



Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance  
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## Meeting Agenda

Wednesday Sept. 04, 2024; 4:00 to 5:00 PM

Arlington Town Hall, 3828 Route 7A, Arlington, VT 05250 with Remote Option

- 1) Introductions and Review of Meeting Minutes- 4:00 pm (Chair) p.2-5
- 2) FY24 Q3 Report– 4:05 pm (BCRC Staff) p.6-7
- 3) Proposal for Compost Committee - 4:15 pm (BCRC Staff)
  - a. MOU with Southwestern Vermont Chamber of Commerce p.8-9
- 4) USDA Grant Application - 4:25 pm (BCRC Staff) p.10-13
- 5) Household Hazardous Waste Facility - 4:30 pm (BCRC Staff)
  - a. Facility Operations
  - b. Facility Inspection & Corrective Actions p. 13-14
- 6) Legislative Update – 4:35 (BCRC Staff) p.15-16
- 7) Outreach & Events Update - 4:40 pm (BCRC Staff)
  - a. Fix It Fun! 2 With Bennington Library
  - b. Public Outreach & Events
  - c. Other Activities
- 8) Public Comments - 4:50 pm (Chair)
- 9) Upcoming Meetings and Events - 4: 55 pm (Chair)



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## Draft Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 05, 2024; 4:00 to 5:30 PM  
Arlington Town Hall, 3828 Route 7A, Arlington, VT 05250 with Remote Option

**Town Representatives Present:** Gordon Black, Town of Manchester; Nancy Bushika, Town of Stamford; Stu Hurd, Town of Bennington; Brad Peacock, Town of Shaftsbury; Linda Schmidt, Town of Sandgate; Tom Shuey, Town of Pownal; Nick Zaic, Town of Arlington; Dixie Zens, Town of Sunderland.

**BCSWA Staff:** Scott Grimm-Lyon, Paula Kamperman

- 1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, and Ratification of Actions:** Dixie Zens called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM. Tom Shuey made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/13/23 BCSWA board meetings seconded by Nick Zaic and unanimously approved. Stu Hurd made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/13/23 and 3/13/24 BCSWA board meetings seconded by Zaic and unanimously approved. Zaic made a motion to ratify and accept board actions from 3/13/24 that were made when no quorum was present, seconded by Hurd and unanimously approved.
- 2. FY24 Q3 Report:** Scott Grimm-Lyon reported that the cost of operations for BCSWA in Q3 of Fiscal Year 2024 was \$73,987.03, which is approximately 27% of the annual operating budget. Grimm-Lyon reported that the only spending category that was higher than expected was BCRC management/staff time, which is expected to be lower in Q4 due to the use of vacation time. Grimm-Lyon also reported that HHW facility spending was within expectations.
- 3. FY25 Budget:** Grimm-Lyon went over the budget proposal for FY25. The \$224,735.00 budget is a 4.5% increase from FY24 with only a few minor changes largely related to staff and contractor costs. Grimm-Lyon said the estimates for spending related to HHW facility operations reflect the current contract and staffing that we have with Heritage Environmental, and that a new contract negotiation with the company will be over the winter. The new contract may include an increase in costs for services starting in calendar year 2025 that are not reflected in the budget proposal. A motion to approve the budget as written was made by Zaic, seconded by Gordon Black, and unanimously



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approved.

4. **FY25 Management Contract with BCRC:** Grimm-Lyon went over details of the BCRC management contract, and explained that spending categories in the contract are based on Solid Waste Implementation Plan. A proposal to accept the contract as written was made by Hurd, seconded by Shuey and unanimously approved.
5. **Household Hazardous Waste Facility:** Grimm-Lyon gave an update on the HHW Facility operations and expenses. The household hazardous waste facility has been operational for three weeks. A significant amount of waste has been collected, with a scheduled pickup on June 10th. Small businesses (VSQGs) are utilizing the facility more than they have in the past two years; and the daily appointment limit of 19 residential appointments has been consistently booked each week, with minimal no-shows. Herd asked for information about participation rates. Grimm-Lyon reported that number of households participating is steady, although fewer appointments are available compared to previous events. Households are bringing in approximately 40% more waste than at past events. Shuey suggested to ask participants if they represent more than one household to gather better data. Ziac agreed but said that a consistent rate should be paid per appointment and not per household. Grimm-Lyon said he will add a question related to households represented on the registration form
6. **Waste Hauler Compliance:** Grimm-Lyon reported that a meeting was held with the State Department of Natural Resources to discuss compliance on June 4th. Only one hauler attended the meeting despite outreach to 21 parties. A discussion followed related to state regulations for waste haulers and local registration requirements. Grimm-Lyon suggested we should consider to review local rules for small haulers during the renewal period for the Solid Waste Implementation Plan.
7. **Legislative Updates:** Grimm-Lyon reported on p The state expanded the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Bill to include additional types of rechargeable batteries. This expansion will allow for the proper disposal of these batteries at no additional cost to anyone currently collecting and sending batteries back through the Call2Recycle program.



