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Public Hearing on the Draft 2024 Vermont Materials Management Plan

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2024 Vermont Materials Management Plan

Effective Date:



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Public Comments Due 4:00 PM, Friday July 19, 2024

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Meeting Guidelines:

- **One hour public meeting for comments related to the Draft 2024 Vermont Materials Management Plan.**

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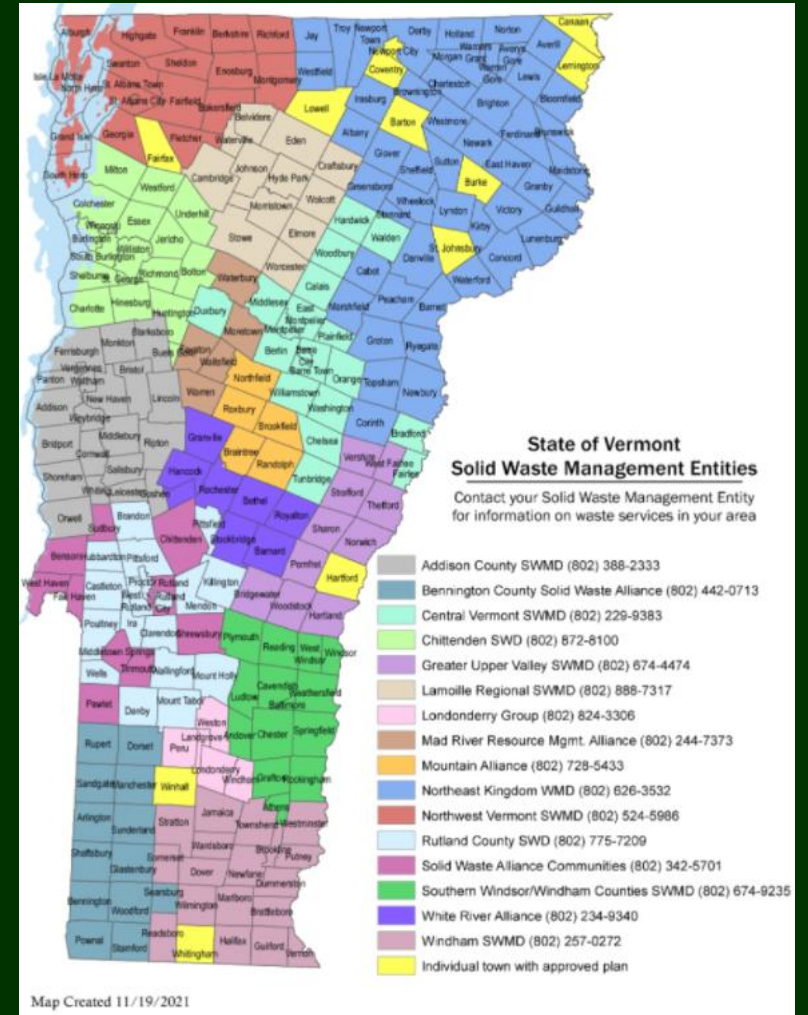
- **Moderated by Alyssa Eiklor, Department of Environmental Conservation Solid Waste Program**
- **Meeting will be recorded**
- **Brief presentation about the Draft 2024 Materials Management Plan**

Meeting Guidelines:

- **Raise hand to give an oral comment**
- **Public comments**
 - **3 minute limit per comment**
 - **State your name and affiliation (if applicable)**
 - **Responses will be provided in a responsiveness summary, posted on the DEC website (www.vtrecycles.com)**

Outline:

- Statutory Requirements
- Key Changes from 2019 Materials Management Plan (MMP)
- MMP and Solid Waste Implementation Plans Draft Timeline
- ANR Strategies and Actions
- Solid Waste Management Entities Strategies and Actions



Materials Management Plan (MMP)

10 V.S.A. §6604, that “the Secretary [of the Agency of Natural Resources] shall publish and adopt, after notice and public hearing..., a solid waste management plan which sets forth a **comprehensive statewide strategy for the management of waste...**”

- **Goes through the Rulemaking process**
- **Be revised every 5 years (first Plan was in 1989)**
- **Made up of two main parts:**
 - **Narrative**
 - **Requirements for ANR and Solid Waste Management Entities (SWME)s.**

Materials Management Plan

Statute requires that the Materials Management Plan include the following:

- a) an assessment of the feasibility and cost of diverting specific material categories defined as “**marketable recyclables, leaf and yard waste residuals, food residuals, construction and demolition residuals, household hazardous waste**, and other categories that the Secretary identifies that may be diverted to meet the waste reduction priorities of the Plan.”;
- b) a survey of **existing and potential markets** for the above materials;
- c) **methods to reduce and remove material from the waste stream** including **organics, textiles, and construction and demolition debris**;
- d) methods to separate, collect, recycle, treat or dispose of **wastes that create environmental health, safety or management problems** including **tires, batteries, obsolete electronic equipment, and unregulated hazardous waste**;
- e) **assurance of recycling** and prevention of incineration or disposal of marketable recyclables;
- f) an **assessment of facilities and programs** necessary at the State, regional, or local level to achieve the priorities identified in this Plan.

Key Changes — Narrative

- Updated **plan priorities and goals**.
- Expanded **Vermont's Waste** section.
- **NEW Challenges in Materials Management** section – PFAS, Microplastics, Climate/Disasters, Bears.
- **NEW Climate Change** section.
- **NEW Environmental Justice** section.
- Updated and expanded **Market and Facilities Assessment** section.

Plan Priorities and Goals

10 V.S.A. §6604(a)(1):

- a) the greatest feasible reduction in the amount of waste generated;
- b) sustainable materials management;
- c) the reuse and closed-loop recycling of waste to reduce to the greatest extent feasible the volume remaining for processing and disposal;
- d) the reduction of the State's reliance on waste disposal to the greatest extent feasible;
- e) the creation of an integrated waste management system that promotes energy conservation, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and limits adverse environmental impacts; and
- f) waste processing to reduce the volume or toxicity of the waste stream.

