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2020 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

MAY
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POSTPONED TBD

JUNE
13*

CRAFTSBURY
59 Town Garage Rd. - Fire Station
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

SEPT
19*

JEFFERSONVILLE
Rts. 15 & 108 - G.W. Tatro Parking Lot
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Business waste will be accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. ONLY.
Businesses MUST pre-register with a disposal inventory no later than one week before each collection. Call the office to register: 888-7317
Payment due at time of collection unless you are an LRSWMD approved customer.

Collections are FREE for all District Residents

*At the time of this printing, these two collections are scheduled as planned. However, last minute changes are a regular occurrence during this COVID-19 pandemic. Check our website and Facebook page often for the most up to date information or call the office at 888-7317.

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Acceptable

Aerosols
Automotive Products
Fertilizers
Gasoline/Kerosene
Household Cleaners
Paint (10 gallon limit)
Paint Thinners
Pesticides/Insecticides
Pool/Hobby Chemicals
Thermostats & Thermometers
Waste Oil & Filters

Unacceptable

Asbestos
Batteries*
Electronic Waste*
Empty Containers
Explosives/Ammunition/Fireworks
Fluorescent Bulbs*
Medication & Medical Waste
Radioactive Materials
Propane Tanks*
Tires*
Vaping Devices

*Accepted all year at LRSWMD locations. Fees apply.



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TIME FOR PAUSE

In these uncertain times, we find it most important to keep each other safe and aware of our ever-changing situation. We find solace in new places, comfort where we may least expect it, and goodness in friends and neighbors, and a renewed kinship with family. As Vermonters, there is never a shortage of ingenuity and helpfulness to be shared in tough times.

At the LRSWMD, we are trying our best to provide the essential service of waste collection in a manner that helps limit exposure and risk of transmission. Our dedicated staff continues to be here to help our public properly dispose of materials that cannot be managed at home. We appreciate the dedication of our site attendants and continually find ourselves needing to make difficult decisions to protect their ability to continue to provide this valuable public service.

We expect an end to the pandemic but when that will come is unknown. Until then, we anticipate further unexpected and unannounced operational shifts at our facilities and our services. Our staff is small in number so we must utilize them as efficiently as possible to keep them healthy. Best efforts will be made to communicate these changes with as much warning as possible but there will be times when last minute closures will be necessary. As a community, we will survive these unprecedented times with kindness and compassion. Thank you for being in this with us. May Kitty O'Meara's words provide a bright spot in a darkened time.

And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

— Kitty O'Meara, *And The People Stayed Home*

LAMOILLE SOIL'S DAY HAS COME

July 1, 2020 is the day that Lamoille Soil was built for! Even when completing the Northern Borders Regional Commission grant application in 2016, the goal was always to manage food scraps locally once they could no longer be sent to Vermont's single remaining landfill. Now that date is near, and Lamoille Soil is READY!



The compost recipe has been developed and tested and the microorganisms are prepped, primed and ready to digest all those leftovers and kitchen scraps and turn them into beautiful, nutrient-rich compost for your gardens, lawns and plantings. Compost has so many benefits for the soil. The addition of organic matter, in the form of compost:

- helps retain moisture in the soil during dry periods which means less watering.
- contains several readily available nutrients for plants which means less need for application of chemical fertilizers.
- stabilizes loose and vulnerable soils by preventing erosion and run-off.
- improves the soil's natural microorganism populations which improves disease resistance in plants.
- restores the soil's structure by adding valuable living organisms that bind the soil particles.

There is no limit to the ways compost can be applied! Lamoille Soil compost can be used in the garden when you plant vegetables or flowers, as a soil amendment for planting shrubs, as a top-dressing mulch for all gardens or for weak and damaged lawns. It can also be used as a soil amendment for dense and hardpacked soils. A 2" layer of compost will serve for most of these applications.

If your hands are ready to dig in and start building healthier garden soils, Lamoille Soil compost is the soil amendment for you and is available for purchase.

- \$50/yd3 for bulk compost (discounts for larger quantities) - Pick up by appointment at Lamoille Soil Only.
- \$5/5-gallon Lamoille Soil bucket – All LRSWMD Locations. Available today!
- \$3/5-gallon refills, Bring your own bucket – Johnson, Stowe, and Lamoille Soil Only (941 Wilson Rd., Johnson)

Place your orders early for bulk compost as supplies are limited but it is produced all year. Lamoille Soil does not do deliveries, but we can recommend local contractors who can help. Appointments for picking up bulk compost can be made after April 25. Email compost@lrswmd.org or call the office, 888-7317, to schedule an appointment.



