

# SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

## Spring Bulk Trash Collection - June 13

The spring bulk trash collection is regularly scheduled for the second Saturday in May. Thanks to our visitor that doesn't know enough to go away, the Selectboard had to postpone the collection to Saturday, June 13. The service hours remain 8am to 2pm. The event will be held at the public works yard at 129 Websterville Road. The service is for town residents to clean up around their home and house lot. It is not for cleaning up rental property or businesses. Residents must bring a tax or utility bill or this newsletter with mailing label and drivers license to verify residency. The service is for disposal of large items, things that won't fit in a garbage bag.



### Examples of Accepted Items:

Mattresses, box springs,\* furniture  
 Large plastic toys, porcelain fixtures  
 Carpets, pool liners and covers  
 Building demolition materials such as siding, windows, doors, lumber\*  
 Roofing shingles\*  
 Concrete, asphalt, bricks and large stones\*

### Price List

Car.....	\$10
Pickup truck.....	\$15
Unloaded car or truck w/loaded trailer.....	\$15
Loaded car and trailer.....	\$20
Loaded pickup and trailer.....	\$25
Truck larger than pickup (1-ton max).....	\$20
Loaded large truck and trailer.....	\$25
Van, box truck, (10' max).....	\$25
Each mattress or box spring in addition to vehicle .....	\$20

**Cash only; Town can't accept credit or debit cards at this service.**

**ROOFING SHINGLES CHARGED DOUBLE**

- **Roofing shingles** - No vans or box trailers with loose shingles will be accepted. Shingles must be in containers - boxes, buckets, bags, or tubs. Loose loads (in cars, pick-up trucks, or open trailer) will be directed to the side and unloaded when no other user is waiting for service. The per vehicle prices listed above are doubled for all loads containing shingles.
- **Mattresses, box springs** - Mattresses (including box springs) will be recycled again. As listed above the cost per mattress is \$20, whether the item is fit for recycling or not. Please keep mattresses clean and dry. Wet and dirty items cannot be recycled.
- **Concrete, asphalt, bricks, blocks, large stones** - These items are set aside for recycling. Don't mix in with other materials. Concrete must be free of wire and rebar.
- **Building demo** - Small pieces of sheetrock, plaster, tile, wood scraps, etc. must be in buckets, boxes, barrels or other containers for ease of unloading. Loose loads will be directed to wait for a break in the line. Larger pieces of lumber, vinyl siding, wood siding, gutters and the like must be cut to easily handled lengths and bundled.

### Items Not Accepted:

Lawn waste  
 Hazardous materials  
 Tires  
 Large metal, metal furniture, appliances, lawn mowers, gas grills, bicycles, exercise machines, aluminum siding  
 Electronics, tvs, computers, monitors, stereos  
 Household trash and common recyclables

### Can Be Taken To:

Holden Road site  
 CVSWMDC HHW collections  
 Wilson Depot; District ARCC  
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 Wilson Depot, other licensed collectors.

For more information call the Town Manager's Office at 479-9331. Volunteers always are welcome. Call the Manager's Office. Salvaging is permitted. Be careful outside the front gate when checking out free items.

*By Carl Rogers, Town Manager*

## Green Up Day is May 30th

If you're looking for a way to pitch in, or would like something familiar to do in these topsy-turvy times, know that Green Up Day is planned for May 30<sup>th</sup> this year. Green Up bags, gloves, and safety information (related to COVID-19 and other topics) will be available the first week of May. Check [www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org) or call the town manager's office at (802) 479-9331 for details.

In the meantime, when you know what roadside(s) you'd like to clean up, call the town manager's office. We are coordinating sign-ups as usual to avoid duplication of effort. Signing up is encouraged because Barre Town is fortunate that more than 100 residents of all ages Green Up town roadsides each year. Many parents get their kids involved, fostering their sense of stewardship. Any level of effort makes a difference and is appreciated. Speaking of which, the town's Green Up Coordinator, Bonnie Flint, is working on volunteer thank you activities that are social-distancing friendly, so stay tuned for that.



Greening Up in Barre Town can happen from May 23 through the first few days of June. Once you've filled a bag, tie it shut and leave it by the roadside. Large items can be left or brought close to the roadside. Town DPW employees will collect the bags and large items for disposal.

*By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager*

## Wilson Depot

The trash and recycling transfer station at the Wilson Depot in the Wilson Industrial Park is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays 8:00am to 4:00pm. Separated recyclables and food scraps are accepted at no fee. Trash is \$3 - \$6 per bag depending on the size. Numerous other items such as carpeting, mattresses, metal, tires, and construction and demolition material also are accepted for an extra fee. For more information call Earth Waste Systems at (802) 775-7722 or visit [earthwastesystems.com/contact/barre-vt](http://earthwastesystems.com/contact/barre-vt).



*By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager*

## Lawn Waste Site

The Town's lawn waste site will be open on Saturday mornings starting April 25. The site will be open Saturday mornings from 8:00 am to noon until the end of the season. Volunteer monitored weekday hours might begin, if volunteers are willing, in June. Volunteers are welcome.