- **Maximize overall waste reduction and minimize disposal.**
- **Promote sustainable materials management.**
- **Reduce toxicity of waste and the quantity of toxic products used.**
- **Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through better materials management and promote climate change resilience.**
- **Promote equity, accessibility, and environmental justice.**

Key Changes — ANR Actions

(previously called “performance standards”)

- Agency of Natural Resources committed to a **Disposal Capacity Stakeholder Process** (once within the 5 year MMP term) exploring VT’s future disposal capacity.
- **NEW Disaster Preparedness:**
 - Collaborate between Solid, Hazardous, and Spills Programs to evaluate use of EPA contractor for hazardous materials for communities in disasters.
 - **Disaster Debris Plan template.**
 - Explore **training** SWMEs on disaster debris planning with Vermont Emergency Management and FEMA.
- Infrastructure: conduct **annual Needs Assessment** for SWMEs and municipalities.
- NEW Coordinate a **Reduce and Reuse network.**
- NEW Host a statewide **meeting on food recovery/donation** once in plan term.
- NEW create a **statewide A-Z guide on Solid Waste web pages.**

Key Changes — SWME Actions

(previously called “performance standards”)

- Changed the **Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) report deadline** from **July 1 to April 1** each year.
- **Accessible Communications:** attend a training in year 1 and annually review ANR accessible communications best practices.
- **Digital Outreach:** Require annual digital outreach with at least two forms, such as Front Porch Forum, social media, electronic newsletter, etc. each on A-Z guide, waste reduction, Household Hazardous Waste reduction/disposal, and Extended Producer Responsibility programs.
- **Print Outreach:** one annual outreach in a printed document like press release, newsletter, etc.
- **Municipality and Facility Connections:**
 - Outreach to all solid waste facilities within SWIP term.
 - Annual outreach to town offices and public libraries (in person, phone, or email).
- **Disaster Debris:** By the end of year 1 of SWIP term, submit a **Disaster Debris Plan** with:
 - Disaster **Hazardous Material Staging Areas** (one per SWME required; within each municipality recommended).
 - **Contact info for emergency personnel** for each municipality.
 - **Trash and Construction & Demolition Disaster Debris Management** options.
 - **Clean Wood and Inert Debris Management Sites** by year 4 (one certified categorical disposal facility per SWME required; within each municipality recommended).
- **Removed Construction & Demolition Debris collection requirements (asphalt shingles and drywall).**
- **Removed survey requirement.**
- Residuals requirement is **attendance at an annual meeting organized by ANR.**

MMP and SWIPs DRAFT Timeline

- Year 5 of the current 2019 MMP is calendar year 2024.
- New 2024 MMP most likely to be approved by December 2024.
- SWMEs will have until July 1, 2025 (6 months) to submit a draft SWIP that conforms to the 2024 MMP.
- All SWIPs must be approved by December 31, 2025.
- 2025 SWIP Reporting Year is January 1, – Dec 31, 2025. SWMEs will continue SWIP activities conforming to the 2019 MMP Year 5 requirements.

MMP and SWIPs DRAFT Timeline

Year 1 of New SWIP conforming to 2024 MMP is Calendar year 2026 beginning January 1, 2026.

Year 1 = Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2026

Year 2 = Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2027

Year 3 = Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2028

Year 4 = Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2029

Year 5 = Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2030

ANR Strategies and Actions

A-1 ANR Strategy – Rules, Procedures, Policies, and Guidance

A-1.1 – Solid Waste Management Rules:

To ensure that the Solid Waste Management Rules stay current ANR will:

- A. Continually maintain and evaluate the need for rule revisions for changes such as waste management technologies, permitting/regulatory efficiencies and clarity, emerging contaminants, climate resiliency and disaster preparedness needs such as flooding, and environmental justice considerations in light of Act 154 implementation.

Annual Documentation:

1. Post any updated Solid Waste Management Rules on the Solid Waste Program web page.

A-1.2 – Solid-Waste Related Guidance, Policies, and Procedures:

To help regulated communities and all Vermonters understand Vermont's waste-related laws and regulations, and know what options exist and how to be compliant, ANR will:

- A. Develop official procedures, policies, guidance, or best management practices on solid waste-related topics as needed, such as:
 - i. New statutory requirements.
 - ii. Emergent topics (e.g. flood debris management, PFAS, disposal capacity, etc.).
- B. Include relevant groups of people in the process, such as by convening stakeholder groups or soliciting feedback.
- C. As needed, provide plain language versions of guidance, policies, and procedures for regulated communities such as haulers, facilities, or other specific audiences.

Annual Documentation:

1. Post any final documents on Solid Waste Program website.

A-2 ANR Strategy – Permitting

A-2.1 – Solid Waste Facility Certifications

To ensure that solid waste facilities are sited and operated in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Rules, ANR will:

- A. Issue or deny Solid Waste Facility applications for certifications, following Permit Expediting Program (PEP) standards.

Annual Documentation:

1. List number of facility permits issued.
2. Confirm that permitting process followed PEP standards.

A-2.2 – Solid Waste Hauler Permits

To ensure that solid waste haulers are permitted and operating in accordance with Solid Waste Management Rules, ANR will:

- A. Issue permits to Solid Waste Haulers.

Annual Documentation:

1. List number of hauler permits issued.

A-3 ANR Strategy – Compliance

A-3.1 – Solid Waste Facility and Hauler Compliance

To ensure that solid waste facilities and haulers comply with State solid waste laws, the Solid Waste Management Rules, Universal Recycling law, landfill bans, and collection requirements for mandated recyclables, leaf and yard debris, and food scraps, ANR will:

- A. Conduct routine inspections prioritizing facilities with certifications that are due for renewal, larger capacity facilities, and facilities that have not been inspected recently.
- B. Respond to complaints of non-compliance.

Annual Documentation:

1. List number of facility inspections.
2. List number of resolved NOAVs and complaints.

A-3.2 – Waste Generator Compliance

To ensure that Vermont waste generators like businesses and institutions are in compliance with State solid waste laws and rules, including the Universal Recycling law, landfill bans, the Single-Use Products law, and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations, ANR will:

- A. Respond to complaints and evidence of non-compliance such as those found during Business Outreach visits and facility spot checks.
- B. Conduct periodic spot-checks (at least once per year) for disposal of banned items in solid waste brought in by generators and haulers at transfer stations and landfills.

Annual Documentation:

1. List number of resolved complaints or alleged violations.
2. List number of spot checks.

A-3 ANR Strategy – Compliance

A-3.3 – Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Program Compliance

To ensure compliance with EPR programs, ANR will:

- A. Ensure manufacturers participate in an approved stewardship plan for the EPR material and enforce stop sale requirements of covered products, as outlined in statute, for manufacturers that fail to participate in an approved plan.

Annual Documentation:

1. List number of resolved alleged violations.

A-3.4 – SWIP Compliance

To ensure that Solid Waste Management Entities have adopted and are fully implementing their Solid Waste Management Plans in conformance with this MMP (so that all Vermonters have access to the same minimum services and information), ANR will:

- A. Review and approve Solid Waste Implementation Plans (SWIPs).
- B. Complete annual review of SWIP Reports, notifying SWMEs of actions necessary to complete requirements when progress is insufficient.

Annual Documentation:

1. List number of resolved alleged violations.
2. Year 0: send SWIP approval letters.
3. Years 1-5: send SWIP Report completion letters.

