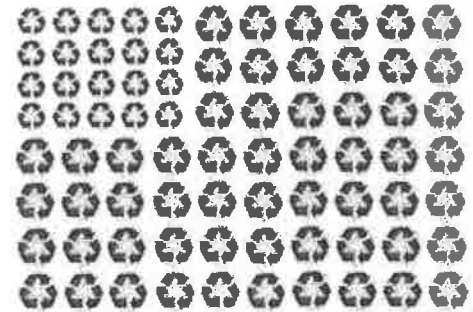
**Our Administrative Offices:**

*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)651.5400  
*Grand Isle Transfer Station:* (802)372.8830  
*Alburgh Transfer Station:* (802)796.3468



Recycling is patriotic. 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 bag	\$7.00
Household recycling	No charge
Food scraps (not available in Montgomery)	No charge



**Got Sap Line??**

We recycle sap line for less than the cost of throwing it away! So keep old line out of the woods and out of the landfill! Contact us for details!!

## *Our 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. Call (802)524.5986 with questions or to schedule an appointment. **Fees apply for many items.** Payment by cash or check only. Check nswd.org or call (802)524.5986 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

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

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

### 2. Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) Environmental Depot

The Chittenden Solid Waste District Environmental Depot in South Burlington is now available to non-Chittenden County residents. This new HHW drop-off location opportunity may be helpful to Franklin and Grand Isle County residents who travel south to the Burlington area. The Environmental Depot is open Wednesday – Saturday for residential-only HHW materials. No business wastes will be accepted. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) materials are free: CFLs, batteries, less than 10 mercury lamps, and most paints. Fees apply for other items. Please check with CSWD for more information. Payment by cash or check only.

### 3. NWSWD 2016 Household Hazardous Waste Saturday Mobile Collections

Town	Location	Date	Hours
Highgate	Salt Storage Shed	05/07/16	8am-2pm
Grand Isle	Transfer Station	05/14/16	8am-2pm
Swanton	Town Garage	05/21/16	8am-2pm
Montgomery	Town Garage	08/06/16	8am-2pm
St. Albans Town	Town Garage	08/13/16	8am-2pm
North Hero	Transfer Station	08/20/16	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 (802)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. HHW collections are open to any resident of our member towns.

## 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 recycling of solid waste. The Vermont Legislature unanimously passed the Universal Recycling law in 2012, which banned disposal of recyclables (metal, glass, plastics #1 & #2, and paper/cardboard) on **July 1, 2015** (it was already the law for District towns!). Leaf and yard debris and clean wood will be banned on **July 1, 2016** and food scraps by **July 1, 2020**. It also requires solid waste haulers and facilities to collect these same materials.

These are all materials that have better uses than just being thrown in the landfill. Vermonters are thriftier than that! 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 **All Metals Recycling** in Hardwick, then goes on to become a variety of new metal products. Electronics go to **Good Point Recycling** in Middlebury. As you can see, landfill disposal of materials that have more use in them is just plain wasteful. Furthermore, *recycling creates Vermont jobs!*

These same concepts apply to food scraps, leaf and 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 on farms with cow manure)? **Vermont Technical College** is generating **power and heat** in Randolph using *manure and food scraps!* **Green Mountain Power** has similar plans in the works in St. Albans. Large-scale composting is picking up, too. NWSWD sends 4-5 tons of food scraps a week to be composted at **Hudak Farm** in Swanton. Compost is great for soil and 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. Any organization that generates 52 tons/year (1 ton/week) of food scraps should already be separating them from their trash. By **this July 1st, food scrap generators of 26 tons/year (1/2 ton/week)** need to be separating. Lesser generators will have to be in compliance in coming years. 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: [www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/solid/Act148.htm](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/solid/Act148.htm)



Universal Recycling symbols

### Coming to Your Mailbox!

Watch for a comprehensive guide to resources and services in your mailbox in the near future!

It will be packed with information about our sites, recycling, composting, waste reduction, and household hazardous waste.

Keep an eye out—it will be something that you'll want to hang onto!

### Help with All Things Compost

Things are happening quickly with composting in Vermont lately. NWSWD is your source for all things compost! Contact **Aaron Shepard**, Compost Program Coordinator, with ???'s.

- We offer **free** food scrap drop-off and \$10 food scrap collection **starter kits** at our Georgia, St. Albans, Bakersfield, 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 for **little to no cost**. We can also assist with on-site composting system set-up.
- We have a **food scrap pick-up route** for businesses and institutions and in the near future will offer a pilot residential pick-up route in a limited service area.
- 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!