

Waste Management for Rental Units

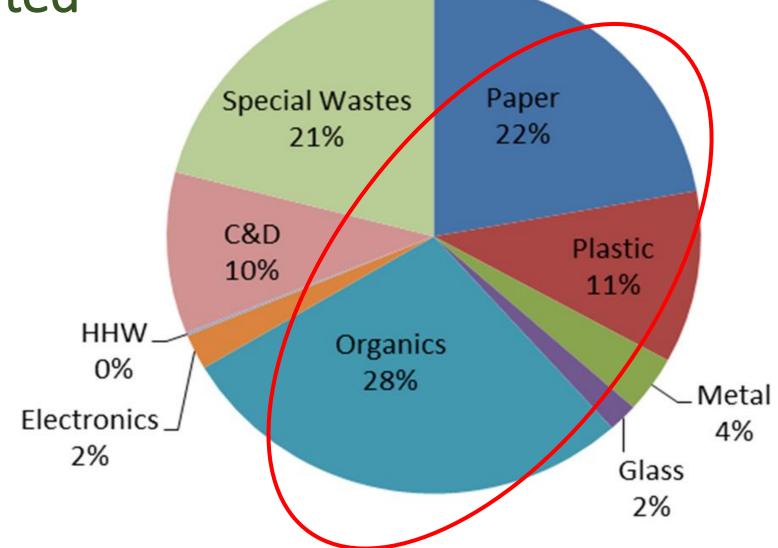
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Half of what Vermonters send to the landfill could be diverted

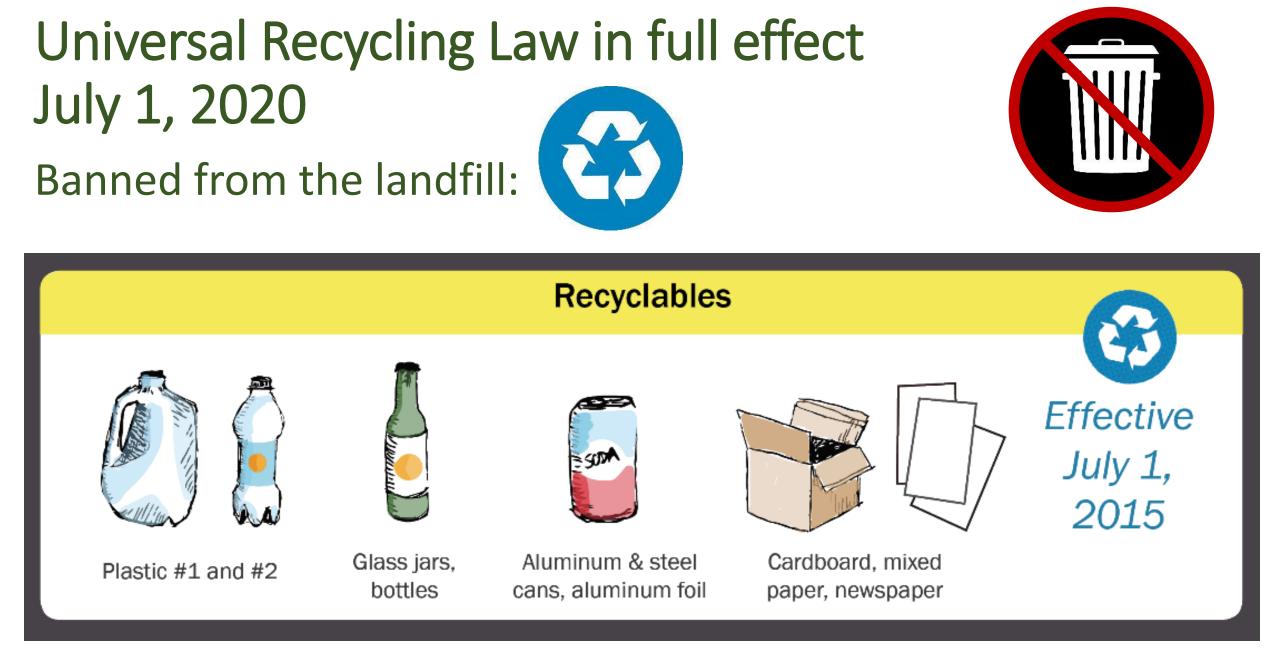






Landlord responsibility (opportunity!)