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8. **Book Collections:** Grimm Lyon reported that the book collection service previously managed by Discover Books is now operated by Bay State Books. Bay State Books has maintained the same drivers and operations as the previous company. The program pledges to recycle or donate all books, ensuring nothing ends up in a landfill
  
9. **Outreach & Events Update:** Paula Kamperman spoke on her continued difficulty to get event organizers to comply with Food separation guidelines and encouraged the towns to include sample language related to the state solid waste management laws in event permits. She noted that out-of-state event hosts may be unfamiliar with Vermont's three stream waste separation requirements (recycling, composting, trash), leading to confusion when she visits events close to the event date. BCSWA has co-sponsored the Bennington Townwide Tag Sale, contributing \$200 for advertising to promote reuse and prevent items from ending up in the trash. The sale is scheduled for July 27th. Kamperman promoted the Hazardous Waste Facility by distributing flyers to transfer stations, town halls, libraries, post offices, and retail locations, as well as updating a PSA that was sent to GNAT, Cat TV, and posted online. A segment focused on the Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility and special recycling programs was featured on "Trash Talk," and Grimm-Lyon will participate in a similar segment on June 17th. Additional flyers will be replenished at transfer stations in July, with a PDF copy sent to towns so they can print more to distribute. Recent outreach activities included efforts at two schools, four events, and one business, as well as participation in the Dorset, Arlington, and Manchester farmers markets. Kamperman and Grimm-Lyon also attended the VORS conference on organics, sustainability, and composting, and Paula presented at Arlington Common's Good News Energy and Resilience Fair, with plans to host a booth at the Manchester Energy Fair on June 15th. Other upcoming events include a Composting Fair on June 15th in Bennington, featuring a green cone door prize giveaway, and a Fix-It Fair scheduled for November 9th at the Bennington Free Library. Paula also noted that battery collection at Farmers Markets has been highly successful, with six boxes recently shipped and another already 3/4 full. She reminded towns of the requirement to provide parallel collection of waste and recycling in public spaces, highlighting Shaftsbury's new park as an opportunity to plan for compliant waste collection as the park is being built now.



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**10. Public Comments:** Jeffery Anderson of the company Dometic in Manchester requested assistance from BCSWA in attracting a fabric recycling service to the region that caters more to manufacturing waste. He said that the textile waste he produces is of a different quality than the existing textile recycling industry in the region which caters to clothing and residential collection. Grimm-Lyon said he will follow up with Mr. Anderson after the meeting and connect him to resources that may be available from NERC and the local CEDS.

**11. Next Meeting/Adjournment:** The next meeting will be Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 4PM.

A motion to adjourn was made by Zaic, seconded by Brad Peacock, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

