

Vermont Disposal Bans and Solid Waste Haulers

What Materials are Banned in Landfills?

Under Vermont state law, V.S.A. § 6621a(a), “No person shall knowingly dispose of the following materials in solid waste or in landfills”:

1. lead-acid batteries,
2. waste oil,
3. white goods (refrigerators, stoves, etc.),
4. tires,
5. paint,
6. nickel-cadmium batteries, small sealed lead acid batteries, non-consumer mercuric oxide batteries
7. mercury added products,
8. banned electronic devices,
9. mandatory recyclables,
10. leaf/yard residuals, wood waste, and
11. food scraps after July 1, 2020.



What are Haulers' Disposal Ban Responsibilities?

Haulers are expected to:

1. Inform their customers about Vermont disposal bans. Posters and VT Waste Not Guides, which explain how to manage banned items, can be downloaded at www.VTrecycles.com.
2. Offer collection services to trash customers for mandated recyclables and, by July 1, 2020, food scraps; or subcontract with another hauler to provide these services.
3. Notify customers if banned materials are visible in the customer's trash. Haulers are advised to use progressive remedies to obtain compliance by customers; such as giving a series of warnings and or fines leading up to discontinuance of service. Warnings would include paper notices

either in with bills or tapped to trash containers telling the customer what disposal ban items they need to keep out of their trash.

Haulers are not expected to open bags and sort through the customer's trash. However, if a hauler observes banned materials in a load of trash and ignores it, the hauler is knowingly disposing of banned materials and is in violation of state law. Haulers that implement a written policy of progressive remedies to obtain customer compliance will be presumed to be in compliance with Vermont law.

What are the Agency of Natural Resources' Disposal Ban Responsibilities?

1. The Agency of Natural Resources will exercise its enforcement discretion to enforce the disposal ban against any person who knowingly disposes of banned materials in solid waste or in landfills.
2. As staff resources allow, the Agency will conduct direct outreach with businesses and institutions to ensure proper separation of landfill banned items.
3. On an occasional basis, the Agency will inspect hauler loads. When banned materials are traceable to a customer who knowingly disposed of banned materials, the Agency will pursue enforcement actions against that customer. The Agency may pursue enforcement against haulers as described below.

Examples of Hauler Non-compliance Subject to Enforcement:

1. Haulers that do not provide recycling collection services to trash customers and dispose of recyclables in the trash (unless an approved exemption is in place in that area).
2. Haulers that knowingly dispose of banned materials; for example an old television that is put out with the trash and is collected by the hauler for disposal.
3. Haulers that offer a recycling, leaf/yard debris, or food scrap collection service, but are found to knowingly dispose of these separated materials in solid waste. Haulers that implement a written policy of progressive remedies to obtain customer compliance, as described above, will be presumed to be in compliance with Vermont law.



WASTE NOT GUIDE

WHAT TO DO WITH ITEMS THAT ARE BANNED FROM THE TRASH

♻️ RECYCLE ANYWHERE*: Drop-off or with your hauler



Plastic #1 and #2



Glass jars, bottles



Cans and foil



Cardboard, mixed paper, newspaper

🌱 COMPOST: At home, drop-off, or with your hauler



Leaf and yard debris, grass clippings, branches, etc.



Food scraps, coffee grounds, egg shells, etc.

(Ban for residents begins July 1, 2020)

🚫 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

*Contact your local solid waste entity at 802recycles.com to learn what else can be recycled in your area.

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🚫 OTHER BANNED OR DANGEROUS ITEMS: Contact your local solid waste entity for guidance—at 802recycles.com.



Large appliances & scrap metal



Used Oil, filters, auto fluids



Tires



Clean Wood



Asphalt shingles, plywood, OSB, and drywall from large projects within 20 miles of a C&D facility



Explosives, fireworks, gasoline, pesticides, pool chemicals, propane cylinders



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