

What is recyclable?



glass, plastic & metal bottles & cans
NO lids, please! They are too small to be recycled.



paper, boxboard & cardboard
Must be clean and dry!



plastic packaging, tubs & jugs
Must be at least 2" on any 2 dimensions.

NO styrofoam • plastic bags/wraps
food • paper cups/plates • utensils
fridge- or frozen-food boxes

Did you know?

Each ton of material recycled saves about 2.92 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂). If we can capture just 50 percent of the recyclables now going to the landfill in Vermont (or 29,000 tons per year), then we could eliminate upwards of 85,000 metric tons of CO₂ per year, the equivalent of taking 17,708 cars off the road.



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ACT 148

Vermont's Universal Recycling Law



Mandatory protocol for
Faculty and Staff

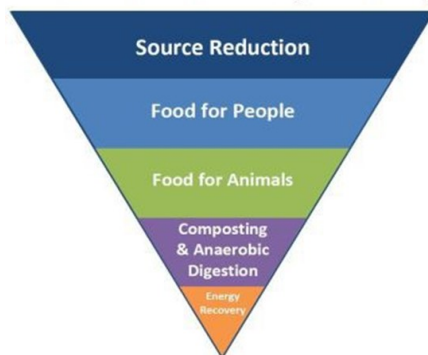


Why Act 148

The amount of food wasted by Americans has increased **50% since 1974**, so we now throw out **\$165 billion** worth of food a year. Not only could this food be used to feed other people, but food waste in landfills is one of the largest emitters of **CO₂** and **methane**, known greenhouse gases accelerating climate change.

In order to reduce the impact waste has, the state of Vermont has enacted a new state law, **Act 148**, that bans food scraps and other organics from the landfill as well as sets specific requirements for bins/containers. Here's a snapshot of what SMC is doing to adhere to this state law and what your role is.

Vermont Food Recovery Hierarchy



What does this mean for me?

As a member of the campus community, you must adhere to the state law. This means all recycling, food scraps and trash must go in their designated bin.

Where will these bins be located?

Trash & Recycling

- Each classroom
- Throughout Academic & Administration buildings

Food Scraps

- First floor of each academic building
- Dining hall & Einstein's Café
- Various locations in administrative buildings (refer to master list posted on mySMC or contact the Office of Sustainability if you have not received the list)

How do I use each bin?

Green= Food Scraps

Blue= Recycling

Black/Brown/Gray= Trash

All bins will be clearly labeled in addition to the color code above.

Departments may request one small food scrap bin to share (there are a limited number of bins available, therefore we can't provide bins to each individual person)

Additional Info and Tips

Reduce the food you waste

- Take less food
- Try a bit of something before a large portion
- Use smaller plates
- Share with others

What is Compostable?



NOT ACCEPTED

Wood, Petroleum-based Plastic, Dirt, Glass, Metal, Non-Compostable Utensils, Cups, and Plates, Plastic Bags, Rubber Bands, Plastic Gloves, Bottle Caps, Twist Ties, Foli, Condiment Packets, Packaging, Styrofoam, Coated or Waxed Paper, and Shrink Wrap

Did you know?

In 1987, Vermonters threw an average of 3.15 pounds per person per day into the landfill. By 2011, it increased to 3.62. In Chittenden County, that figure was 3.08 pounds in 2012.