The site is located on Holden Road not far from the Graniteville Road - Holden Road intersection. During the COVID-19 pandemic a one-way traffic pattern will be used. Follow the signs. DPW employees working at the site will be instructed to abide by social distancing standards. They are told not to help unload. They are told to limit the number of users at the brush pile; this could cause a que so please be patient.

Residents may take tree branches, grass clippings, leaves, hedge clippings and unwanted lawn and garden vegetative matter to the site. Deposit material in the appropriate area. Tree branches larger than 5" will be placed in the firewood area. Residents may take wood mulch, compost material and firewood. Residents must load their own vehicles. When the Town's loader is there, DPW is instructed not to load users' trucks.

State law now prohibits disposal of lawn and garden waste in a landfill. This site can help comply with the law. The Town does not want grass clippings, leaves and brush dumped in ditches and on the banks of streams, brooks and other waterways. The decomposing matter diminishes the waterways and ditches' capacity and could plug a culvert.

Volunteers could be added. A lawn waste site volunteer opens and closes the site, keeps a count of users, directs residents to the right section for dropping off material and discourages improper use (littering, dropping off junk, trash and lumber). Call the Town Manager's Office at 479-9331 to learn more about volunteering.

*By Carl Rogers, Town Manager*

## CVSWMD Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) has been navigating the on-going coronavirus pandemic with the safety and well-being of our employees, towns, residents and businesses in mind. As such, we have closed our offices and the Additional Recyclables Collection Center until further notice, and have cancelled our household hazardous waste (HHW) collections and series of presentations and work-



shops.

If or when we are able to reschedule HHW collections or workshops, we will let you know through your towns, Front Porch Forum and our website.

We realize most households will be generating trash, recycling, food scraps and household hazardous waste during this statewide shutdown, so here are some tips to manage materials in the time of COVID-19.

**Stay Safe:** Please follow Gov. Scott's guidelines for going into public if you need to drop off trash, recycling or food scraps at a transfer station or drop-off site. Stay six feet away from other people, and wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose, and sanitize hands before and after handling materials. This protects you, other customers, and the workers at the site where you drop off materials.

**The ARCC:** Please hold onto your hard-to-recycle materials until we re-open. We cannot predict our re-open date, so look for notices on our website or on Front Porch Forum at a later date.

**Recycling:** Continue to recycle the same six categories of materials that are mandated in Vermont; paper, aluminum, cardboard, steel, glass, hard plastics; keep materials inside your rolling cart if you have curbside pick-up. This is a good time to get back to basics with your recycling such as:

-Keep anything smaller than 2"x2" or larger than 2'x2' **out** of your recycling bin.

-No plastic bags (those can go in grocery store plastic bag recycling).

-No styrofoam, coffee cups or other materials that are not on the statewide six list above.

-Please rinse out food soiled recyclables.

-Screw bottle caps back onto plastic bottles (after rinsing) for blue bin recycling.

**Trash:** Tie your trash bags to keep them closed. Consider using gloves when handling trash bags before rolling to the curb or bringing to your transfer station. Only put out what fits in your rolling cart if you get curbside pick-up.

**Food Scraps:** Check out our **Food Scraps Drop Off Site page** (<http://www.cvswmd.org/food-scrap-drop-off-sites.html>) or compost food scraps in your backyard. This is a great time to start composting if you haven't already. Check our **free bin plans** and our **Dirt on Composting Booklet** at <http://www.cvswmd.org/home-composting.html>.

**Stay Tuned:** We are working hard to get our presentations available online! We will post on Front Porch Forum with dates and times for recycling, composting, and hazardous waste webinars in the upcoming weeks.

We encourage you to contact your hauler or transfer station to check on their hours or any operational changes. CVSWMD has a list of **district licensed haulers and transfer stations** on our website to help you get started: [www.cvswmd.org](http://www.cvswmd.org).

**Remember:** Wear gloves and a face mask when going to a transfer station or drop off site.

Please contact CVSWMD at [comments@cvswmd.org](mailto:comments@cvswmd.org) if you have any questions.

**Keep Haulers and Waste Workers Safe**

Did you know that trash haulers and recycling depot staff are essential workers? Here are a few tips to help you, your hauler and depot workers stay safe:

\*Maintain social distancing. Do not approach haulers. Stay back 6' if you need to talk to a depot worker.

\*Do NOT put banned and dangerous items such as used oil, propane tanks, paint, electronic waste or household hazardous waste in the trash. Use a HHW collection or ask a transfer station attendant about safe disposal options.

\*Place used gloves, masks, wipes and personal protective equipment in the trash. They do NOT belong in your recycling bin.

\*Minimize trips to your preferred recycling depot/transfer station or collection site by storing trash and recyclables as long as possible.

\*Take only trash, blue bin recyclables and food scraps to the transfer station or collection point.

*By Cassandra Hemenway, CVSWMD*