

HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Hazardous Waste department provides an affordable disposal option for Chittenden County residents and small businesses who generate limited quantities of hazardous waste to drop off. The department also includes the Local Color paint recycling program and retail sales. The department also operates the mobile hazardous waste collection program known as The Rover which puts on six collection events each year in six different communities.

Significant Changes from Previous Fiscal Year

1. Increase in Conferences to allow for two people to attend the national household hazardous waste conference.
2. Slight increase in personal protective equipment to account for increased cost of goods.
3. Slight increase in building telecommunications, electricity, and heat to account for increased costs.
4. Significant increase to hazardous material disposal based on increase by waste disposal vendor. Size of the increase was due to the end of a three-year contract (make up for a lack of three years of missed increases) plus inflation costs.

Key Performance Indicators

1. Compare cost per participant year over year and determine if any changes could be made to reduce overall costs.

3-Year Budget Outlook

New 3-year contract in FY24 should eliminate any significant changes to the annual budget over the next three years pertaining to disposal costs – no significant budget changes expected in other cost areas. HHW EPR bill being introduced in the legislature this year has the potential to significantly reduce overall program costs if enacted though implementation isn't likely until at least FY25.