

Keep Your Event out of the Landfill!

In our area, the **generator** of trash, mandatory recyclables, or compostables must ensure that the material is collected and properly managed. **The generator** is the person or entity who signs a contract with a waste hauler, or who manages the disposal themselves.

It is the generator's responsibility to ensure that staff, attendees, and vendors adhere to recycling requirements. If a hauler's load contains enough improper materials to trigger a fine, there is a good chance that the generator will be held responsible for the additional cost.

Notification Requirements

Starting July 1, 2016, anyone who coordinates the use of a venue for public or private events must include the following information in the permit, reservation form, or contract:

- Information about SWWCSWMD's waste diversion requirements
- SWWCSWMD's phone number and web address as a resource
- A requirement that users comply with waste diversion requirements as a condition of use of the venue

Recycling

In Vermont, it is illegal to send recyclables to a landfill. They must be separated from trash and delivered to a licensed facility.

Mandatory recyclables

Glass food & beverage containers *Without lids!*
Plastic food & beverage containers *Without lids!*
Clean, plastic lids at least 2" in diameter are recyclable
Metal food & beverage containers
No bottle caps or other metal objects
Aluminum foil, pie plates, etc.
Paper used for communication, and boxboard
Cardboard—corrugated
Flatten. Must be clean and dry

Not recyclable: paper cups, plates, bowls, & napkins; disposable cutlery, straws/coffee stirrers, wooden utensils, toothpicks, plastic bags/wrappers, waxed paper wrappings & bags; any item that has food residue

Paired Containers

Starting July 1, 2016, any trash can that is accessible to the public must be paired with a clearly labeled recycling receptacle. This includes containers placed on a temporary basis for events. Paired containers are already mandatory for all public property including state/municipal parks.

Recycling and trash containers must be placed as close to each other as possible to provide equally convenient access, and be properly labeled.

Recycling containers should be medium or royal blue. Trash containers CANNOT be blue.

Food Scrap Diversion

Currently, large generators of food scraps or food-production residuals are prohibited by state law from disposing of that material in a landfill. Soon that will be true for all of us! Here is the timeline:

Mandatory food scrap diversion

By July 1, 2015:

Generators of at least 52 tons/year
(about six to eight 64-gallon carts/week)

By July 1, 2016:

Generators of at least 26 tons/year
(about three to four 64-gallon carts/week)

By July 1, 2017:

Generators of at least 18 tons/year
(about two 64-gallon carts/week)

By July 1, 2020:

Food scraps and residuals will be banned from the landfill for everyone in Vermont.