

Bennington County Regional Solid Waste Solutions

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Move-In Packets

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Are you new to the area or visiting and wondering where to recycle to bring your trash?

A new website is available:
www.bcrsolidwaste.com

The website is designed to provide the residents, visitors, and seasonal residents of Arlington, Dorset, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Shaftsbury, and Sunderland, Vermont with answers to your questions about recycling, composting, trash disposal, household hazardous waste, transfer stations and other related waste management issues.

If you have recently moved here, please remember to recycle your cardboard boxes! Cardboard is the largest single source of waste paper collected for recycling.



Arlington residents recycle and bring their trash to the Sunderland Transfer Station.

Dorset residents recycle and bring their trash to the East Dorset / Northshire Transfer Station or the Sunderland Transfer Station.

Manchester residents recycle and bring their trash to the Sunderland or East Dorset / Northshire Transfer Stations.

Pownal residents recycle and bring their trash to the Pownal Transfer Station.



Rupert residents recycle and bring their trash to the Rupert Transfer Station.

Sandgate residents recycle and bring their trash to the Sunderland Transfer Station.

Shaftsbury residents recycle and bring their trash to the Shaftsbury Transfer Station.

Sunderland residents recycle and bring their trash to the Sunderland Transfer Station.



Green Moving Tips For You To Consider

Packing up and moving is an opportunity for a fresh start. Begin your new life on a green note by reducing your environmental impact while moving. Take inventory of what you are moving. Make note of what to keep and what to give away.

Recycle, donate, or give away anything you don't need. Getting rid of possessions before you start packing will save you from having to throw away items after the move and it will save you the time of having to pack it up and move it to your new home.

Minimize your carbon footprint (impact) by choosing the smallest truck that will carry all of your belongings in one trip. Reuse boxes by asking friends and businesses for used boxes and packing material, then pass along these items after your move.

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Check out the website:

www.bcrsolidwaste.com

- Learn where to bring your trash and recycling
- Find out the hours of operation for the transfer station near you
- Learn how to compost at home. It's easy to do!
- Keep your analog television past Feb. 17, 2009.
- Learn ways to reduce or reuse your waste.
- Renovating or tearing down a house? Recycle the pieces of your old house with the links provided for building material recyclers.

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Are you renovating soon?

Residential demolition activities produce an estimated 70 - 115 pounds per square foot. The disposal cost for construction and demolition debris is increasing each year. Many demolition waste materials are commingled making separation at the landfill or transfer station difficult and costly. One method of increasing waste salvage, or reuse, and lowering disposal costs is called deconstruction. Separating materials before they are mixed is an important part of recovering them. Source segregation is the future of demolition.

Deconstruction is a process of building disassembly and material salvage. This process is not new but has recently increased in popularity due to the benefits that it offers, and the increased economic feasibility. Deconstruction means taking apart portions of a building and removing some or all of the contents for recovery. Materials such as equipment and appliances, metals, electrical fixtures, wood timbers and flooring, architectural features such as moldings, doors and knobs, masonry, and more can be salvaged if they are in good condition. Depending on the nature and condition of the materials, deconstruction may be a small part of the demolition process or may take the place of demolition activities.

Check the website for places to bring the materials from your project on the Reuse page at: www.bcrcsolidwaste.com/reuse.html.

Reuse and donate your goods at these local places near you:

Shaftsbury

The Swap Shed is free and open Tues & Thurs 11am to 4pm and Sat 7am to 4pm.

Manchester

Visit the Manchester Health Services Thrift Shop at 5468 Main Street, Manchester Center Vermont. Call for directions (802) 362-2126. Donations are accepted Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:00pm. Shop hours are Mon-Fri 11:00am to 4:00pm.

Bennington

Visit the Salvation Army at 511 South Street in Bennington Vermont. Call for directions (802) 442-2774.

Visit the Goodwill at 215 North Street in Bennington Vermont. Call for directions (802) 442-4285.

Near the NY border

Visit the ERC Community Warehouse at 21428 State Route 22 Hoosick Falls, NY 12090 (518) 686-7540

Composting Saves Money and Prevents Greenhouse Gas

Food scraps can be about 20% or more of the average household's waste. The best way to save money on trash fees is to compost this waste right at home. Composting is easy and can be set up with very little effort.

Food scraps contribute to global warming as they decompose in a landfill. Every ton of food waste kept out of the landfill through composting eliminates the release of about 6 tons of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere!

Compost is a great soil amendment. It improves the structure and fertility of garden soil, adds nutrients and helps to prevent plant diseases. Once you build a bin or buy one all you have to do is add food scraps and leaves, grass clippings, hay or other organics to make a great soil additive that you can use instead of chemical fertilizers.