**Table 1:**

**BCSWA FY24 Expenses by category and income from grants, sales and donations**

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>FY24 Q1</b>	<b>FY24 Q2</b>	<b>FY24 Q3</b>	<b>FY24 Q4</b>	<b>FY24 Total Spending</b>	<b>FY24 Budget</b>	<b>% over or Under Budget</b>	<b>FY25 Budget</b>
<b>BCRC Management</b>								
Salary & Benefits	\$ 19,513.08	\$ 15,392.44	\$ 20,090.51	\$ 16,614.76	\$ 71,610.79	\$ 53,460.00		\$ 63,960.42
Indirect Costs	\$ 12,014.20	\$ 9,477.13	\$ 12,369.72	\$ 10,229.71	\$ 44,090.76	\$ 36,035.50		\$ 39,380.58
<b>Total BCRC</b>	<b>\$ 31,527.28</b>	<b>\$ 24,869.57</b>	<b>\$ 32,460.23</b>	<b>\$ 26,844.47</b>	<b>\$ 115,701.55</b>	<b>\$ 89,495.50</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>\$ 103,341.00</b>
<b>Outreach Program</b>								
Outreach Program Manager	\$ 13,550.00	\$ 11,625.00	\$ 12,428.50	\$ 14,177.50	\$ 51,781.00	\$ 54,000.00		\$ 55,000.00
Outreach Events & Expenses	\$ 2,619.87	\$ 2,763.20	\$ 1,378.49	\$ 2,258.48	\$ 9,020.04	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 7,000.00
<b>Total Outreach</b>	<b>\$ 16,169.87</b>	<b>\$ 14,388.20</b>	<b>\$ 13,806.99</b>	<b>\$ 16,435.98</b>	<b>\$ 60,801.04</b>	<b>\$ 59,000.00</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>\$ 62,000.00</b>
<b>HHW Program*</b>								
Facility Operations	\$ 4,318.38	\$ 6,267.43	\$ 3,108.19	\$ 3,228.50	\$ 16,922.50	\$ 31,846.50		\$ 22,000.00
HHW Disposal	\$ 3,113.50	\$ 13,263.82	\$ 19,087.53	\$ 27,451.54	\$ 62,916.39	\$ 56,050.47		\$ 55,000.00
<b>Total HHW</b>	<b>\$ 7,431.88</b>	<b>\$ 19,531.25</b>	<b>\$ 22,195.72</b>	<b>\$ 30,680.04</b>	<b>\$ 79,838.89</b>	<b>\$ 87,896.97</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>\$ 77,000.00</b>
<b>Compost Program</b>								
Compost Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00		\$ -
<b>Total Compost</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>	<b>-100%</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>								
Advertising	\$ 2,560.00		\$ 100.50	\$ 2,872.00	\$ 5,532.50	\$ 12,000.00		\$ 12,000.00
Dues & Memberships	\$ 2,559.00	\$ -	\$ 2,685.30	\$ 538.86	\$ 5,783.16	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
Insurance	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 512.50	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 2,037.50	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
Software & Computer	\$ 82.49	\$ 305.37	\$ 82.50	\$ 82.50	\$ 552.86	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Supplies & Equipment	\$ 39.22	\$ 36.99	\$ 118.11	\$ 864.50	\$ 1,058.82	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Travel	\$ 178.68	\$ 70.69	\$ 252.19	\$ 20.00	\$ 521.56	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Website	\$ 62.66	\$ 593.99	\$ 1,772.99	\$ 160.51	\$ 2,590.15	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>\$ 5,482.05</b>	<b>\$ 1,507.04</b>	<b>\$ 5,524.09</b>	<b>\$ 5,563.37</b>	<b>\$ 18,076.55</b>	<b>\$ 24,500.00</b>	<b>-26%</b>	<b>\$ 24,500.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 60,611.08</b>	<b>\$ 60,296.06</b>	<b>\$ 73,987.03</b>	<b>\$ 79,523.86</b>	<b>\$ 274,418.03</b>	<b>\$ 267,892.47</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>\$ 266,841.00</b>
<b>Income</b>								
ANR SWIP Grant (HHW)			\$ 32,499.00		\$ 32,499.00	\$ 32,499.47	0%	\$ 31,856.00
Compost bin sales	\$ 137.93		\$ 979.44		\$ 1,117.37	\$ 9,000.00	-88%	\$ 1,000.00
Donations								
HHW Facility Fee	\$ 379.00	\$ 493.00		\$ 4,977.80	\$ 5,849.80	\$ 4,000.00	46%	\$ 1,750.00
VAAFM Pesticides Grant (HHW)				\$ 6,621.14	\$ 6,621.14	\$ 7,718.00	-14%	\$ 7,500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 516.93</b>	<b>\$ 493.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,478.44</b>	<b>\$ 11,598.94</b>	<b>\$ 46,087.31</b>	<b>\$ 53,217.47</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>\$ 42,106.00</b>
<b>Expenses-Income</b>	<b>\$ 60,094.15</b>	<b>\$ 59,803.06</b>	<b>\$ 40,508.59</b>	<b>\$ 67,924.92</b>	<b>\$ 228,330.72</b>	<b>\$ 214,675.00</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>\$ 224,735.00</b>

