



News to Reuse

Addison County Solid Waste Management District

Summer 2022

2021 Leader in Sustainability Award

Addison County Solid Waste Management District received Call2Recycle's 2021 Top 100 Leaders in Sustainability Award for battery recycling. We were able to successfully divert more than 16,000 lbs of batteries in 2021 from the landfill!



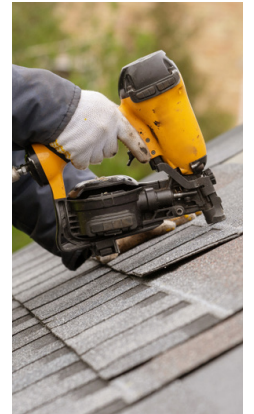
Introducing Emily Johnston: Public Outreach Coordinator!

We'd like to introduce Emily Johnston, the new Public Outreach Coordinator. Originally from New Jersey, Emily graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in Environmental Science and a minor in Geospatial Technologies and is thrilled to start her career in Addison County. She is an avid poet and collector of pressed plants. You can find her on hiking trails identifying the ferns under eastern white pines. She hopes to bring creative new ways to minimize waste to Addison County residents and is excited to form relationships with local businesses and school districts. If you are interested in or have questions surrounding your waste production, please reach out to Emily at emily@acswmd.org or call her at 388-2333 ext 221.



Special Recycling Reminder: Asphalt Shingles and Drywall

Do you have construction projects in the works? Special recycling is available at the District transfer station for drywall and asphalt shingles. It's fine to leave tar, paper, and nails unseparated from asphalt shingles. Acceptable drywall scraps must be from new construction, unpainted, uncoated, and dry. Any wet or moldy drywall is not accepted. The rate for these materials is \$110/ton.



Act 148: Anniversary of Food Residual Ban

Two years ago, ACT 148 phased-in the mandated separation of food residuals from the landfill. On this anniversary, we want to say thank you for keeping food scraps out of the trash. Food scraps can be composted in backyard compost systems or by feeding chickens. Some licensed haulers collect food scraps curbside. Our website supplies a list of haulers. Alternatively, you can bring food scraps to your local town drop-off or the District Transfer Station on Route 7.



Open Year-Round: HazWaste Center

Located at the District Transfer Station on Route 7 South in Middlebury, the HazWaste Center is open year round for District residents.

Drop off household hazardous waste free of charge every Monday through Friday from 8 AM - 2 PM, and Saturday from 8:00 AM – 1 PM. Unsure if hazardous? Visit www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org/hazwaste

Do's and Don'ts of Recycling

Items are sometimes placed in blue bins that actually belong in special recycling or the trash. Here are some "Do's and Don'ts" to help with navigating recyclables from non-recyclables.



Do

- Do: put paper, plastic containers and packaging, cardboard, metal cans, aluminum and glass bottles and jars in your blue bins.
- 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

Limiting Food Waste

According to the USEPA and USDA, 30% of food in the US is wasted. This has far-reaching impacts from climate change to food insecurity. Below, find some helpful tips to limit the amount of food waste you produce.



- Shop your fridge first; use **clear storage bins** and check to see if anything is close to expiring before shopping.
- Go to the grocery store with meals in mind. **A shopping list** keeps you on track in-store.
- Don't go to the store hungry; you'll be more likely to only **buy what you need**.
- If you made it, eat it. **Eat leftovers** from large meals and restaurants before they go bad.
- Get creative with recipes, **use leftovers** in a new meal or **repurpose** otherwise discarded parts of food such as using citrus peels in DIY house cleaners.
- Store foods **properly** to keep them longer.
- Freeze food! Some foods can keep for months in the **freezer**, allowing for more time to eat them.
- Donate food you will not use. Feeding America states that 1 in 9 Vermont residents face hunger. **Donations** help.
- Compost! Anything not eaten or spoiled can be **composted**.



Special Recycling: Propane Tanks

Propane tanks are pressurized cylinders that could explode if not handled properly, leading to serious injury of solid waste workers. Please keep all tanks out of the trash. **Do not put them in your blue bins**, and do not put them in our scrap metal collection trailer! We handle propane tanks separately from all other materials as special recycling at the HazWaste Center.



Before bringing your propane tank, make sure it is empty or close to empty. Call ahead if disposing of tanks above 20 lbs.

Rates:

1-lb (Residential): No charge

1-lb (Business): \$1 each

20-lb+ (resident or business): \$5 each

Special Recycling: Clean Plastic Bag & Film Recycling

These polyethylene materials are accepted at the Transfer Station if they are EMPTY, CLEAN and DRY:

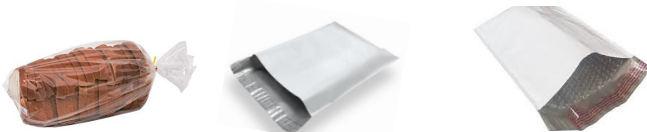


- Grocery bags
- Produce bags
- Ziploc bags
- Bubble wrap & air pillows
- Cereal bags
- Dry cleaning bags
- Stretch wrap & plastic wrap
- Newspaper bags
- Ice bags
- Stretchy product wrap (from products such as bottled water and paper products)

These items are accepted if they are empty, clean and dry and meet CERTAIN CRITERIA:

- Plastic shipping envelopes (may be bubble-lined)
- Plastic bread bags (no paper/plastic combo bags)
- Wood pellet & softener salt pellet bags

Criteria: As much as possible, cut out or tear off paper labels.



Criteria: Both ends MUST be completely cut off, and each bag must be turned inside out or completely cut down on one side to form an open sheet.



These items must go in the TRASH because they are generally not made from polyethylene:

Food-contact bags & packaging (other than those listed above), especially:

- Pre-washed salad mix bags
- Grape bags
- Chip bags
- Candy and energy bar wrappers
- Metallic/foil packaging & anything with shiny foil lining
- Snack food bags, including for pretzels & nuts
- Meat & cheese packaging
- Mesh bags

Also discard in the trash:

- Pet food & bird seed bags
- Woven grain & feed bags
- Biodegradable or compostable materials
- Cellophane
- Six-pack rings
- Paper envelopes lined with bubble wrap
- Anything labeled with a number that is not a 2 or a 4 (such as 5 or 7) or with the strike-through labels below:

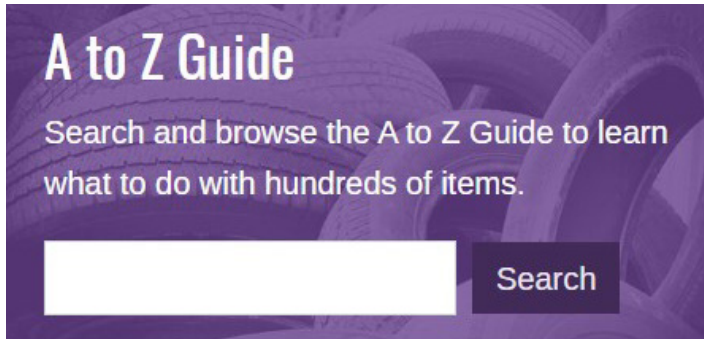


What is the Addison County Solid Waste Management District?

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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