

- SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES -

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Act 148 - Universal Recycling Law - Fully Implemented and Enforceable

July 1, 2020

- Haulers must offer food scrap collection to businesses, schools, transfer stations, and apartment complexes with more than four units.

July 1, 2020

- Food scraps are banned from landfills. 20 mile limit no longer applies.

July 1, 2017

- Transfer stations must accept food scraps.
- Generators of 18 tons of food scraps (½ ton per week) must divert if facility exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2016

- Leaf, yard waste and clean wood are banned from landfills Haulers must offer leaf and yard debris collection.
- Generators of 26 tons/year (2 tons per week) of food wastes must divert if composting facility exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2015

- Residential trash must be charged based on volume or weight.
- Recyclables are banned from landfills.
- Transfer stations must accept leaf and yard waste.
- Haulers and transfer stations must offer residential recycling at no separate charge.
- Recycling containers must be provided in all publicly owned spaces where trash cans are located.
- Generators of 52 tons/year (1 ton per week) of food wastes must divert if composting facility exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2014

- Transfer stations must accept residential recyclables at no charge.

SWAC is composed of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven and serves a population of approximately 14,000 people. These towns work cooperatively to comply with State laws and mandates managing solid and hazardous waste issues in an environmentally responsible and cost effective manner.

In 2023, SWAC successfully complied with Year Three Act 148 / ANR Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) requirements. The SWIP meets the requirements of the State’s Material Management Plan and outlines how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the SWAC towns for a five-year period. All towns in Vermont are required to be included in a SWIP. The requirements are extensive. The currently approved and adopted SWIP is available for review on the SWAC website. (rutlandcountyswac.org)

SWAC acts as a liaison to the State of Vermont representing the SWAC town’s interests on issues pertaining to legislation, rule changes, SWIP requirements, and Product Stewardship.

SWAC is a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council and Product Stewardship Institute. These groups have been instrumental in getting Environmental Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation passed in Vermont. The EPR legislation requires manufacturers to be financially responsible for the end of life collection of their product(s) thereby saving Vermont’s resident’s disposal/recycling costs. Active programs are in place for the collection of architectural paint, batteries, automobile switches, mercury thermostats, mercury lamps, compact fluorescent bulbs, and electronics waste. This year, the Vermont Legislature passed Act 58. [Act 58](#) requires manufacturers of household hazardous waste products to set up programs to collect and pay for the disposal of their hazardous products. The new law will be phased in over a period of years and will help relieve the financial burden on the towns for hazardous waste disposal.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW): HHW collection is the most costly endeavor undertaken. SWAC contracts with US Ecology to hold two HHW events. **5.25 tons** of hazardous waste was collected from 138 households and 2 businesses. Products included oxidizers, acids, alkalines, reactives, pesticides, aerosols, flammable liquids, ammonia, mercury devices, latex, oil based, and flammable paints, asbestos, and antifreeze.

Thank you for participating in SWAC’s efforts to properly recycle and dispose of solid and hazardous waste. To keep your communities HHW and solid waste collection costs down, remember to **Repurpose, Reuse, Repair, Refuse, Reduce, and then Recycle**. Consider buying less-toxic products that do not need to be disposed of as hazardous waste. If you do buy a product, use it up for its intended purpose, or give it to a friend, neighbor, or relative to use. Visit the SWAC website (What Do I Do With page) for locations where electronics, paint, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and waste oil are accepted for **FREE** year round. No need to wait for the HHW events.

2024 HW Schedule - Saturday, **April 27**, Rutland Town Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park; Saturday, **October 5**, Fair Haven Transfer Station, 175 Fair Haven Avenue. These event times are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. These events are free to all SWAC residents. The SWAC website provides additional information on these events.

Between events: Residents that are not part of the Rutland County Solid Waste District (RCSWD) may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the RCSWD Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. This permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and provides drop-off of household hazardous waste, and, trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. Permit purchase is available at the scalehouse or hazardous waste depot at the transfer station or at the RCSWD offices, located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Permits are not available for sale on weekends at either location. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

Special thanks to town staff and transfer station attendants who keep operations going despite the difficulties involved. Many thanks to the SWAC representatives, volunteers, many town clerks, and administrators. They spend countless hours assuring SWAC continues to run efficiently and cost effectively.

Your town was represented by:

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