A-4 ANR Strategy – Outreach

A-4.1 – MMP Publicity

To ensure Vermonters are aware of and have access to the Materials Management Plan, ANR will:

- A. Post the MMP on the Solid Waste Program’s website within a month of adoption.
- B. Submit a press release announcing new MMP within two months of adoption.

Annual Documentation:

- 1. List date of press release and news outlets that published it.

A-4.2 – Waste Reduction

To publicly demonstrate ANR’s commitment to waste reduction and to proactively work toward the MMP waste reduction goals, ANR will:

- A. Dependent on available funding and internal approval, conduct two media campaigns on priority topics related to waste reduction (such as reuse, repair, food waste reduction, etc.)
- B. Dependent on available funding and internal approval, conduct a community-based social marketing project on a specific waste reduction topic.

Annual Documentation:

- 1. Years 1 and 3; date and results of any waste reduction media campaigns.
- 2. Date and summary of any community-based social marketing project, as applicable.

A-4 ANR Strategy – Outreach

A-4.3 – Equity and Accessibility

To ensure that all Vermonters have equal access to information and to minimize barriers to information access, ANR will evaluate its communications in light of best practices for equity and accessibility and:

- A. Follow guidance from the Vermont Environmental Justice Law.
- B. Follow the ANR Language Access Plan.
- C. Follow the Chief Marketing Office Communications Best Practices.
- D. Attend trainings on topics such as accessible web design, plain language, accessible graphic design, etc.

Annual Documentation:

1. List of trainings attended.

A-4.4 – Outreach Materials

To help Vermonters learn about solid waste related laws, initiatives, and other topics, ANR will:

- A. Maintain plain language handouts and other outreach materials, including creating new materials, as needed, and updating existing materials, as needed.
- B. Share outreach materials with SWMEs.

Annual Documentation:

1. Post new outreach materials on Solid Waste Program website.

A-4 ANR Strategy – Outreach

A-4.4 – Solid Waste Program Website

To share solid waste and recycling information and documents, ANR will:

- A. Maintain up-to-date plain-language information on the Program’s website related to:
 - i. Solid waste laws
 - ii. Solid waste facilities and haulers
 - iii. Waste reduction, including waste reduction at events
 - iv. Recycling
 - v. Food scrap management
 - vi. EPR programs
 - vii. Management of landfill-banned and dangerous or otherwise difficult to manage materials.
- B. Create a searchable A-Z guide that lists statewide management options for various materials. The list will contain, at minimum, information on how to manage, recycle, or divert all [state disposal](#) banned items in addition to information on how to manage all of the categories and key words in the [A-Z Waste and Recycling Guide Minimum Requirements](#) document.
- C. Maintain a webpage of resources for SWMEs including:
 - i. SWIP-related guidance documents.
 - ii. Accessible communications best practices.
- D. At least once within the MMP term—ANR will review all Solid Waste Program web pages and revise them as needed.

Annual Documentation:

1. List website performance indicators for key pages, such as VTrecycles.com and the A-Z guide.

A-4 ANR Strategy – Outreach

A-4.5 – Solid Waste Program Website

To share solid waste and recycling information and documents, ANR will:

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 - i. Solid waste laws
 - ii. Solid waste facilities and haulers
 - iii. Waste reduction, including waste reduction at events
 - iv. Recycling
 - v. Food scrap management
 - vi. EPR programs
 - vii. Management of landfill-banned and dangerous or otherwise difficult to manage materials.
- B. Create a searchable A-Z guide that lists statewide management options for various materials. The list will contain, at minimum, information on how to manage, recycle, or divert all [state disposal](#) banned items in addition to information on how to manage all of the categories and key words in the [A-Z Waste and Recycling Guide Minimum Requirements](#) document.
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 - i. SWIP-related guidance documents.
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- D. At least once within the MMP term—ANR will review all Solid Waste Program web pages and revise them as needed.

Annual Documentation:

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A-4 ANR Strategy – Outreach

A-4.6 – General Outreach

To spread the word about waste-related topics and initiatives, ANR will:

- A. Dependent on funding and approval conduct public media outreach, such as paid and unpaid advertisements, social media posts, press releases, and articles. Whenever possible, ANR will strive to develop consistent statewide messaging with stakeholders, including consistency with the Northeast and other U.S. states. Topics covered within the MMP term will be chosen based on Waste Composition study results, Diversion and Disposal Report results, recommendations from working groups, and other sources and may include:
 - i. Waste reduction.
 - ii. Recycling and organics diversion requirements.
 - iii. Reduction in use of hazardous products and encouraging proper disposal.
 - iv. Construction and demolition waste reduction, reuse, and proper disposal.
 - v. Extended producer responsibility programs (EPR).
 - vi. Best practices for preventing bear issues with solid waste.
 - vii. Buying and producing products and packaging with post-consumer recycled content (PCR).
 - viii. Other emerging topics.
- B. ANR will provide SWMEs regular examples of digital outreach content that could be used to meet their digital outreach requirements.

Annual Documentation:

1. List date, topic, and number of campaigns.
2. List number of press releases and articles published.

lia key performance indicators.

A-4 ANR Strategy – Outreach

A-4.7 – Direct Business and Institution Outreach

To ensure businesses and institutions (hospitals, nursing homes, colleges, correctional facilities, and other large waste generators), and their industry groups and associations are aware of and in compliance with the Universal Recycling law and other applicable solid waste-related laws, and understand the importance of waste reduction and diversion, ANR will:

- A. Conduct direct outreach in person or via phone or email on (as applicable):
 - i. Waste reduction.
 - ii. Disposal ban information.
 - iii. How to recycle correctly.
 - iv. How to separate food scraps for composting.
 - v. Food donation.
 - vi. How to reduce and safely manage hazardous waste.
 - vii. Single-Use Products law.
 - viii. Collection options available from Vermont’s EPR Programs for electronics, paint, batteries, mercury containing bulbs and thermostats, and covered HHW.
- B. ANR will conduct outreach (including following up on complaints) to at least 250 entities during the MMP term.

Annual Documentation:

1. List entities contacted during the MMP term.

A-4 ANR Strategy – Outreach

A-4.8 – School Outreach

To ensure all K-12 public and private schools are aware of and in compliance with the Universal Recycling law and other applicable waste-related laws; that schools understand state disposal bans and how to reduce waste, reuse, recycle, compost, donate, and safely manage materials responsibly, including hazardous materials; and that waste reduction and diversion programs are being implemented effectively, ANR will:

- A. Annually contact the Agency of Education, Principals' Association, and Superintendents' Association to ensure schools have information on waste reduction, recycling, organics diversion, and landfill ban disposal requirements.
- B. Give presentations at school-related conferences.

