



## MANAGING ITEMS BANNED FROM LANDFILL

To reduce waste and greenhouse gas emissions, protect public health, and conserve resources and landfill space, Vermont law bans certain items from the trash.



### STATE LAW REQUIRES EVERYONE IN VERMONT TO RECYCLE CLEAN AND DRY



- Uncoated paper, boxboard, and cardboard
- Containers from food and drinks (empty and rinsed)
  - Metal cans
  - Glass bottles and jars
  - Plastic bottles and containers labeled #1 and #2

#### Tips for recyclables

- Label your recycling bins with signs that describe what can be recycled
- Rinse containers clean and leave to dry before placing in blue bin
- Follow the rule of 2: minimum size = 2" on any 2 sides, maximum size = 2' on any one side



### STATE LAW REQUIRES EVERYONE IN VERMONT TO MANAGE THEIR FOOD SCRAPS SEPARATELY FROM TRASH



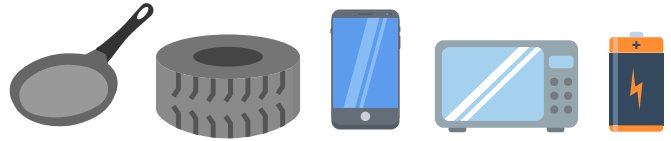
- Fruits and veggies; breads, grains, pasta; meat and bones; eggs and eggshells; seafood and shells; milk, cheese, and other dairy; (paper) tea bags and loose tea; spices; coffee grounds and filters; oils and fats; soups and sauces; dressing and condiments; nuts and shells

#### Tips for leftover food and food scraps

- Donate quality food to staff or a local food shelf
- Compost at home, at one of the NWSWD drop-off sites, or with a hauler (NWSWD offers commercial compost pickup)
- Track excess food and food that goes bad so you can modify purchasing, preparation, and storage to save money



## HARD-TO-MANAGE ITEMS MUST BE COLLECTED & RECYCLED SEPARATELY



- Batteries (Lead acid & rechargeable)
- Electronics (computers and accessories, all phones, televisions, MP3 players, DVDs, etc.)
- Tires
- Large appliances and scrap metal
- Clean wood (not pressure treated/painted)
- Asphalt shingles, plywood, OSB, & drywall

### Tips for hard-to-manage items

- These items don't belong in the blue-bin, but can be recycled elsewhere
- Many of them, like scrap metal and electronics are accepted at NWSWD facilities
- Find out where to drop off your special recyclables on our A-Z Disposal Guide at [nswd.org](http://nswd.org)



## HAZARDOUS WASTES MUST BE DISPOSED OF PROPERLY



- Fluorescent lightbulbs, mercury thermostats (older, with dials), thermometers, and switches
- Used oil, filters, and auto fluids
- Propane cylinders and gasoline
- Explosives, fireworks, and sharps (NOT accepted at NWSWD)
- Chemical cleaners and pesticides

### Tips for hazardous wastes

- HHW can be recycled at the NWSWD Georgia facility by appointment or dropped off at one of the HHW collection events
- These materials can be dangerous if handled and disposed of improperly
- Refer to the NWSWD HHW Guide to learn how to manage and reduce HHW