

Agency of Natural Resources

Waste Management & Prevention Division

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Application Forms and Guidance Documents: <http://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/solid-waste-facility-application-forms>

**INSIGNIFICANT WASTE MANAGEMENT EVENT APPROVAL (IWMEA)**

**GUIDANCE DOCUMENT & APPLICATION FORM**

**Disposal Events**

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**Introduction**

If properly sited and managed, the short term disposal of certain types of wastes may be determined by the Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources (Agency) to constitute an Insignificant Waste Management Event Approval (IWMEA) under the definition found in Section 6-301(c) of the Solid Waste Management Rules (Rules). Under an IWMEA, an exemption to the Rules requiring conventional landfill disposal may be granted.

This document has been prepared for those individuals, facilities, contractors, and businesses who desire to

obtain approval from the Solid Waste Management Program (Program) of the Agency for disposal events that

involve appropriate materials and siting and that will occur over a relatively short period of time, generally six

months duration or less. An IWMEA will not be issued if the site was previously approved for a disposal event. In the event an applicant wants to continue to use the same site for disposal, an applicant should apply for a Categorical Disposal Certification under the provisions and requirements of Section 6-309 of the Rules (forms and guidance are located at the web address listed above).

Determinations of qualifications for an IWMEA are premised not in terms of volumes, but are based upon a

finding that disposal activity and waste materials will not result in a threat to public safety, public health, or the

environment, or create a nuisance. Therefore, disposal of certain waste types determined to be inert may be

considered for an IWMEA regardless of the volumes of waste involved.

The limitations, siting standards, and operational requirements for an IWMEA was developed from the Rules,

which are promulgated under the authority of 10 V.S.A. Section 6603. Violations of the conditions of the

IWMEA are enforced as violations of applicable statutes and Rules and may involve substantial penalties.

Under 3 V.S.A. §2822 (i), municipalities are exempt from solid waste facility application fees. An application submitted by a private sector entity or individual must include an application fee. The amount of the application fee is $100.00.

At least 30 days **prior** to the start of the disposal event, applicants need to submit a completed application form along with the necessary attachments and $100.00 fee. It is recommended that a careful review of this document and a thorough check of the application and attachments be performed. The completeness of the application will have a direct bearing upon how quickly an application can be reviewed for issuance or denial.

We recommend that you contact the Permit Specialist assigned to the Region where the project is located. The

Permit Specialist will identify other state permits you may need to obtain **prior** to starting your project. Please

see the attached map to identify your local Regional Office.

**Eligible Solid Wastes**

The following solid wastes are eligible for disposal under an IWMEA.

1. stumps, brush, or untreated wood;

2. bituminous concrete;

3. rinsed, non-recycled glass;

4. concrete, masonry, mortar, porcelain, pottery, tile and clay pipe;

5. street sweepings; and

6. other solid wastes that will not result in a threat to the public health and safety or to the environment and

will not create a nuisance.

**Prohibited Areas, Isolation Distances, and Other Siting Restrictions**

**Prohibited Areas**

Applications for a disposal event must include information (preferably a written statement from the applicable Agency Divisions and/or Programs) that demonstrates the disposal site is not located in any of the following prohibited areas:

1. within Class I and II Ground Water Areas;
2. within the source isolation zone of a public water supply or within 200 feet of the source, whichever is greater;
3. within 200 feet of the source of a private water supply;
4. within a watershed for Class A waters;
5. within Class I or Class II wetlands or their associated buffer zones as defined in the Vermont Wetland Rules, unless a Conditional Use Determination has been issued by the Agency;
6. within Class III wetlands as defined in the Vermont Wetland Rules unless a Water Quality Certification pursuant to 40 CFR Part 401 has been issued or waived by the Agency; and
7. within the floodway or within the 100 year flood plain.

Check the websites listed below to find the appropriate contact program/person:

Contact the Drinking Water & Groundwater Protection Division for Nos. 1, 2, and 3:

<http://www.vermontdrinkingwater.org/>

Contact the Watershed Management Division for Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7: <http://www.vtwaterquality.org/>

**Isolation Distances**

The following isolation distances apply to the disposal of eligible solid wastes in non-prohibited areas. However, the Secretary may require greater isolation distances as may be necessary to protect public health and safety or the environment.

* Distance from the outer perimeter of the area within which solid waste is stored, treated, or disposed (waste management boundary) to adjoining property lines – 50 feet. This distance may be less than 50 feet if the adjoining property owner(s) provide written consent to a lesser distance. The agreed upon distance must be included in the written consent.
* Minimum distance from the waste management boundary to public roads – 50 feet.
* Minimum distance from the waste management boundary to Class B waters – 100 feet.

**Other Requirements**

1. If a disposal site is proposed within a Source Protection Area (SPA) of a public water supply, the location of the disposal site and the delineated source protection area must be included on the site location map. Contact the Drinking Water & Groundwater Protection Division to determine whether the proposed disposal site is located within a source protection area and what if any restrictions apply.
2. Maximum slope of disposal site final cover, 3:1

**Other Permits**

We recommend that you contact the Permit Specialist assigned to the Region where the project is located. The permit specialist will identify other state permits you may need to obtain prior to starting the disposal event. Please see the attached Regional Office Map.

**Enforcement of Violations**

Violations of an IWMEA may be subject to enforcement. The persons receiving an IWMEA are obligated to ensure that only the wastes listed in the application are disposed of and that conditions of the IWMEA are complied with.

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**IWMEA APPLICATION FORM FOR DISPOSAL EVENTS**

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**Applicant, Landowner, Site and Contact Person Information**

1. Applicant

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Landowner

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Disposal Site Location

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4. Contractor

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Waste Description and Project Duration**

1. Waste Source: identify the source or project from which the solid waste is generated

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**(Note: the solid waste must be from a single source or project)**

2. Waste Type(s) and Volume

Type Volume (cubic yards)

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3. Disposal Event Duration: Starting Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ending Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Attachments**

A. A description of how the disposal site will be managed to control dust, noise, litter, spills, emissions and

discharges such that the disposal site will not result in a threat to the public health and safety or to the

environment, and will not create a nuisance. The description should include how access to the disposal

site by unauthorized persons will be controlled.

B. Information that demonstrates that the disposal site is not located in any prohibited area.

C. A site plan (minimum size 8 ½" X 11" - may be hand drawn) showing the layout of the site where disposal will occur and the waste management boundary. The site plan must show the location and distance to property lines, public roads, waters, public and private drinking water supply wells, wetlands, and any source protection area.

D. A map which shows the location of the proposed site. The map may be from a Vermont Atlas and

Gazetteer or a state highway map or a USGS topographical map or copy thereof.

E. Written approval from the landowner if this form is not signed by the landowner

F. Other pertinent information that may be helpful in reviewing the application.

G. Fee - Check in the amount of $100.00 made payable to “*Treasurer, State of Vermont*”.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Landowner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**(Landowner, your signature constitutes approval to use this site for this disposal event)**

Contractor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_