

Trash Services Provided By: ABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Town provides free recycling services.
Contact ABLE Waste Management. ABLE Waste will provide you
with one free recycling bin.

ACT 148 = Universal Recycling Law



UNIVERSAL RECYCLING TIMELINE

- July 1, 2014 · Transfer stations/Drop-off Facilities must accept residential recyclables at no extra charge
· Food scrap generators of 104 tons/year (2 tons/week) must divert material to any certified facility within 20 miles.
- July 1, 2015 · Statewide unit based pricing takes effect, requiring residential trash charges be based on volume or weight
· Recyclables are banned from the landfill
· Transfer stations/Drop-off Facilities must accept leaf and yard debris
· Haulers must offer residential recycling collection at no extra charge
· Public buildings must provide recycling containers alongside all trash containers in public spaces (except for restrooms)
· Food scrap generators of 52 tons/year (1 ton/week) must divert material to any certified facility within 20 miles
- July 1, 2016 · Leaf, yard and clean wood debris are banned from the landfill
· Haulers must offer leaf and yard debris collection
· Food scrap generators of 26 tons/year (1/2 ton/week) must divert material to any certified facility within 20 miles
- July 1, 2017 · Transfer stations/Drop-off Facilities must accept food scraps
· Haulers must offer food scrap collection
· Food scrap generators of 18 tons/year (1/3 ton/week) must divert material to any certified facility within 20 miles
- July 1, 2020 · Food scraps are banned from the landfill

Residents Summary and FAQs

With the adoption of the Universal Recycling law Vermont has taken an ambitious step to reduce the amount of material that goes to the landfill. Universal recycling gives all Vermonters the opportunity to keep valuable materials out of the trash through convenient and consistent services for recycling and composting throughout the state. This summary sheet is to help you understand the elements of the law.

Summary of Universal Recycling Law

The new Universal Recycling law calls for trash to be charged on a per unit basis, often referred to as unit based pricing (charge per bag or by weight) and it phases in landfill disposal bans on listed recyclables, leaf and yard debris, clean wood debris and food scraps. Universal Recycling will also provide more opportunities for residents to separate recyclables and food scraps, leaf and yard debris by requiring solid waste haulers, transfer stations and drop-off facilities to offer residential collection services for these materials. The phased timeline allows for the gradual development of services and infrastructure needed to recycle and compost all of these valuable materials before the ban takes effect.

Timeline For Residents

Items that will be banned from trash disposal:

- July 1, 2015: Listed recyclables including - Aluminum and steel cans - Aluminum foil and aluminum pie pans - Glass bottles and jars from foods and beverages - Plastics #1 and #2 (PET and HDPE resin types) - Corrugated cardboard - White and mixed paper
Newspaper, magazines, catalogues, paper mail and envelopes - Box board
- July 1, 2016: Leaf, yard and clean wood debris
- July 1, 2020: Food scraps

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is the law needed?
A: Vermonters recycle or compost only half of the materials they could. These materials are valuable and throwing them out is a waste of money, energy and shared resources.
2. What are the benefits of the law?
A: There are several benefits. To name a few:
 - Lowers Vermont's greenhouse gas emissions (estimated 38% improvement)
 - Increases recycling (estimated increase from current rate of 33% to goal of 60%) and reduces the need for landfills
 - More recycling conserves resources and reduces energy consumption
 - Stimulates economic growth
 - Supports the local food system
 - Fosters stronger community connections
3. What if I don't have collection or drop-off options for recycling leaf and yard debris, or food scraps in my area?
A: All solid waste haulers and facilities are required to collect and accept listed recyclables, leaf and yard debris, and food scraps from residents by specific dates (see question 5). If these services are not offered by your trash hauler or transfer station call the Agency of Natural Resources at 802-828-1138.
Facilities and haulers can charge a combined fee for collecting trash and recyclables. They may charge fees for collecting leaf and yard debris and food scraps. To save money, composting food scraps, leaf and yard debris at home is encouraged.
4. Is Anyone going to enforce the landfill bans?
A: Yes. The Agency of Natural Resources has enforcement authority and solid waste districts and towns also have enforcement authority. However, education and outreach will be the initial method of implementing Universal Recycling.
5. What are the full specifications of the law for these materials?
A: Listed Recyclables:
 - Facilities must collect starting July 1, 2014
 - Haulers must offer collection on July 1, 2015
 - Must be collected in public spaces (alongside trash containers) starting July 1, 2015
 - Banned from the landfill starting July 1, 2015Leaf & Yard Debris:
 - Facilities must collect starting July 1, 2015
 - Haulers must offer collection on July 1, 2016
 - Banned from the landfill starting July 1, 2016Food Scraps:
 - Facilities must collect starting July 1, 2017
 - Haulers must offer collection on July 1, 2017
 - Banned from the landfill starting July 1, 2020

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Department of Environmental Conservation Waste Management & Prevention Division,
Solid Waste Program at 1 National Life Drive, Davis 1, Montpelier, VT 05620-3704
802-828-1138 www.recycle.vermont.gov

ACCEPTED RECYCLING - ALL IN SAME CONTAINER

Steel or Tin Cans · Aluminum Foil · Pie Tins · Empty Aerosol Cans · Aluminum · Newspapers (including inserts) · Phonebooks · Mixed Paper
Office Paper · Corrugated Cardboard · Magazines · Junk and Bulk Mail · Chip Board (cereal and tissue boxes) · #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7
Brown Paper Bags · Plastic Bottles · Yogurt Containers · Butter Tubs · Detergent Bottles · Vitamin Bottles · Glass Bottles and Jars

ALL RECYCLABLES MUST BE CLEAN - NO CAPS ON CONTAINERS

REJECTED RECYCLING

Hazardous Waste · Styrofoam · Window Glass · Foam Packaging · Ceramic · Mirrors · Waxed Boxes · Light Bulbs
Carbon Paper · Milk Cartons · Juice Boxes · Plastic Bags · All Soft Plastic · Wood Food Boxes · Containers with Petroleum Residue

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This Program Will Close June 30th, 2016

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