The mission of LRSWMD is to reduce the quantity and toxicity of the trash generated and being sent to the landfill while maintaining or improving overall environmental quality (air, water, and soil), treating customers and employees with respect, and operating within a balanced budget.

IS THIS RECYCLABLE? TIPS TO RECYCLE RIGHT IN VT

by Cassandra Hemenway

We've all done it. There's a thing we're not sure of – a lightbulb, a plastic bag, maybe a Styrofoam tray– and we throw it in the recycling bin because we REALLY want it to be recyclable, even though deep in our hearts, we know it isn't.

Contamination is the biggest problem in the recycling industry, and the number one reason why markets have dipped. Some recycling systems in the U.S. have even shut down, because they cannot find an economically viable way to deal with contamination and sell the materials for recycling. Contamination, in other words, renders recyclables valueless, particularly to foreign markets such as China.

Vermont recyclers have been sending materials mostly to domestic markets for a long time, so, although we feel the economic crunch, our materials ARE getting recycled, for now. While the U.S. catches up with the new recycling reality, more domestic recyclers are coming on line. But whether our materials go to a domestic or an international market, they still need to be sorted correctly, so we can supply a reliably clean, contamination-free, stream to manufacturers down the line.

You can contribute to a clean recycling stream by following these tips:

1. Memorize Vermont's "Statewide Six" mandated recyclables. If it's not on this list, keep it out of your blue bin: Glass (all colors), Rigid plastics (these are hard plastics like yogurt cups or "blister pack" plastic packaging, as opposed to "film" plastics like plastic bags), Corrugated Cardboard (not waxed), Paper (including glossy, newspaper, magazines, office paper, envelopes, boxboard), Steel (food-grade cans like tuna or baked bean cans), Aluminum (cans, pie pans, even aluminum foil if clean and dry and balled up to the size of a tennis ball or larger).
2. Know the process. If you understand where your recyclables go, it's easier to understand how to manage materials and why certain "rules" exist. Vermont's recyclables are mostly managed as "single sort" materials; everything goes in one bin. After you drop off your materials at a transfer station, or they get picked up by your hauler, they get transported to the nearest Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), where humans and high-tech machines sort the materials into the six categories, bale them, and ship them to market.
3. Follow the rules: Both human beings and complex machinery sort your materials once they reach the MRF. A few simple rules make the whole system work.
 - **Rinse food containers.** No need to sterilize, but any container that has had food in it should be empty and rinsed. If you don't want to pick it up and inspect it yourself, then imagine how the person at the recycling center feels.
 - **Know the 2 x 2 rule.** Anything smaller than 2" x 2" or larger

than 2' x 2' cannot go into your blue bin. Small items fall between the cracks at the MRF, and the larger items are too large for efficient sorting on the conveyor belt. (Exception: Caps can go on plastic bottles once bottles are empty and dry.)

- **No Tangles.** Tangles are things like plastic bags, textiles and hoses that tangle up machinery at the MRF. Tangles can cause the MRF to shut down for an hour or more. Imagine the loss of time and money involved in shutting down a factory for a full hour every day!

- **Symbol schmymbol.** Just because it has the chasing arrow symbol does not mean it is recyclable in our region. Think of frozen food bags or Styrofoam – neither of which is recyclable in Vermont, but both of which feature a recycling symbol.

- **Consider the economics.** Recycling is an industry. Blue bin recyclables are the raw materials that eventually get remanufactured into new products. It works because the value of the raw materials exceeds the cost of hauling, sorting, baling and hauling again. If recycling didn't work economically, we wouldn't be able to do it (which explains why some U.S. municipalities have had to temporarily shut down residential recycling until markets improve). Contribute to making recycling work by buying recycled materials made from post-consumer recycled content.

4. Opt out. Recycling is great. It's better than dumping our (often toxic, whether we realize it or not) materials into the landfill. But it is not the best solution environmentally. The best solution is to buy less, use less, and reuse what you have. A full 30 percent of landfilled materials in Vermont are single-use disposables that cannot be recycled. As a first step, consider giving up anything disposable in favor of something reusable; or buy second hand and avoid packaging.

If you have questions about how to properly recycle, call us at 888-7317 or ask a friendly and knowledgeable site attendant.

