

What you toss can do more than you think!

At CSWD, our goal is simple: to help you keep valuable materials out of Vermont's only landfill. Many of the items you bring to our facilities—or set out with your curbside recycling—are turned into something new. Together, we give materials a second life.

Plastic bottles, food scraps, and even old batteries can all be transformed into new products or raw materials, saving space in the landfill and conserving natural resources.

Every time you bring an item to CSWD instead of tossing it in the trash, you're doing more than cleaning up—you're helping Vermont waste less and recycle more.

It Starts At Home!

Visit cswd.net for details on how and where to manage your blue-bin recycling, food scraps, hazardous waste, construction debris, and more.

CSWD sends all marketable materials to vendors in North America. All trash is sent to Vermont's only landfill in Coventry.

Hazardous Waste

ITEM:	WHERE IT GOES / WHAT IT BECOMES:
Mercury Containing Bulbs* <small>West Bridgewater, MA</small>	Dismantled into components: glass, metal, phosphor power, and mercury and sold for making new products.
Mercury Containing Thermostats* <small>Fall River, MA</small>	Dismantled into components: mercury, glass, plastic, and metals and sold to make new products.
Paint* <small>CSWD Environmental Depot in South Burlington, VT</small>	All paint collected falls under the PaintCare Program (paintcare.org), and is managed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good quality latex paint is manufactured into Local Color Paint by CSWD and sold in Vermont. • Latex paint not suitable for repurpose is shipped out of state, solidified, and landfilled. • Oil-based paint is processed into new paint or sent to hazardous waste incinerators in the US.
Used Oil <small>CSWD Facilities or Barre, VT</small>	Burned for heat at CSWD's facilities. Excess oil, or oil that is not clean enough to burn, is sent out to be processed and used for industrial fuel.
Used Oil Filters <small>CSWD Facilities or Barre, VT</small>	Oil is separated from filters and recycled. Metal is recycled as scrap metal.
All Other Household Waste <small>Items such as pesticides, cleaners, adhesives, solvents, and gasoline.</small>	All hazardous waste is shipped out of state and managed at licensed hazardous waste treatment facilities in the US or Canada, where it is either treated and discharged, disposed at a hazardous waste landfill, incinerated, or blended for industrial fuel (fuel specifically used for powering machinery, equipment, and facilities).

* This material falls under an Extended Producer Responsibility program whereby state law, the manufacturers of these products are responsible for collecting and recycling them at the end of life. CSWD provides collection services for these programs.

Please note: Material destination may change due to market fluctuations.

Want to know more?

For full details on the destination and end use of materials collected and managed by CSWD, scan code or visit cswd.net/wgw



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Beyond Your Bin

From boxes to banana peels, find out where the materials CSWD manages go—and what they become.



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Blue-Bin Recycling

ITEM:	WHERE IT GOES / WHAT IT BECOMES:
Aluminum Cans <small>Cohoes, NY</small>	Melted and cast into ingots that are sold to make new aluminum cans or other aluminum products such as bicycles, furniture, and baseball bats.
Cardboard <small>Georgia or Canada</small>	Made into new cardboard, paperboard, and paper products.
Glass Bottles & Jars <small>Colchester, VT</small>	Crushed and used in road base for paving, drainage material, and other engineering projects.
Plastic #1 <small>Water bottles Clamshell containers Troy, AL</small>	Processed into raw materials to produce new bottles, thermoform containers (such as salad mix containers), carpet, and clothing.
Plastic #2 <small>Shampoo bottles Detergent containers Troy, AL or Reidsville, NC</small>	Processed into raw materials to produce new bottles, drainage pipe, and toys.
Plastic #5 <small>Yogurt containers Prescription pill bottles Troy, AL</small>	Processed into raw materials and made into paint containers, rope, pallets, and food containers.
Steel & Tin Cans <small>Cohoes, NY</small>	Melted and cast into ingots and sold to make new cans and other steel-containing products such as tools, appliances, and bridges.

The whole CSWD team is committed to ensuring that all items brought to our facilities are **sorted correctly, processed efficiently, and when possible, repurposed and turned into new products.**



Special Materials

ITEM:	WHERE IT GOES / WHAT IT BECOMES:
Batteries* <small>Call2Recycle</small>	Processed into raw materials (zinc, steel, nickel, plastic, and brass) and used to make new products such as cookware, golf clubs, fertilizer, asphalt, and new batteries.
Lead Acid Batteries <small>Williston, VT</small>	Processed into raw materials and sold for manufacturing new batteries and battery casings, and other products.
Books & Notebooks <small>Colchester, VT</small>	Baled and sold to a paper mill where it is used to make recycled paper products.
Cell Phones <small>Call2Recycle</small>	Data cleansed and sent to a US-based vendor where they are sorted to be refurbished or dismantled and processed into raw materials (aluminum, steel, gold, silver, copper, and glass, plastic) to make new products.
Electronics* <small>Middlebury, VT</small>	Sorted and either sold for reuse, refurbished for reuse, or dismantled to recover precious metals, plastics, and glass that are sold to manufacture new products.
Mattresses & Box Springs <small>Burlington, VT</small>	Dismantled into components that are recycled. Foam and fabric become new products like carpet padding; Wood is burned to generate electricity at the McNeil Generating Station; Metal is sold as scrap for making new products.
Propane Tanks <small>Grand Isle, VT</small>	Remaining propane gas is captured and used to fill cylinders. Empty tanks are reconditioned for reuse or recycled as scrap metal.
Scrap Metal <small>Williston, VT</small>	Sold for use in manufacturing of goods used in construction, automobiles, aircraft, and appliances.
Shredded Paper <small>Colchester, VT</small>	Baled and sold to a paper mill where it is used to make recycled paper products.
Textiles <small>Hooksett, NH</small>	Either donated to communities in need, sold for reuse, or recycled to make products such as new clothing, shoes, bags, pet beds, and carpet.
Tires <small>Fairfield, ME</small>	Metals are recycled. Rubber is ground and used for playground ground cover, surface material for running tracks and athletic fields, as well as tire derived fuel (TDF).

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Organics

ITEM:	WHERE IT GOES / WHAT IT BECOMES:
Food Scraps <small>CSWD - Williston, VT</small>	Composted and used to make soil products at CSWD's Organics Recycling Facility— <i>home of Green Mountain Compost.</i>
Dirty Stumps <small>Colchester, VT</small>	Used as clean fill which is often used as backfill around foundations, in trench fills, and landscaping projects.
Wood: Brush, Limbs, Logs <small>CSWD - Williston, VT</small>	Shredded, mixed, and composted to make CSWD's Green Mountain Compost products.
Wood: Clean Lumber/Pallets <small>Burlington, VT</small>	Chipped and brought to McNeil Generating Station in Burlington and burned to generate electricity.
Yard Waste: Leaves, Grass, Garden Debris <small>CSWD - Williston, VT</small>	Shredded, mixed, and composted to make CSWD's Green Mountain Compost products.

Construction & Demolition

ITEM:	WHAT IT BECOMES:
Drywall <small>Denver, PA</small>	Ground and separated into components used in products such as new drywall, animal bedding, gypsum lawn fertilizer, and other agricultural gypsum products.
Asphalt Shingles <small>Boxborough, MA</small>	Ground and incorporated into paving materials for roads.