Annual Documentation:

- 1. List presentations given at school-related conferences or events.

A-4.9 – State Building Outreach

To ensure all State buildings are in compliance with the Universal Recycling law and other applicable solid waste-related laws, ANR will:

- A. Annually, contact a minimum of two state Agencies and the corresponding Buildings and General Services regional contacts and provide guidance and training on:
 - i. Waste reduction
 - ii. How to recycle and manage food scraps more effectively in State owned and leased properties.
 - iii. Proper management of special waste such as batteries, mercury-containing lamps, electronics, and paint.

Annual Documentation:

- 1. List Agencies contacted.

A-5 ANR Strategy – Technical Assistance and Collaborations

A-5.1 – Markets, Policy, and Emerging Solutions to Waste Challenges

To improve markets for recyclables, organics, textiles, tires, construction and demolition waste, and other priority materials, and to ensure that ANR is aware of and considering new technology, policies, and other emerging solutions related to challenges in solid waste management, ANR will:

- A. Explore supporting markets for specific materials based on their tonnage, toxicity, or difficulty managing at end-of-life (such as past and current work with processed glass aggregate, recycled asphalt shingles, and tires).
- B. Participate in local, regional, and national discussions about materials management.
- C. As time allows, participate in local, regional, and national discussions related to topics such as:
 - i. Disposal technologies, waste treatment processes, and facility siting,
 - ii. Recycling/diversion markets and emerging technologies/processes,
 - iii. Extended producer responsibility and post-consumer recycled content policies,
 - iv. Policies such as product bans, mandated collection programs, and disposal bans.
- D. Share information with stakeholders when pertinent.

Annual Documentation:

- 1. Summarize current market trends, updates, policy, and emerging solutions related to priority materials and topics.

A-5 ANR Strategy – Technical Assistance and Collaborations

A-5.2 – Disaster Preparedness

To help to protect human health and the environment during a declared state of emergency from a disaster such as floods, fires, or storms and other emergencies, ANR will:

- A. Appoint a Solid Waste Management Program staff person who will assist the State Emergency Operations Center, Department of Public Safety-Vermont Emergency Management Division, and the Department of Buildings and General Services with oversight of state disaster debris contractor, which can help municipalities manage debris from disasters.
- B. Collaborate between the DEC Solid Waste Management Program, Hazardous Materials Program, and Spills Management Program to explore the need to utilize the U.S. EPA for temporary Hazardous Materials Collection Site and safe disposal services for municipalities impacted by disasters.
- C. Help SWMEs prepare disaster debris plans, that could include FEMA disaster debris monitoring protocols, by providing a plan template and offering training in collaboration with Vermont Emergency Management and potentially FEMA.

Annual Documentation:

- 1. List disaster preparedness staff person on program website.
- 2. Notification to SWMEs of any Hazardous Materials Collection Site.
- 3. Notification to SWMEs of any disaster debris training.

A-5 ANR Strategy – Technical Assistance and Collaborations

A-5.3 – Infrastructure

To help support the infrastructure required for meeting waste reduction and recycling goals, and to help manage difficult to manage and hazardous materials, ANR will:

- A. Conduct an annual Needs Assessment survey for SWMEs and municipalities to inform potential DEC grants and other priorities.

Annual Documentation:

- 1. Summarize results of Needs Assessment.

A-5.4 – Construction and Demolition Debris

To encourage the recycling of Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris, ANR will:

- A. Review Construction Site Waste Reduction Plans for Act 250 projects that involve the construction and/or demolition of buildings that are 5,000 square feet or more in size.
 - i. Conduct site visits, when appropriate and staff have time available.
 - ii. Share reviewed plans with SWMES, as appropriate.
 - iii. Consider collaborative improvements with the Act 250 Program, such as conducting follow-up inspections to confirm plans are put into action or requirement documentation that plans were followed.
- B. Evaluate Vermont's Architectural Waste law (Act 175) to determine areas where Agency staff time could improve diversion and recycling of discarded drywall, metal, asphalt shingles, clean wood, plywood, and oriented strand board derived from construction and demolition projects.

Annual Documentation:

- 1. Number of Act 250 plans reviewed.

A-5 ANR Strategy – Technical Assistance and Collaborations

A-5.5 – Networks and Collaborations

To support organizations and initiatives in Vermont that are working toward MMP goals, ANR will:

A. Coordinate or participate in networks and working groups:

- i. Reduce/Reuse network.
- ii. SWME School Outreach Group.
- iii. SWME Recycling Coordinators Group.
- iv. Vermont Hazardous Waste Network Group.

B. Host meetings:

- i. Once in the MMP term, ANR will host or participate in a statewide meeting or a series of regional meetings that connect SWMEs with organizations that work with food recovery / food donation to identify and address gaps in the top end of VT's food scrap hierarchy.
- ii. Annually, work with SWMEs and other stakeholders to organize a meeting on residuals management and recycling in Vermont. The meetings will educate and promote the exchange of information to improve safe and effective management and reuse opportunities for residuals and to share information on emerging contaminants like PFAS.
- iii. Collaborate with SWMEs to hold a minimum of 8 regional meetings with haulers and stakeholders during the MMP term to discuss state solid waste requirements and MMP goals.

Annual Documentation:

1. Summarize key activities of network groups or task forces.
2. List topics, locations, and dates of meetings hosted.
3. List date, location, and number of participants events hosted.

A-5 ANR Strategy – Technical Assistance and Collaborations

A-5.6 – Technical Assistance and Trainings

To increase knowledge of topics related to the Solid Waste Management Rules, solid waste-related laws, and MMP goals, ANR will:

- A. Organize trainings, such as:
 - i. Webinars for SWMEs on topics such as SWIP reporting, outreach expectations and tips, social media strategies, website accessibility, etc.
 - ii. Transfer station operator training video.
 - iii. Compost Operator Trainings.
 - iv. HHW Operator Trainings.
- B. Organize technical assistance programs such as:
 - i. Master Composter course.
 - ii. Compost Technical Assistance.
 - iii. Vermont Organics Recycling Summit.

Annual Documentation:

1. List trainings offered, including topic and date, and number of attendees if available.

A-6 ANR Strategy – Grant Funding

A-6.1 – Grants

Contingent upon availability of funds and internal approval, ANR may disburse from the Solid Waste Management Assistance Fund for grants and contracts for the purpose of enhancing solid waste management in the State in accordance with this Plan, such as:

- A. Issue Solid Waste Implementation Plan funding to SWMEs.
- B. Using data from annual SWME infrastructure needs assessments, issue grants that help meet MMP goals such as projects that:
 - i. Improve sustainable materials management such as projects that can increase recycling, composting, and waste diversion through efficiency, capacity, safety, accessibility, convenience, cost-effectiveness, and climate mitigation and resiliency.
 - ii. Improve access to Household Hazardous Waste facility services so services are available to more people, more frequently than 2 times per year.
- C. Issue contracts in furtherance of the MMP goals and implementation of the Solid Waste Management Rules, such as education and trainings, studies, technical assistance services, testing, site management, and more.
- D. Adjust grant RFP requirements and scoring in light of federal or state environmental justice policies or procedures that may be established.

