

#### **Waste Management for Rental Units**

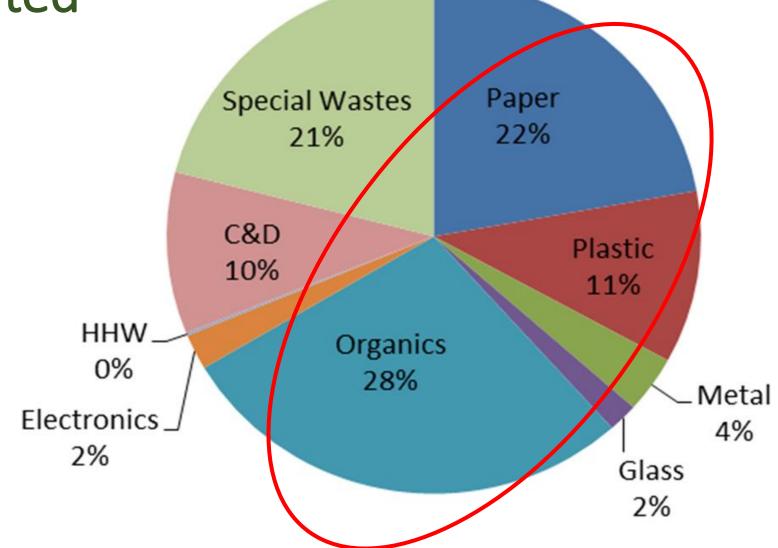
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## Half of what Vermonters send to the landfill could be diverted

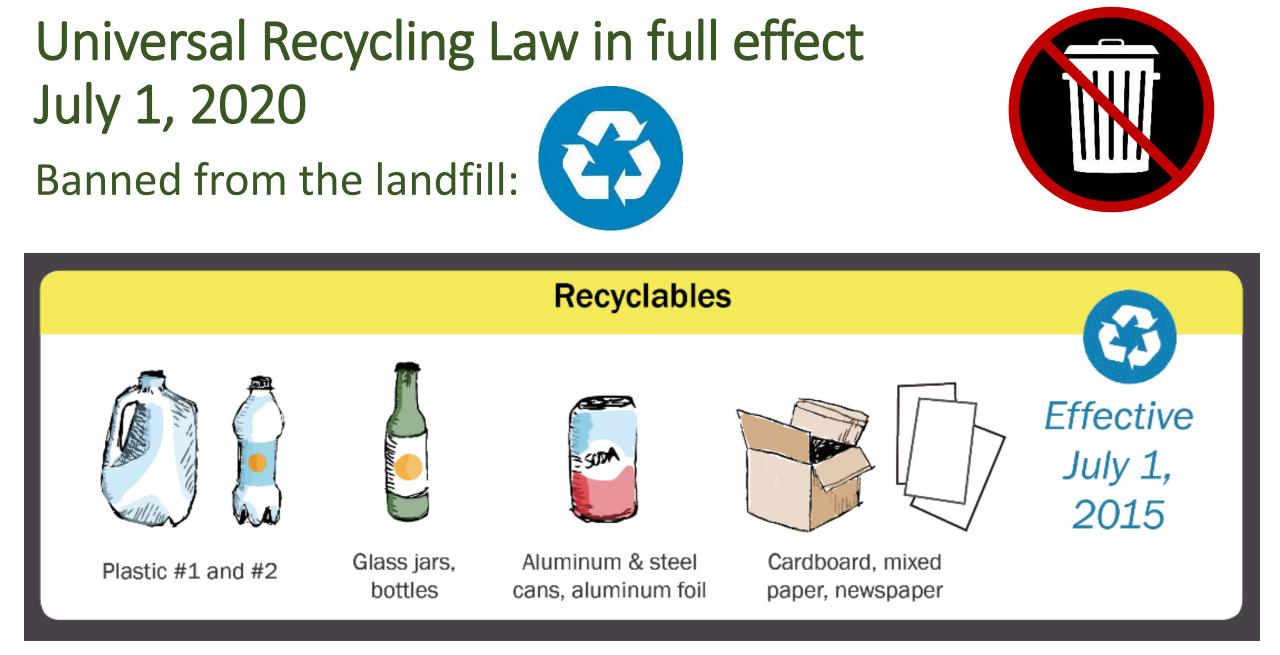






# Landlord responsibility (opportunity!)





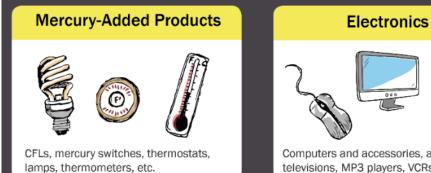
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**Organics** (Compostable Material) Effective Effective July 1, July 1, 2016 2020 Clean wood, branches, leaf and yard Food scraps, coffee grounds, egg debris, grass clippings, etc. shells, etc.

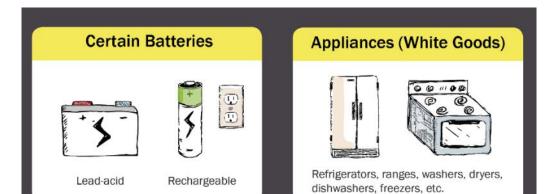
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Computers and accessories, all phones, televisions, MP3 players, VCRs/DVDs, etc.





#### 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)

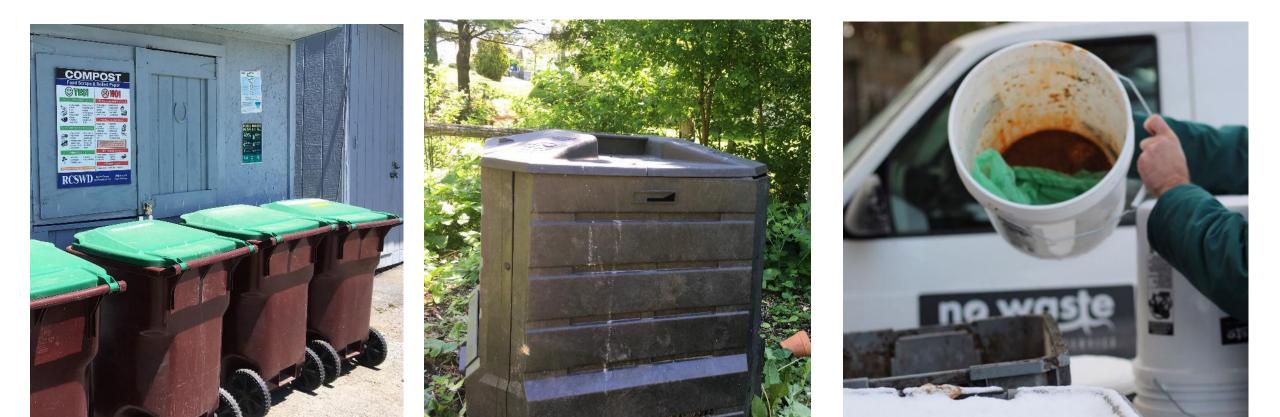
- Must be offered by haulers IF
  - Business account
  - Apartment with 4 or more units
  - Exemption if another hauler offers the service



#### 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