**Table 2**

Quarterly allocation of expenses by town

Town	% of Population	FY24 Quarter 1	FY24 Quarter 2	FY24 Quarter 3	FY23 Quarter 4	FY24 Year Total	Quarterly Budget	Annual Budget
Arlington	7%	\$ 4,248.35	\$ 4,227.77	\$ 2,863.75	\$ 4,801.94	\$ 16,141.81	\$ 3,794.10	\$ 15,176.42
Bennington	44%	\$ 26,511.97	\$ 26,383.55	\$ 17,871.33	\$ 29,966.70	\$ 100,733.56	\$ 23,677.25	\$ 94,709.01
Dorset	6%	\$ 3,688.13	\$ 3,670.26	\$ 2,486.11	\$ 4,168.72	\$ 14,013.22	\$ 3,293.78	\$ 13,175.13
Glastenbury	0%	\$ 15.56	\$ 15.49	\$ 10.49	\$ 17.59	\$ 59.13	\$ 13.90	\$ 55.59
Manchester	13%	\$ 7,753.19	\$ 7,715.64	\$ 5,226.31	\$ 8,763.50	\$ 29,458.64	\$ 6,924.20	\$ 27,696.81
Pownal	9%	\$ 5,633.34	\$ 5,606.05	\$ 3,797.35	\$ 6,367.41	\$ 21,404.16	\$ 5,031.01	\$ 20,124.04
Rupert	2%	\$ 1,206.90	\$ 1,201.05	\$ 813.55	\$ 1,364.17	\$ 4,585.67	\$ 1,077.85	\$ 4,311.41
Sandgate	1%	\$ 669.15	\$ 665.91	\$ 451.07	\$ 756.35	\$ 2,542.48	\$ 597.61	\$ 2,390.43
Searsburg	0%	\$ 217.86	\$ 216.81	\$ 146.86	\$ 246.25	\$ 827.79	\$ 194.57	\$ 778.28
Shaftsbury	10%	\$ 6,221.23	\$ 6,191.09	\$ 4,193.64	\$ 7,031.91	\$ 23,637.86	\$ 5,556.04	\$ 22,224.16
Stamford	2%	\$ 1,488.74	\$ 1,481.53	\$ 1,003.54	\$ 1,682.73	\$ 5,656.53	\$ 1,329.56	\$ 5,318.23
Sunderland	3%	\$ 1,825.91	\$ 1,817.06	\$ 1,230.82	\$ 2,063.84	\$ 6,937.63	\$ 1,630.68	\$ 6,522.71
Woodford	1%	\$ 613.82	\$ 610.85	\$ 413.77	\$ 693.81	\$ 2,332.25	\$ 548.19	\$ 2,192.77
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 60,094.15</b>	<b>\$ 59,803.06</b>	<b>\$ 40,508.59</b>	<b>\$ 67,924.92</b>	<b>\$ 228,330.72</b>	<b>\$ 53,668.75</b>	<b>\$ 214,675.00</b>
							Amount Over/Under budget:	<b>\$ (13,655.72)</b>

**Table 3**

**BCRC Management Hours by Program Area FY24**

Program Area	Annual Total	Average Hours/Week
BCRC Administration	28.3	0.5
Total Hours: Program Manager	1,214.0	23.3
Program Administration	671.0	12.9
General Actions	103.0	2.0
HHW	431.0	8.3
Multi-Media Program	9.0	0.2

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**  
**Between**  
*The Southwestern Vermont Chamber (SWVT Chamber)*  
**and**  
*Solid Waste Alliance Compost Committee (SWACC)*

**Date:** August 29, 2024

**Purpose:**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the Southwestern Vermont Chamber (SWVT Chamber) and the Solid Waste Alliance Compost Committee (SWACC) with the shared goal of minimizing waste and reducing the carbon footprint of the Garlic Festival through collaborative efforts and forward-thinking practices.

**Scope of Collaboration:**

**Year 1 (2024):**

- **Notification:** At the conclusion of the 2024 Garlic Festival, the SWVT Chamber will inform all participating vendors of the forthcoming changes in service ware requirements for the 2025 event.
- **Waste Management:** SWACC will work with the SWVT Chamber to revise waste stations, ensuring they are fully volunteer-controlled. This measure aims to reduce sorting errors and improve waste management efficiency.