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GET MONEY TO START FOOD SCRAP PROGRAM IN YOUR TOWN

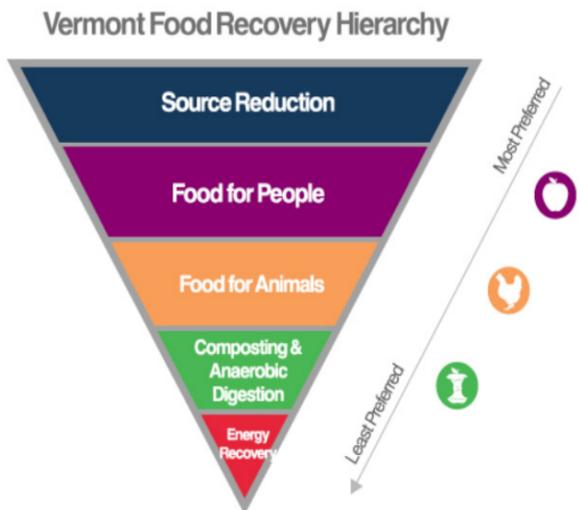
The Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District is pleased to announce this one-time, limited opportunity to assist its member communities in meeting the final milestone of the Universal Recycling & Composting law - the July 1 food scrap ban.

Since the calendar flipped to the futuristic date of 2020, there has been a tremendous uptick in the number of questions from District members regarding the proper management of food scraps to meet the July 1 mandate. We love fielding questions and giving people an "I Can Do This" sense once those questions have been satisfactorily answered. As these conversations continue, we have discovered that no two situations are alike and that we will not be able to answer every District member's question individually. To instill that "I Can Do This" feeling and to reach more communities throughout the District, the new 2020 Food Scraps Seed Fund Program was created.

The 2020 Food Scraps Seed Fund Program is an incentive to increase District-wide participation of member communities to reduce and/or divert food scraps away from the landfill. Creative and original applications are welcomed for programs that support food waste reduction, food rescue for people or animals, composting food scraps or energy recovery. Any aspect of the hierarchy for food recovery (pictured at right) is grant-eligible. Examples include but are in no way limited to: placing kitchen collectors in town buildings, hosting a speaker series on water quality and soil health, setting up a composting system at a community garden, arranging a school field trip to visit an active composting site, etc.

Applications will be accepted from member municipalities, municipally recognized groups or organizations (e.g. conservation commission, energy committee), schools, or federally recognized non-profit entities located within the LRSWMD. Funds will be disbursed on a first come, first serve basis and more than one award can be issued to a single town should an individual project not require the full \$500 allocation. A total of \$500 will be available to each member town through the end of 2020.

The application process is now open and will continue through December 1, 2020. Applications may be found at www.lrswwmd.org or obtained by emailing outreach@lrswwmd.org. Let your creativity loose! We look forward to receiving your applications.



HHW GRANT AWARDED

Grant dollars totaling over \$3,900 from the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation will help increase the safety and management of limited amounts of hazardous waste that is managed at our facilities. The funds awarded through this grant will be used to upgrade dated equipment and purchase new safety containment units.

Occasionally, hazardous waste is found in loads of trash or as abandoned items at LRSWMD drop-off locations. Old gasoline, paint thinners, and leaking containers have been discovered in trash loads. Hazardous wastes have also been found in bags left for reuse at the Stowe Transfer Station. The hazardous materials must be removed by our site attendants and stored safely until the next household hazardous waste collection occurs.

Hazardous waste includes any household product labeled "caution, toxic, danger, hazard, warning, poisonous, reactive, corrosive, or flammable". Many of these products are very common and can be purchased from local hardware, automotive, and grocery stores. Because these products are so common and easy to purchase, many people forget that HHW can be extremely harmful to their health or the environment. (<https://tinyurl.com/wued74q>)

Improper handling of these wastes can result in fires, explosions, or injuries. These items are extremely dangerous to our employees and to the public. In order to protect the health and safety of both people and the environment, it is extremely important to manage hazardous waste appropriately.

The hazardous waste lockers at the Stowe Transfer Station are over 15 years old. They are used solely for temporary storage of abandoned hazardous waste, not for regular disposal of hazardous waste products. Grant dollars will be used to purchase new lockers to ensure that all hazardous waste is safely stored until it can be properly disposed of.

New propane tank cages will be purchased for the Worcester Transfer Station. Regulations are in place to direct the proper and safe collection of these items, part of which requires securing hazardous tanks when they are collected. While collection of these tanks has been occurring in accordance to these requirements, the purchase of a new cylinder storage cabinet will increase the safety and security of our customers and our employees. As a service to our customers, 1 lb. and 20 lb. propane tanks can be recycled all year long at the Worcester, Stowe, Morrisville and Johnson drop-off locations. See the ad on the back of this newsletter for HHW collection dates for this year.

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