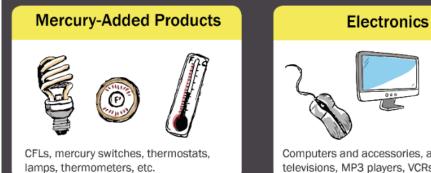
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Organics (Compostable Material) Effective Effective July 1, July 1, 2016 2020 Clean wood, branches, leaf and yard Food scraps, coffee grounds, egg debris, grass clippings, etc. shells, etc.

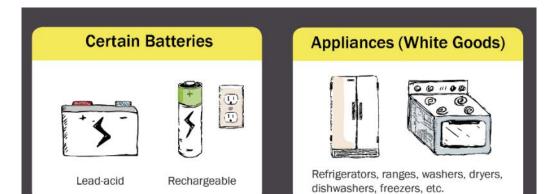
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Computers and accessories, all phones, televisions, MP3 players, VCRs/DVDs, etc.





VT Department of Health, Rental Housing Health Code

- Sanitary Conditions for Trash, Recyclables, and Food Scraps
- Owner shall:
 - provide and maintain appropriate **receptacles**
 - assure arrangements are made for removal

What do you have to do?

 Ensure tenants have access to trash, recycling and food scrap collection

- Provide collection containers
- Arrange removal









• Must be offered by trash haulers







Food Scraps (new requirement)

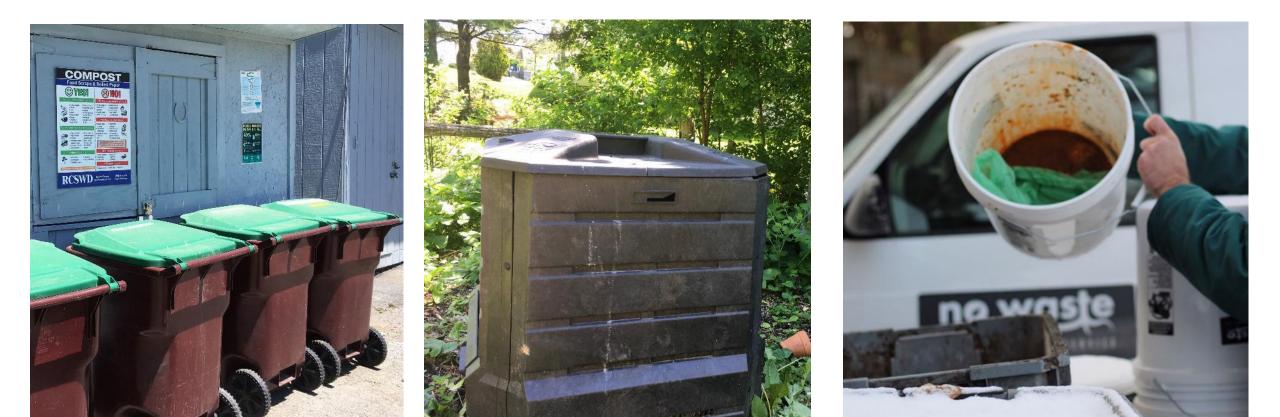
- Must be offered by haulers IF
 - Business account
 - Apartment with 4 or more units
 - Exemption if another hauler offers the service



Options for food scraps:

• Drop-off • On-site



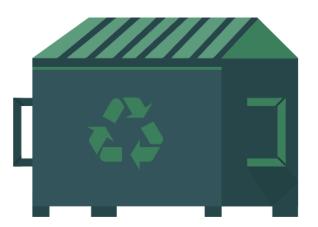


Who pays?

• Landlord or tenants—put in lease agreement

- Talk to your hauler—might be able to reduce frequency of trash pick ups
- State does not set fee amounts







What if my tenants don't recycle/separate food scraps?

- Your responsibility is assuring bins/removal (Dept of Health)
- Complaint-driven
- Voluntary compliance





How to be successful?

- Education (vtrecycles.com)
 - Clear expectations
 - What—state requirements
 - How—your system





Bin Signs (vtrecycles.com)









How to be successful?

- Convenience
 - Bin locations
- Feedback

• Resources:

- Central VT Solid Waste Management
 District
- DEC Solid Waste Program VTrecycles.com 802-828-1139