**Year 2 (2025):**

- **Vendor Requirements:**
  - The SWVT Chamber will notify all potential vendors by April 2025 that, beginning with the 2025 Garlic Festival, all vendors are required to use compostable or reusable service ware, including flatware, food, and drink containers that are acceptable to local composting facilities. Single-use or recyclable custom items will no longer be permitted, and vendors must provide compostable alternatives at their own expense. This requirement excludes water bottles and returnable containers.
- **Disciplinary System:**
  - A disciplinary system will be established and implemented to promote adherence to the new waste management standards. When violators are identified they will be reported to the festival's Waste Management Coordinator or other person appointed by the SWVT Chamber. Repeated violations will result in penalties that can include exclusion from future Chamber festivals.

## **Year 3 and 4 (2026, 2027):**

- **Zero-Tolerance Policy:**

- A strict zero-tolerance policy will be enforced, requiring all vendors to comply with use of compostable and reusable service ware that is accepted at local composting facilities. Any vendor failing to meet these requirements will have the option to purchase compostable and re-usable service ware from the event organizer or other local distributor or not participate in the festival. If a vendor does not comply, they may face exclusion from future Garlic Festivals.

## **Responsibilities:**

- **SWVT Chamber:**

- Notify all vendors about the new waste management requirements.
- Communicate and enforce the disciplinary system, in collaboration with SWACC, to ensure vendor compliance.
- Implement and manage the disciplinary system, providing feedback to vendors and reporting violations as necessary.
- By Year 3 (2026) provide a wholesale option at the time of the festival to vendors who do not arrive with appropriate compostable and re-usable service ware.
- Take steps toward requiring a similar mandate for appropriate compostable and re-usable service ware at all Chamber sponsored events, with full adoption across Chamber events expected by 2028.

- **SWACC:**

- Provide 30 half-day shifts of volunteers to support waste management efforts during the festival for the years of 2025, 2026, and 2027. These volunteers will report to the designated Garlic Captain in charge of waste and follow all festival waste management policies and procedures.
- Provide feedback to the SWVT Chamber.

## **Statement of Intent:**

This MOU reflects the shared commitment of the SWVT Chamber and the SWACC to work together in good faith toward achieving the waste reduction and sustainability goals outlined in this document. This MOU does not create legally binding obligations for either party. Both parties agree to regularly review and discuss the progress of this collaboration and make adjustments as needed to support the success of the festival and its Toward Zero Waste efforts.

## **Signatures:**

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## **USDA Fiscal Year 2024 Composting and Food Waste Reduction (CFWR) Grant**

The purpose of CFWR is to provide assistance through a cooperative agreement to municipalities, counties, other local governments, tribes, school districts, and special districts governments in the United States to carry out planning and implementation activities that will-

- generate compost;
- increase access to compost for agricultural producers;
- reduce reliance on, and limit the use of, fertilizer;
- improve soil quality;
- encourage waste management and permaculture business development;
- increase rainwater absorption;
- reduce municipal food waste; and
- divert food waste from landfills.

**Grant Period:** 2 years with a project start date of March 1, 2025. and a project end date of April 30, 2027

**Local Match:** 25% (Cash and/or In-kind)

**Grant Award:** Between \$75,000 and \$500,000

Information available at:

<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/cfwr-faqs-fy24.pdf>

### **BCSWA, BCRC and BCCC Combined Grant Application**

**Total Project Budget:** \$350,000

Grant Funds from USDA: \$262,500

Local Match: \$87,500 (cash and in-kind)

BCSWA Share of local match: \$25,000 (cash)

Bennington County Conservation Committee Compost for Schools Program

BCCC Project Budget: \$250,000

Grant Funds from USDA: \$187,500

(No BCSWA Hours/Responsibility)

BCSWA Food Scrap Separation at Events Program

BCSWA Project Budget: \$100,000

Grant Funds from USDA: \$75,000

BCSWA Share: \$25,000

Task	Estimated Number of Hours	% of Time
Organize a Volunteer Green Team	372	30%
Update 13 Town Event Permits	310	25%
Equipment Purchase, Distribution, Cleaning & Management	248	20%
Grant Management	124	10%
Establish Local Partnerships with Event Organizers	124	10%
Host Workshops & Training	62	5%

**Total Hours: 1240**  
**Estimated Hours/Week 11.92**  
**Estimated Hours Paula Kamperman 10/week**

Project Budget (BCSWA Section)	
Waste Receptacles	\$ 8,520.00
Storage Structure	\$ 3,200.00
Staff Time	\$ 74,472.00
Indirect asnd Other	\$ 14,024.00
<b>Project Budget:</b>	<b>\$100,216.00</b>
USDA Grant:	\$ 75,162.00
Town Share:	\$ 25,054.00