Annual Documentation:

1. List grant recipients, contracts awarded, amounts awarded, and connections to Environmental Justice and climate mitigation and resiliency, if any.

A-7 ANR Strategy – Data and Reports

A-7.1 – Diversion and Disposal Reports

To track flow of materials through regulated solid waste facilities and participation in EPR programs, ANR will:

- A. Compile annual Diversion and Disposal reports including:
 - i. Number of tons of MSW, organics, recyclables, C&D, and other materials reported by regulated facilities, including Vermont materials disposed out-of-state and out-of-state materials disposed in Vermont.
 - ii. Amount of HHW collected and participation rate for HHW facilities and events.
 - iii. Annual collection amounts per EPR program.

Annual Documentation:

1. Post report on DEC web page.

A-7.2 – Legislative Reports

To provide summaries of solid-waste-related programs, initiatives, data, or other topics as requested by the Vermont Legislature, ANR will:

1. Complete reports to the Legislature including:
 - a. Biennial Report
 - b. Other reports, as required.

Annual Documentation:

1. Post reports on DEC web page.

A-7 ANR Strategy – Data and Reports

A-7.3 – Disposal Capacity Stakeholder Process

To explore opportunities for ongoing in-state disposal capacity, ANR plans to initiate a stakeholder process for Vermont disposal capacity of the future. Whatever the path, the state must not waiver in its efforts to reduce, repair, reuse, recycle, compost, and safely manage waste and materials for the benefit of human health and the environment.

1. Beginning in year 1 of the MMP term, ANR will organize a representative group of stakeholders from public and private solid waste managers and other interested parties to explore opportunities for ongoing in-state disposal capacity. This work will likely result in a report which could become part of a Biennial Report on Solid Waste to the Legislature.

Annual Documentation:

1. Post results of stakeholder process or report on DEC web page.

SWME Requirements

4.1 Solid Waste Implementation Plan and Approval Process

4.1.1 – Minimum SWIP Requirements

- A. SWME Strategies and Actions.** SWIPs must address how each required SWME action is/will be completed during the SWIP term. SWIPs that adequately address the SWME actions are considered to be implementing the priorities of this MMP, as further outlined by 10 V.S.A. § 6604(a)(1). SWME strategies and actions include all the requirements from 24 V.S.A. § 2202a.
- B. Solid Waste Facility Siting Criteria.** SWIPs must describe the siting criteria that will apply to solid waste facilities which may be proposed by any public or private entity in the SWME region. As required by 10 V.S.A. §6605(c), siting criteria shall not be less stringent than the criteria in Vermont Solid Waste Management Rules.
- C. Specify the Facilities that are Included in the SWIP and Describe How Proposed Facilities will be Reviewed for Inclusion.** Ensure all solid waste facilities operating in the SWME region, including wastewater treatment facilities, are listed in the SWIP. Explain the process and standards to be used to determine if newly proposed solid waste facilities would be included in the SWIP. The process may reference siting criteria and existing zoning ordinances, may require a host town agreement, or may defer to requirements in the Vermont Solid Waste Management Rules for some or all types of solid waste facilities. The standard(s) for being included in the SWIP should be clear.
- D. Public Participation in the SWIP Approval Process.** Describe the process to be used to ensure public participation in the development and implementation of the SWIP. The local community should be notified of opportunities to participate in the SWIP development and implementation. In accordance with state statute, SWMEs must hold at least two public meetings on the draft SWIP.
- E. Ordinances.** Include copies of any solid waste related ordinances with the SWIP.
- F. Conformance with Other Plans.** Demonstrate that the SWIP is in conformance with any regional plan adopted in accordance with 24 V.S.A Chapter 117. Demonstration may be in the form of a letter from the applicable regional planning commission regarding conformance of the solid waste implementation plan with the regional plan(s), copies of pertinent sections of the regional plan(s), or other documentation that proves conformance.
- G. SWIP Reports.** All SWMEs must submit an annual SWIP Report and demonstrate completion of all required actions via ReTRAC by April 1st. ANR will provide SWIP Reporting Guidance.

4.1 Solid Waste Implementation Plan and Approval Process

4.1.2 – SWIP Approval Process

- A. SWMEs must submit a draft SWIP to ANR by July 1, 2025 that is in conformance with the 2024 MMP.
- B. Solid Waste Program staff will review the SWIP and send a letter outlining any unmet requirements.
- C. SWMEs are responsible for submitting revised SWIPs within 30 days to address unmet requirements.
- D. If the revised SWIP completely addresses all comments in the letter, ANR will recommend it for pre-approval. If the revised SWIP does not address all the comments, a follow-up review letter will be sent and the SWME will have another 30 days to address all comments in a subsequent revision.
- E. Once a draft SWIP is recommended by ANR for pre-approval, the SWME must hold two public hearings in its region on the draft SWIP.
- F. Upon completion of two public hearings and provided that no changes were made to the pre-approved SWIP, the SWME Board of Supervisors, Select Board, or City Council may adopt the draft SWIP, which can then move toward full approval by ANR.
- G. The following must be provided by the SWME as proof that public meetings were held in order to move toward final approval:
 - a. dates of at least two public meetings that were held by the SWME on the draft SWIP, and
 - b. a summary of the meetings.
- H. If no changes were recommended on the draft SWIP at the public meetings, then it can move forward for final approval from ANR. The ANR, DEC, Waste Management and Prevention Division Director will provide final approval of SWIPs via an ANR approval letter. If the draft SWIP is revised in any way, ANR will need to review the changes before moving it forward for final approval.

Possible Enforcement Actions:

SWMEs that have not adopted or implemented a SWIP in conformance with the MMP face consequences that may include:

- a) An enforcement action pursuant to 10 V.S.A. Chapter 201 or 211,
- b) The loss of grant eligibility,
- c) Preclusion to secure solid waste management facility certification, and

A requirement to manage all materials (MSW, recycling, etc.) out of State.

