



# CVSWMD SERVICES TO MEMBER COMMUNITIES

All Vermont communities must either develop and implement their own solid waste plan to meet state of Vermont requirements or join with other communities to meet these requirements as a group. Here's what Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District member communities receive.

*Please note: While the per capita fee (\$3.10 per resident) helps to underwrite the following programs and services, it covers just a fraction of the costs involved. The additional funding needed is received from a surcharge tax on garbage, state and federal grants, and program fees from participants.*

## 1. Solid waste planning to meet all of the state of Vermont requirements.

*What does this include?*

The development of 10-year solid waste implementation plans; updating of the plan as required; all public hearings on the plan and plan changes; and all responses to the state's review of the plan.

## 2. All of the administration, reporting, monitoring, enforcement, and outreach involved with meeting state requirements that towns would have to take on by themselves if not part of a solid waste district.

*What does this include?*

Reports to the state and District board; testifying at the statehouse on solid waste issues; collecting data on CVSWMD programs to monitor program usage and success; writing and adopting solid waste ordinances, such as the mandatory recycling ordinance; public education about solid waste laws; and monitoring and enforcement of solid waste ordinances.

## 3. The development of programs and initiatives set out in the solid waste implementation plan in order to meet state solid waste goals and requirements.

*What does this include?*

- **Lawrence Walbridge Reuse Fund** – A small grant program for businesses and not-for-profits supporting efforts to expand or introduce new services and products that use or promote reused items in the local economy.
- **Hazardous Waste Collection Program** – 5-6 special collection events held each year for residential, small business, and institutional customers to safely dispose of various types of hazardous materials at a reasonable cost.
- **Hauler Licensing and Compliance Enforcement** with District ordinances.
- **School Food Scrap Diversion Program** — More than 7,600 students and 1,400 staff in 22 K-12 schools in

District communities currently sort their food scraps for composting as part of the District's program, diverting an estimated 299 tons of food scraps from disposal as of 1/31/10.

- **Business Food Scrap Diversion Program** – 49 businesses (restaurants, workplace cafeterias, restaurants, and institutions) divert an average of 23.4 tons of food scraps each week. The CVSWMD picks up the food scraps from these locations and brings them to one of three composting operations in the region.
- **Residential Organics Diversion Program** — This program aims to help residents manage their food scraps and other organic materials at home. To help, the District offers its free composting booklet (*The Dirt on Composting*) and free plans for building compost bins on its Web site. In addition, the District sells Green Cone to increase access to this useful backyard food digester that accepts meat, dairy, and other food scraps not typically put into compost bins. For more information, see [WWW.CVSWMD.ORG/WP/HOME-COMPOSTING-GREEN-CONES/](http://WWW.CVSWMD.ORG/WP/HOME-COMPOSTING-GREEN-CONES/)
- **District Web site** – Offers a frequently updated compilation of all District-related information. Includes two searchable databases: the *A-Z Guide to Waste Reduction & Resource Handling*, an online resource directory to encourage wise use and waste diversion of dozens of materials and products; and the *Reuse Business Database*, a searchable database for where to take and get reusable items and materials in the region. [WWW.CVSWMD.ORG](http://WWW.CVSWMD.ORG)
- **Annual Report, CVSWMD e-newsletter, print and online informational materials** about backyard composting, non-toxic cleaning products, e-waste, fluorescent bulb handling, arsenic-treated lumber, and more.
- **Technical Assistance** – Staff responds to inquiries about proper disposal, diversion options, programming, special events, best practices, opportunities for business diversion, and more.

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