



**State of Vermont  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
Waste Management & Prevention Division  
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**AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

July 29, 2015

**RE: Vermont's Universal Recycling Law: Recycling; Leaf and Yard Debris; Disposal Ban Poster**

Dear Facility Manager:

As the owner or operator of a certified transfer station, landfill, or other solid waste facility offering **trash disposal services** in Vermont, your facility is required to meet the provisions of Vermont's Universal Recycling law (Act 148). The goal of Universal Recycling is to keep valuable materials out of Vermont's landfill by making recycling and organics collection as convenient as trash disposal.

**Effective July 1, 2015:**

- **Recyclable materials are banned from the landfill including: paper, cardboard, aluminum, steel, glass, and hard plastics (#1 and #2).**  
**As a facility collecting trash, you were required on July 1, 2014 to collect at a minimum these recyclable materials.**
- **Facilities that collect trash much also now offer some collection of leaf and yard debris. It is not a requirement that facilities collect clean wood.**
- **Statewide unit based pricing takes effect, requiring residential trash to be charged based on volume or weight (e.g. pay per bag or pay per pound systems).**

There are other requirements of the law that affect residents, haulers and municipalities. Please see [www.VTrecycles.com](http://www.VTrecycles.com) for more information.

Please find enclosed the following documents:

1. **Recycling Handout** – This handout is designed to help you communicate to your customers what is required to be recycled by state law. You can download this file for printing from the Universal Recycling [public download site](#), or go to [www.VTrecycles.com](http://www.VTrecycles.com). Some solid waste districts, towns, and alliances may provide alternative handouts to facilities in their region.
2. **Guidance on Explaining Recycling Costs** – This document will help you understand how you can explain recycling costs to your customers.
3. **Leaf, Yard, and Clean Wood Debris Guide** – This document details the specific requirements and recommendations for the collection and management of leaf, yard, and clean wood debris.
4. **Sample of the Disposal Ban Poster** – New and improved and updated with pictures and items required under Vermont's Universal Recycling law. We will be distributing posters when doing site visits. If you wish to receive an extra poster, please contact us.

**For information on local recycling ordinances** and assistance with meeting the requirements of the Universal Recycling Law please contact your solid waste planning entity found at the link below, or contact your town manager. [www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/solid/swmdlist.htm](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/solid/swmdlist.htm)

**State Standardized Symbols Available**

Lastly, ANR encourages you to use the **state standardized recycling symbols** for all containers and signage. Symbols are available for free download from the ANR Solid Waste Program webpage here: [www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/solid/urs/index.htm](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/solid/urs/index.htm).

If you have questions concerning Universal Recycling, your obligations, or those of other facilities operating in your region, please contact Mia Roethlein at 522-5926 or by email at [mia.roethlein@state.vt.us](mailto:mia.roethlein@state.vt.us).

Thank you for your assistance with implementing the Universal Recycling law.

Sincerely,

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