SWME Strategies and Actions

S-1 SWME Strategy: Data and Reporting

S-1.1 – Disposal and Diversion Reporting

- A. Disposal rate:** To track progress with state waste reduction goals, SWMEs must report their disposal rate in SWIP years one and five.
- i. SWMEs may use the method in the [ANR Data Guidance](#) to calculate their disposal rate or another method approved by ANR.
 - ii. Disposal rate reports must be based on calendar year data.
- A. Diversion rate:** SWMEs are not required to report diversion rates to ANR; however, it is strongly recommended that SWMEs track their diversion efforts to determine the success of their programs and services.

Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:

1. First (1st) Year SWIP Report: report year 1 annual per person per year disposal rate.
2. Fifth (5th) Year SWIP Report: report year 5 annual per person per year disposal rate.

S-2 SWME Strategy: Outreach

S-2.1 – Accessible Communications

To ensure that all Vermonters have equal access to information and to minimize barriers to information access, SWMEs must critically evaluate their communications in light of best practices for accessibility including:

- A. Year one: attend ANR training OR another training (approved by ANR) on topics such as accessible web design, plain language, accessible graphic design, public outreach and/or engagement, etc.
- B. Years 2-5: review ANR accessible communications best practices.

Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:

- 1. Year 1: List training taken by SWME staff.
- 2. Years 2-5: Confirm review of accessible communications best practices.

S-2 SWME Strategy: Outreach

S-2.2 – SWME Materials Management Website

To ensure community members have access to local waste, recycling, and materials management information including state laws; disposal bans; how to reduce, reuse, recycle, donate, compost, and safely dispose of unwanted materials; and local hauler services; by the end of year 1, each SWME must develop and annually maintain a website with:

- A. **SWIP:** to ensure community members are aware of and can access the SWIP, each SWME must—within one month of their SWIP approval—post their approved SWIP on their website.
- B. **A-Z Waste and Recycling Guide:** maintain an A-Z guide that lists regional management options for various materials. The A-Z guide must remain accurate throughout the SWIP term.
 - i. A-Z website link must be easily found from the SWME website within 2 clicks or fewer from the home page.
 - ii. The A-Z Guide must contain, at a minimum, information on how to manage, recycle, or divert all regional recycling and safe disposal options for all of the categories and key words in the [A-Z Waste and Recycling Guide Minimum Requirements document](#).
 - iii. Each entry must include contact information, as appropriate, such as address and telephone number for the collection location(s) OR a direct link to a webpage where the contact information can be found.
 - iv. Entries for [disposal-banned](#) materials must indicate that the material is banned by state law from disposal in the trash.
 - v. Entries for items that are accepted as part of an EPR program must link to information on the EPR program.
 - vi. Entries for items that can be recycled only through special collection must clearly explain that the collection of these materials is separate from curbside, or blue-bin, recycling.
- C. **Hauler Services List:** establish and maintain an up-to-date Hauler Services List with the contact information for trash, recycling, and food scrap pickup services offered by all known commercial solid waste haulers operating within the SWME region.
 - i. **Waste Reduction for Events Resources:** maintain a web page that encourages waste reduction at events such as bin signs, options for bin rental or loan, haulers for recycling and food scrap collection at events, and tips for successful diversion at events (can link to ANR web page for the tips).

Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:

1. Year 1, provide links to:
 - a. SWIP;
 - b. Updated A-Z Waste and Recycling guide;
 - c. Hauler Services List.
2. Years 2-5: Describe any significant website updates or changes.

S-2 SWME Strategy: Outreach

S-2.3 – Digital Outreach

To build awareness of waste management topics and services provided by SWMEs and those available within their region, each SWME must conduct annual outreach on at least two digital platforms such as Front Porch Forum, social media, electronic newsletters, etc. SWMEs may use existing ANR content or create their own. This requirement is separate from maintaining a materials management website.

- A. Annual digital outreach must include at least two forms of outreach per year on each of the following topics:
- i. The A-Z Guide and disposal bans.
 - ii. Waste reduction and diversion.
 - iii. Household hazardous waste reduction and proper disposal.
 - iv. Extended Producer Responsibility programs (i.e. batteries, E-cycles, mercury-containing products, paint, HHW EPR).

Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:

1. Describe the two digital outreach methods used per SWIP year, including platforms used for each topic covered.

S-2 SWME Strategy: Outreach

S-2.4 – Print Outreach

To reach community members who do not use digital modes of communication, each SWME must conduct at least one annual outreach in printed documents, such as press releases, newsletters, post cards, letters to editor/articles/ads in local newspapers. SWMEs must:

- A. Year 1: Issue one press release about their SWIP to local newspapers or other media outlets within two months of SWIP approval.
- B. Years 2-5: Issue one printed outreach per year related to the main MMP goals and/or ANR or SWME initiatives related to materials management. Press releases could also be completed in partnership with ANR. Mailings can count but are not required. HHW event mailings or advertisements and press releases announcing grant receipt do not count toward this requirement.

Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:

- 1. Year 1: provide a copy of the SWIP press release along with the date released and list of newspapers where it was sent.
- 2. Years 2-5: provide copy of press release along with topic, date released, and list of newspapers where it was sent OR copy of print outreach along with topic, date of release, and number of recipients.

S-2 SWME Strategy: Outreach

S-2.5 – Municipality and Facility Connections

To further develop relationships with their local municipalities and to better understand local challenges and opportunities related to the movement of waste, SWMEs must conduct outreach to solid waste facilities, town offices, and public libraries. SWMEs must:

- A. Within the SWIP term: SWMEs must conduct an in-person visit to each solid waste facility included in the SWIP.
- B. Each year: for each municipality within the SWME region, SWMEs must reach out to the town office and public library (as applicable). Outreach may be conducted in-person, via phone, or via email and must include:
 - i. Introduction of the SWME and their role in the community.
 - ii. Updates on any materials management-related laws, events, or initiatives.
 - iii. For town offices: Discussion of collection plan for disaster debris and disaster-related Hazardous materials (see also C7 – Collection of Disaster Debris and Disaster-related HHW).

Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:

1. Provide a list of solid waste facilities, town offices, and libraries contacted.

S-2 SWME Strategy: Outreach

S-2.6 – School Outreach

To ensure all K-12 public and private schools are aware of the Universal Recycling law, state disposal bans; and how to reduce waste, reuse, repurpose, recycle, compost, donate, and safely manage materials responsibly; and that waste reduction and diversion programs are being implemented effectively, SWMEs must:

- A. Conduct **in-person outreach and assistance to K-12 public and private school administrators and/or facilities and food service staff at a minimum of 10% or 2 schools (whichever is greater)** within their jurisdiction each year, ensuring that at least 50% of the schools are reached by the end of the SWIP term. SWMEs should prioritize outreach to schools that have not yet been visited. For SWMEs with fewer than 10 schools, outreach should occur on an annual basis to at least 2 schools per year, with re-visits to schools if all schools in the jurisdiction are reached early in the SWIP term.
- B. The outreach to each school must focus on school-wide waste reduction and diversion programs covering, at minimum:
 - i. Disposal ban information.
 - ii. How to recycle correctly.
 - iii. How to separate food scraps for composting or anaerobic digestion.
 - iv. How to reduce wasted food and donate (such as through the use of share table) what is appropriate.
 - v. How to safely manage hazardous waste.
 - vi. Collection options available from Vermont's Extended Producer Responsibility Programs for HHW, electronics, paint, batteries, mercury-containing bulbs and thermostats.
- C. Initial outreach must be in-person, but phone calls may be conducted as follow-up if SWME is not able to reach school administrators or relevant staff in-person.
- D. To keep track of their school outreach, SWMEs may use the ANR tracking spreadsheet template or another system of their own that meets ANR approval.
- E. Outreach to teachers and students is encouraged but is not required, although SWMEs may find it useful to talk to science, art, and shop teachers about proper management and disposal of hazardous materials.
- F. One of the primary roles of a SWME is waste reduction, diversion, and hazard reduction outreach and assistance. If a school is not in compliance with the Universal Recycling law or other waste-related laws, and assistance is not effective, SWMEs are encouraged to request follow-up assistance from ANR.

Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:

1. Provide a spreadsheet or other document including:
 - a. List of schools and person contacted;
 - b. Dates visited/contacted;
 - c. Status of recycling and food scrap diversion programs.
2. Describe outreach efforts, including notable successes or challenges.

S-2 SWME Strategy: Outreach

S-2.7 – Business Outreach

To ensure businesses and institutions (hospitals, nursing homes, colleges, correctional facilities, and other large waste generators) understand the requirements of the Universal Recycling law, state disposal bans, how to reduce waste, reuse, recycle, compost, donate, and safely manage materials responsibly; and that waste reduction and diversion programs are being implemented effectively, SWMEs must:

- A. SWMEs must conduct business outreach and education either **in person or via phone** to at **least 2% or 20 businesses/institutions (whichever is greater)** within their jurisdiction each year.
 - i. The number of businesses in a SWME region may be estimated by the Department of Labor list (provided by ANR in Year 1 of the MMP term), or a SWME may use a different method that meets ANR approval.
 - ii. For SWMEs with fewer than 20 businesses, all businesses must receive outreach at least twice during the SWIP term. SWMEs must provide business outreach and education on a continual basis to ensure the effectiveness of waste reduction programs. SWMEs should prioritize outreach to businesses that have not yet been contacted or visited or those whose status is not yet known.
- B. The business outreach and education to each entity must cover, at minimum:
 - i. Disposal ban information.
 - ii. How to recycle correctly.
 - iii. How to separate food scraps for animal feed and/or composting or anaerobic digestion.
 - iv. How to reduce wasted food and donate what is appropriate.
 - v. Single-Use Products law.
 - vi. Resources for safely managing hazardous waste.
 - vii. Collection options available from Vermont's Extended Producer Responsibility Programs for HHW, electronics, paint, batteries, mercury containing bulbs and thermostats.
- C. To keep track of their business outreach, SWMEs may use the ANR tracking spreadsheet template or another system of their own that meets ANR approval.
- D. One of the primary roles of a SWME is outreach and assistance. If a business is not in compliance with the Universal Recycling law or other waste-related laws, and assistance is not effective, SWMEs are encouraged to request follow-up from ANR.

Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:

1. Provide a spreadsheet or other document including:
 - a. List of businesses and person contacted;
 - b. Dates visited/contacted;
 - c. Status of recycling and food scrap diversion programs;
 - d. Interaction type (in person or phone).
2. Describe outreach efforts, including notable successes or challenges.

S-3 SWME Strategy: Collection Infrastructure

S-3.1 – Variable Rate Pricing

To encourage waste reduction, SWMEs must:

- A. Implement a variable rate pricing system that charges for the collection of municipal solid waste from a residential customer for disposal based on the volume or weight of the waste collected. SWMEs may elect to establish licensing or registration programs to accomplish this requirement and can refer to the [Variable Rate Pricing Guide](#) for more information.

Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:

1. Year 1: explain the method used to ensure haulers and facilities are charging residents for trash based on volume or weight.
2. Years 2-5: provide any updates and/or instances of hauler or facility non-compliance.

S-3 SWME Strategy: Collection Infrastructure

S-3.2 – HHW Collection Facilities and Events

To ensure community members have convenient access to safely dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) hazardous waste (previously defined as Conditionally Exempt Generator hazardous waste (CEG)), SWMEs must provide access to one of the following:

- A. A permanent HHW/VSQG collection facility defined within this MMP as a facility that is open at least one day per week, at minimum from May through October (ANR may consider approving requests for alternative operating days and seasonal openings and closures of permanent facilities when necessary).
 - i. Due to increased user convenience, lower costs per participant, and slightly higher participation rates for regional HHW facilities, SWMEs that provide access to a permanent HHW collection facility in their region are exempt from the requirement to offer all towns at least one annual collection event within 20 road-miles.

OR

- A. A minimum of two (2) HHW/VSQG hazardous waste collection events per year. SWMEs utilizing collection events must at minimum offer at least one HHW and VSQG collection event scheduled in the spring and one in the fall and events must operate for a minimum of four (4) hours.
 - i. SWMEs that only offer collection events or operate HHW facilities with operating hours similar to collection events must annually provide each of its towns with access to at least one collection event (or to a facility) within 20 road-miles; meaning a maximum distance of 20 road-miles from any point in the town.
 - ii. If a SWME provides additional events above the minimum requirement, waivers to the minimum duration for each event may be considered by ANR.
 - iii. To meet this 20 road-mile convenience requirement, certain regions may need to hold more than two collection events each year.

Sharing Facilities or Events: SWMEs are encouraged to share access to events and facilities, provided a signed agreement confirming access by the SWME's community members is obtained; and provided that a facility or event is within 20 road-miles from any point in a town that would be using that facility or event.

Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:

1. Provide the HHW facility address and seasonal operating schedule, including days operating and hours of operation, **OR** the dates of the HHW events.
2. Provide the number of participants, the household participation rate, and the amount of HHW/VSQG hazardous waste collected in HHW ReTRAC report.

