



News to Reuse

Addison County Solid Waste Management District

Fall 2023

ACSWMD responds to flood instances



District staff recently assisted the Chittenden and Central Vermont Solid Waste Districts with emergency clean-up efforts within areas of Montpelier and Barre that were hit hardest by the recent summer flooding. The District helped clean up roughly 6,000 lbs of electronic waste and 3,200 lbs of hazardous waste that were removed from flood-damaged buildings.

Join Us For an Upcoming Workshop!

FREE workshops, **FREE** fabulous raffle prizes!
Call or visit our website to register for an upcoming workshop.

Vermicompost: Worms ate my food scraps

Ilsley Public Library
October 23, 2023 at 5 PM
Bixby Library
October 24, 2023 at 5:30 PM

PLASTIC RECYCLING: Demystified

Location TBD...
Nov. 14, 2023 at 5:30 PM



Textile Recycling: Available at the District Transfer Station



***With exceptions**

The District Transfer Station accepts used clothing and textiles for special recycling! Used Items do not need to be in wearable condition but must be CLEAN, DRY, and ODORLESS. Items should be brought in closed plastic bags to prevent moisture and stop the spread of pests. Accepted items include most clothing, footwear, and accessories. Quilts, pillows, comforters, mattress toppers or protectors, and stuffed toys are NOT accepted in our textile recycling program. A complete list of acceptable items is available in the A-Z recycling Guide.

If you have questions, feel free to contact our AmeriCorps Service member Gabriella Stevens at Gabriella@acswmd.org or call (802) 388-2333.



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. Businesses must make an appointment and pay for hazardous waste disposal. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 8 AM - 2 PM, and Saturday, 8:00 AM - 1 PM.

Options for Managing Food Scraps in Addison County



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. If you compost at home, you're still allowed to throw away meat & bones.



Town Drop-offs

All District member towns' recycling & trash drop-offs accept food scraps, often for a fee.



Curbside pickup

Ask your hauler if they collect food scraps, or visit our website for a list of haulers that do.



District Transfer Station

The District Transfer Station in Middlebury takes all food scraps from residents for a small fee.



Green Cone Solar Digester

Green Cones can handle all food scraps on-site, including meat and bones if used properly.



Got scraps at work?

Use any of these options or contact us for more information.

Frequently Asked Questions:



Can I just use my garbage disposal?

Food scraps should never go down the drain because they can cause costly (and messy) clogs and damage. Our sewer, septic, and wastewater treatment systems are designed to handle only human waste and toilet paper.



Can I use compostable liner bags?

Compostable products, including certified compostable liner bags or food serviceware like cups or utensils, are **NOT** accepted from residents at drop-off locations for commercial composting, **NOT** at the District Transfer Station, and **NOT** in curbside collection of food scraps in Addison County. Only food scraps are accepted. Compostable plastics are trash unless their destination is to a backyard compost bin.



Is my hauler required to provide curbside pickup of food scraps?

The legal requirement for waste haulers to provide curbside pickup of food scraps from residents was repealed in 2019. Haulers are still required to collect food scraps from nonresidential customers and apartment buildings with four or more units.

Do's and Don'ts of Recycling



Do

- **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 your items. <https://www.addisoncountyrecycles.org/guide>
- **Do:** wash recyclables that have food residue on them before putting them in the bin.
- **Do:** throw out small, plastic items and large, bulky items.

Don't

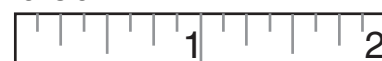
- **Don't:** put durable plastics, paper towels, napkins, tissues, photo paper, pane glass, foam, scrap metal and disposable cups in your blue bins.
- **Don't:** recycle the item without knowing it's recyclable. When in doubt, throw it out!
- **Don't:** keep food residue on items when putting them in the blue bin.
- **Don't:** recycle anything less than 2 inches tall and 2 inches wide and larger than 2 feet in any dimension

Unsure if your small item can be recycled? Use this tool below.

Size Limits on Recyclables

Minimum size: 2 inches in 2 dimensions (e.g. length & width)

Maximum size: 2 feet in any one dimension



Festival Fun in the... Sun?

ACSWMD tabled at and supplied Waste Warrior volunteers to myriad area festivals and fairs this summer. Despite the rain, smiles abounded as staff and volunteers answered waste-related questions.



We are impressed with everyone who played our Trash Quiz and loved hearing cheers as winners received their prizes. Thanks for letting us teach you how to sort wastes. We're looking forward to the next fair!



In the News: Battery Safety



As a reminder, keep batteries out of household trash and recycling. Some batteries are banned from landfill disposal since they contain toxic substances and are flammable.

Improper management of lithium



batteries can contribute to fires and explosions at recycling facilities. Batteries must be brought to the District Transfer Station or to participating hardware stores at their end of life. Do **NOT** place them in household trash or recycling.



Local Donation Options to Reuse Materials



Food Donation



- Addison Community Action Food Shelf
- Bristol Have-A-Heart Community Food Shelf
- HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)
- Quin-Town Senior Center
- Starksboro Food Shelf
- Vergennes Congregational Church Food Shelf
- Victory Baptist Church Food Pantry
- Vermont Food Bank

Textile and Clothing Donation

- Buy Again Alley
- Junebug
- Neat Repeats
- HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)
- Round Robin Upscale Resale Shop
- Simon Says
- St. Peter's Resale Closet Shop
- Your Turn Resale Shoppe
- Homeward Bound Addison County's Humane Society **only towels and blankets**



Household Items and Building Materials

- Habitat for Humanity
- Front Porch Forum
- Facebook Marketplace
- Craigslist
- Addison and Rutland Freecycle
- HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)



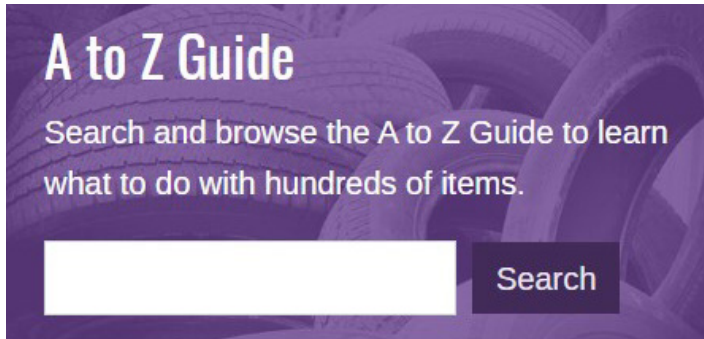
NOTE: List not exhaustive. Certain locations have donation guidelines and hours. Call ahead before bringing items when applicable.

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); 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.



A to Z Guide
Search and browse the A to Z Guide to learn what to do with hundreds of items.

District Transfer Station

Location: 1223 Route 7 South, Middlebury
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.

We cannot accept household recyclables or small amounts of bagged trash from residents. Please call us for a list of town drop-off locations, or licensed haulers for curbside collection and cleanouts. The Transfer Station accepts many other special recycling items. Visit 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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