USDA Grant Proposal Food Scraps at Events

Quarterly allocation of expenses by town

Town	2020 Population	% of Population	2020 Share	FY26 Expenses	FY27 Expenses	Grant Period Total	Quarterly Budget
Arlington	2,457	7%	0.0707	\$ 885.59	\$ 885.59	\$ 1,771.19	\$ 221.40
Bennington	15,333	44%	0.4412	\$ 5,526.59	\$ 5,526.59	\$ 11,053.17	\$ 1,381.65
Dorset	2,133	6%	0.0614	\$ 768.81	\$ 768.81	\$ 1,537.63	\$ 192.20
Glastenbury	9	0%	0.0003	\$ 3.24	\$ 3.24	\$ 6.49	\$ 0.81
Manchester	4,484	13%	0.1290	\$ 1,616.20	\$ 1,616.20	\$ 3,232.40	\$ 404.05
Pownal	3,258	9%	0.0937	\$ 1,174.30	\$ 1,174.30	\$ 2,348.61	\$ 293.58
Rupert	698	2%	0.0201	\$ 251.59	\$ 251.59	\$ 503.17	\$ 62.90
Sandgate	387	1%	0.0111	\$ 139.49	\$ 139.49	\$ 278.98	\$ 34.87
Searsburg	126	0%	0.0036	\$ 45.42	\$ 45.42	\$ 90.83	\$ 11.35
Shaftsbury	3,598	10%	0.1035	\$ 1,296.85	\$ 1,296.85	\$ 2,593.71	\$ 324.21
Stamford	861	2%	0.0248	\$ 310.34	\$ 310.34	\$ 620.67	\$ 77.58
Sunderland	1,056	3%	0.0304	\$ 380.62	\$ 380.62	\$ 761.24	\$ 95.16
Woodford	355	1%	0.0102	\$ 127.96	\$ 127.96	\$ 255.91	\$ 31.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,755</b>		<b>1.000</b>	<b>\$ 12,527.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,527.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,054.00</b>	

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
Waste Management & Prevention Division 802-828-1138  
**SOLID WASTE FACILITY – TRANSFER STATION INSPECTION FORM**

<b>FACILITY NAME:</b> Town of Bennington Recycling Drop Off Center <b>SWF ID#:</b> BN082 and BN081A HHW/VSQG		<b>DATE/TIME:</b> 7/25/2024 <b>SWME:</b> Bennington SWMA	
<b>LOCATION:</b> Houghton Rd, Bennington		<b>DEC STAFF:</b> Aric Brown (Cindy Grimes 7/25/2024)	
<b>OWNER/OPERATOR:</b> Town of Bennington Wanda (Scalehouse)		<b>FACILITY STAFF:</b> <b>Scott Grimm-Lyons (Alliance Staff)</b>	
<b>OK</b>		<b>NOT OK</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>Hazardous Waste Collection</b>			
<b>X</b>	Secondary Containment		Nothing observed in overflow – speedy dry available
	24" Aisle Space	<b>X</b>	One out of three closets- the middle- had overflow of material (VSQG waste)
<b>X</b>	Incompatibles Storage		Room for incompatibles in adjacent shed
	Log Inventory	<b>X</b>	Not available
	Daily inspection Checklist	<b>X</b>	Not available
<b>X</b>	Operation Dates		Monday's by appointment – Staffed by contractor and District
<b>X</b>	Safety equipment		Fire safety
<b>Other Facility Specific Conditions/Issues</b>			



**Example Weekly Inspection Checklist for Short-Term Hazardous Waste Storage Areas  
Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation**

**Name of Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE AREA WEEKLY INSPECTION CHECKLIST** (for fully-regulated generators)

**For Month of** \_\_\_\_\_ **;** **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Rusting, bulging or leaking container(s)?	Availability of Safety and emergency Equipment (fire extinguisher, spill kit, decontamination equipment)?	24-inch aisle space?	Problem areas and corrective actions taken?	Signature or initials of inspector

**For Month of** \_\_\_\_\_ **;** **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Rusting, bulging or leaking container(s)?	Availability of Safety and emergency Equipment (fire extinguisher, spill kit, decontamination equipment)?	24-inch aisle space?	Problem areas and corrective actions taken?	Signature or initials of inspector

**Note: Weekly inspections shall be conducted at least every seven (7) days.**

## Vermont Household Hazardous Waste EPR Law Covered Products



### What HHW Products are covered under Act 58 – Vermont’s Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Law?

The Vermont Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Law ([Act 58 of 2023](#)) requires manufacturers of “covered household hazardous products” to provide free statewide collection of covered household hazardous products. Manufacturers must allow all municipal HHW collection programs operated by Vermont’s municipal solid waste management entities (“SWMEs”) to opt to be a part of the collection plan.

