



# MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER  
MONTPELIER, VERMONT

## AGENDA

- 8:30 **Registration** (coffee and light breakfast provided)
- 9:00 **Welcome and Overview of the Day**  
**Abigail Friedman, Director, VLCT Municipal Assistance Center**  
**Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy and Advocacy**  
The first part of this two-part workshop will focus on what Vermont's new universal recycling law entails. During the latter part of the day, our speakers will discuss what attendees would like to see from the law and the changes they feel need to be made. By the end of the workshop, we will have developed a list of suggestions to present to the legislature.
- 9:05 **Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) Basics**  
We begin with an overview of the law, how it is structured, what it mandates, and the phase-in dates. We will cover which entities the law applies to as well as when and how it may apply differently. You will learn about variable rate pricing and the meaning of parallel collection in public spaces.  
**Chloe Collins, Associate, Advocacy and Information, VLCT**  
**Gwynn Zakov, Staff Attorney I, VLCT Municipal Assistance Center**
- 10:05 **Break**
- 10:15 **Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) Basics (continued)**
- 11:00 **Break**
- 11:10 **Application of the Law and Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) Requirements**  
In this session, we will discuss how the state is implementing Act 148 and how towns are impacted by its requirements and summarize common issues and potential solutions. Our speakers will also cover SWIP requirements and local governance options.  
**Alyssa Schuren, Deputy Commissioner, Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation**  
**Josh Kelly, Environmental Analyst, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources**
- 12:10 **Lunch** (provided) and **Roundtable Discussion with Facilitators:**  
**Tables #1-2, Alliances: John Malter, Administrator, Mad River Resource Management Alliance**

**Table #3, Independent Towns: Kenneth Sanderson, Selectboard Chair, Burke, Vermont  
Tables #4-5, Districts: Paul Tomasi, Executive Director, Northeast Kingdom Waste  
Management District**

**1:00 Solid Waste Management Planning**

In this session, you will learn what to include in your Solid Waste Management Plan as well as what a successful model might look like for districts, independent municipalities, and alliances.

**Paul Tomasi, Executive Director, Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District  
John Malter, Administrator, Mad River Resource Management Alliance**

**2:00 Break**

**2:15 Solid Waste Infrastructure Advisory Committee Update**

This session explains the role of the Solid Waste Infrastructure Advisory Committee, which was formed as a result of 2014 legislation, and what legislative amendments it has devised. A roundtable discussion will lead to further proposals. You will also learn where to find helpful resources.

**Kenneth Sanderson, Selectboard Chair, Burke, Vermont  
Michael Batcher, Regional Planner, Bennington County Regional Commission  
Chloe Collins, Associate, Advocacy and Information, VLCT will facilitate the  
discussion.**

**3:25 Complete Evaluations**

**3:30 Conclusion**