

Summer 2020 Newsletter from the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance



The Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance (BCSWA) includes the Towns of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glasterbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland and Woodford and provides technical assistance to businesses, schools and institutions within the thirteen towns to help them in recycling and waste reduction.



Food Scrap Ban: As of July 1, 2020, food waste will be banned from disposal in landfills. Residents, institutions, businesses and schools should divert their food waste by contracting with their haulers, bringing food to their transfer stations, composting, feeding food scraps to animals, donating to food banks and/or reducing the amount purchased to avoid wasting food. Haulers are required to offer collection for businesses, schools, insitutions and apartments of four units or more so contact your hauler for assistance.

2020 Household Hazardous Waste Events: The Alliance will hold two events in late summer. On August 8, 2020, we will hold an event at the Mt. Anthony Union Middle School and on September 12, 2020, we will hold an event at the Dorset School. Both events will run from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Contact Michael Batcher at mbatcher@bcrcvt.org, or (802) 442-0713 x2 if you have questions. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, items to be disposed should be placed in the trunk of your car or the back of your van or truck. Do not exit your vehicle. Please wear a mask for personal protection. Please leave your pets at home. For more information, visit www.bcswvt.org.



Business, School and Event Outreach: The Alliance continues to provide outreach to businesses, schools, and event organizers. This free service provides information on methods of recycling, disposing hazardous materials, and properly diverting food scraps and organics from landfills. If your school, business or institution or event is interested in having someone contact you to discuss better ways to handle solid waste, organics, recyclables and other materials, please contact Michael Batcher at 802-442-0713 x2 or mbatcher@bcrcvt.org.

Need More Information? Many plastics as well as paper, cardboard, glass, electronic waste, and other items are banned from landfills but are accepted by haulers and transfer stations. Talk to your hauler about recycling and how you can save money by disposing of materials properly. Check with your town hall to find out how you can access your town transfer station. Contact Michael S. Batcher at (802) 442-0713 x2 or mbatcher@bcrcvt.org or visit the Alliance website at www.bcswvt.org for more information.