#### What is a covered household hazardous product?

A “covered household hazardous product” means a consumer product offered for retail sale in Vermont that meets the following characteristics:

- The product must be a consumer product (defined as products regularly used or purchased to be used for personal, family or household purposes), and
- The product must be contained in the receptacle in which the product is offered for retail sale; **and** the product must meet either of the following:
  - The product or a component of the product is a hazardous waste under subchapter 2 of the [Vermont Hazardous Waste Management Regulations](#) regardless of the status of the generator (generator is the person who generates the waste brought for collection, it is not the manufacturer in this instance) of the hazardous waste; **or**
  - The product is a gas cylinder. See below for details on gas cylinders.

Below are categories of products that may be considered “covered” under Vermont’s HHW EPR law. This list may not be inclusive of all possible types of covered products. Manufacturers of covered products are obligated to determine whether or not their product is covered as defined in this statute. Manufacturers can contact the ANR-DEC, Vermont Solid Waste Program (802-828-1138, [VTrecycles.com](#)) if they would like assistance determining if a product is “covered.”

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| • Aerosols (flammable or toxic) | • Fire Extinguishers (up to 50 pounds water capacity) | • Flammable lubricants       |
| • Automotive products           | • Flammable degreasers                                | • Flammable liquid adhesives |
|                                 |   | • Furniture strippers        |

- Glues and adhesives
- Grout/Masonry cleaners
- Non-Bleach Hazardous cleaners with a pH level below 2 or above 12.5\*
- Lamp Kerosene
- Lighter fluid
- Marine, Auto, Traffic and Road Paints
- Marine and Road Flares
- Nicotine vaping devices
- Paint thinners, solvents, and removers
- Rust remover
- Tar and bug remover
- Gas Cylinders:
  - Non refillable Helium, Spray Foam Insulation Tanks, CO<sub>2</sub>, or other flammable pressurized gas (up to 50 pounds water capacity. Medical or industrial grade not covered)
- Single-use and rechargeable handheld fire extinguishers (up to 50lbs water capacity)
- Small Propane up to one pound (refillable and non-refillable)

### What products are NOT covered by the HHW EPR law?

Products which are required to be registered with the VT Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (AAFM) Pesticide Registration Law are exempt from the HHW EPR law, such as:

- Pesticides
- Pool and Hot Tub Cleaners
- Insect Repellents
- Turf Products, and
- Cleaning Products containing Bleach with antimicrobial claims.

All AAFM-registered pesticide products are not covered under HHW EPR law but may still be collected with other HHW products. VT AAFM uses manufacturers registration fees to defray pesticide collection costs.

Other products not covered by the law—some of which may have existing EPR programs—include:

- Any product sold only for industrial or business to business use
- A product not contained in the receptacle in which the product is offered for retail sale
- An empty covered household hazardous product container (note that empty gas cylinders are covered)
- An unlabeled covered household hazardous product container
- Primary and Rechargeable Batteries (see Vermont’s “Special Recycling” EPR program page)
- Mercury-Containing Lamps and Thermostats (see Vermont’s “Special Recycling” EPR program page)
- Architectural Paint and Primers (see Vermont’s “Special Recycling” EPR program page)
- Covered Electronic Devices (see Vermont’s “Special Recycling” EPR program page)
- Pharmaceutical Drugs
- Citronella Candles
- Flea and Tick Collars
- Any products intended to be rubbed, poured, sprinkled on, sprayed on, introduced into, or otherwise applied to the human body or any part of a human for cleansing, moisturizing, sun protection, beautifying, promoting attractiveness, or altering appearance, unless designated as a hazardous material or a hazardous waste by the Secretary of Natural Resources.

**Additional Resources:**

- [VT HHW EPR web page](#)
- [HHW EPR Timeline](#)
- [Resources for determining Pesticide Registration Status](#)
- [VT Hazardous Waste Management Regulations](#)

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