S-3 SWME Strategy: Collection Infrastructure

S-3.3 – Collection of Landfill/Disposal-Banned and Dangerous Materials

To ensure that all Vermonters have year-round collection options for landfill-banned and dangerous materials, SWMEs must:

- A. Demonstrate that year-round collection options exist in their region (within SWME boundary OR within 20 miles of an Independent Town) for the following landfill/disposal banned materials: **batteries, mercury containing lamps, mercury thermostats, gas cylinders as defined in Vermont’s HHW EPR law 10 V.S.A. §7181, electronics, paint, tires, used oil, and appliances (including discarded refrigerators, washing machines, clothes dryers, ranges, water heaters, dishwashers, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers).**
- B. Collection locations can be privately or publicly owned, such as auto parts stores collecting used oil, or hardware stores collecting paint and fluorescent lamps. However, if the only collection location for a required material closes or reaches maximum capacity for collection during the SWIP term, the SWME must provide a collection option for its region.
- C. All collection locations must be open at least one weekday and one weekend day per week.

Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:

1. Confirm that this requirement is met.
2. Describe any changes in collection options from the previous year.

S-3 SWME Strategy: Collection Infrastructure

S-3.4 – Disaster Debris Plan

To ensure all Vermont towns are prepared to manage disaster-related debris, like HHW, hazardous waste, trash/MSW, and construction and demolition (C&D) debris, during and after a disaster such as a flood, fire, storm, or other emergency, SWMEs must, by the end of Year 1 of the SWIP term:

- A. Submit a Disaster Debris Plan:** work with each municipality to create a Disaster Debris Plan (“Plan”) for the management of disaster-related trash, C&D debris, and hazardous debris. The Plan must use the ANR Template, must cover all municipalities in the SWME region, and must include, at minimum:
- a. Municipal Disaster Debris Contacts:** Contact each municipality and obtain contact information for the emergency personnel who would be the point-of-contact for coordinating temporary disaster-related hazardous materials storage in that municipality. Referring to your local emergency management director is recommended.
 - b. Disaster Hazardous Materials Staging Areas:** identify appropriate “Disaster Hazardous Material Staging Areas” (DHMSA) within the SWME region for the temporary storage of disaster-related hazardous materials and dangerous wastes. DHMSAs must be located:
 - i. On publicly owned land.
 - ii. Within either each municipality (which is recommended) or at minimum, one for the whole SWME region.
 - c. Trash and C&D Disaster Debris Management:** This may include the identity of certified public and/or private solid waste transfer facilities that could be used for disaster trash and C&D debris management.
 - d. Clean Wood/Vegetative/Inert Debris Management Sites:** list the locations of clean wood/vegetative/inert debris sites as required below in S-3.5.
 - i. S-3.5 is not due until Year four of the SWIP term. Re-submit the Plan after year four, if necessary.
- NOTE: Attending training by ANR and/or Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) is recommended. See ANR Action A-5.2 above for more details.
 - NOTE: For communities wishing to pursue FEMA reimbursement: trash/MSW/C&D disaster debris management destination locations (like transfer stations, landfills, categorical disposal/recycling facilities like stump dumps and wood waste management sites must be certified, be out of a flood zone, have controlled access, and follow other debris tracking methods to ensure FEMA reimbursement requirements can be met.
 - NOTE: During the historic flooding of July, 2023 the State of Vermont Department of Public Safety, Vermont Emergency Management Division, the Department of Buildings and General Services, and the Department of Environmental Conservation, Solid Waste Management Program engaged a statewide debris contractor to assist towns with collection and disposal of disaster related debris when the capacity of local and regional resources were exceeded. Communities with a sound disaster debris plan may respond more quickly from a disaster, getting debris removed and properly managed or disposed of so that impacted residents and businesses have life return to normal in less time.
 - NOTE: during the historic flooding of July 2023 the State of Vermont ANR, Department of Environmental Conservation, Solid Waste Management, Spills, and Hazardous Materials Programs engaged the U.S. EPA’s hazardous materials contractor assistance to provide both a temporary hazardous materials collection site in Middlesex Vermont and to provide direct pick-ups of hazardous materials from town staging areas. See ANR Actions section for more details.

Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:

1. Year 1 only: provide Disaster Debris Plan with:
 - a. List of emergency personnel in each municipality within SWME region
 - b. Locations of temporary “Disaster Hazardous Materials Staging Areas.”
 - c. Trash and C&D Disaster Management.
 - d. Locations of clean wood/vegetative/inert debris management sites.
2. Year 4 only: Re-submit Plan if there are updates to the clean wood/vegetative/inert debris management sites per S-3.5.

S-3 SWME Strategy: Collection Infrastructure

S-3.5 – Clean Wood and Inert Debris Management Sites

To ensure Vermonters have access to management sites for clean wood (“wood waste”) and other inert debris during normal times and after a disaster, such as a flood, fire, storm, or other emergency, SWMEs must:

- A. By the end of Year 4, identify at least one location within the SWME region to site and permit a categorical disposal or storage/transfer area (“stump dump”) that can be used to manage both normal clean wood and disaster-related clean wood/vegetative debris and other inert debris including: clean silt, soils, and gravel, brick and concrete, branches, trees, stumps, and wood that is untreated and free from paint, staining, is not odorous or otherwise suspected of contamination.
 - i. SWMEs may share access to categorical disposal areas. The municipalities sharing access must provide a signed letter or agreement that documents this shared access.
 - ii. Clean Wood and Inert Debris Management Sites should be adequate in size and operate frequently enough to meet the needs of the municipality(ies) they serve.
 - iii. Having a permitted categorical disposal area for disaster debris management in every municipality within a SWME is recommended, but not required.

Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:

1. Year 4: list location of the permitted categorical disposal facility or other facility in the SWME region where clean wood and inert debris can be managed.

S-3 SWME Strategy: Collection Infrastructure

S-3.6 – Collection of Textiles

To ensure community members have access to textile reuse and recycling centers where used clothing and textiles can be donated, SWMEs must:

- A. Annually ensure that at least one collection location exists within their region (within SWME boundary OR within 20 miles of an Independent Town). Textile reuse/recycling locations can be either privately or publicly owned.
- B. If the only collection location closes or ceases collection during the SWIP term, then the SWME is responsible for providing a collection option for its residents. Collection of rag-quality (unwearable) items is encouraged but not required.
- C. Collection locations can also be shared amongst SWMEs so long as the facility is within the same county or SWME region. SWMEs must list where to donate and reuse/recycle “clothing/textiles” in their A-Z Guides.

Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:

- 1. Confirm that textile collection is available.
- 2. Describe any changes in collection options from the previous year.

S-3 SWME Strategy: Collection Infrastructure

S-4.2 – Residuals Management Meetings

To reduce pollutants in wastewater and septic systems that can hinder the reuse and recycling of biosolids and to increase awareness of topics of concern, like PFAS and other emerging contaminants, each SWME must:

- A. Attend the annual virtual ANR meeting on residuals management each year during the SWIP term. ANR Residuals Program staff will organize the meetings.

Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:

1. Confirm meeting attendance.