



PLAN FOR STORM DEBRIS AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

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Existing Resources

WSWMD's transfer station is located at 327 Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro, and includes drop-off areas for trash, C&D, bulky items, scrap metal, brush, leaves, tires, appliances, food waste, recyclables, electronics, clothing, books, used needles, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, used oil/filters, house paints, and household hazardous waste.

The transfer station is open to WSWMD residents and businesses, weekdays 8 AM – 3:00 PM, and Saturday 8 AM – 1:00 PM.

The facility is located adjacent to a closed landfill with a 5 MW solar array. All materials collected at the transfer station are sent off-site to permitted facilities for landfilling, recycling, or other appropriate disposal—with the exception of food scraps, soiled paper, leaves, and wood chips which are composted on-site at the permitted medium-scale composting facility.

The District does not provide trash or recycling collection, and therefore refers requests for service to private haulers.

Proposed Storm Debris Collection

Storm debris from District towns, businesses, and residents can be dropped off at the facility as trash, C&D, and mixed woody waste as per normal operations and fees. The access sticker fee will be waived for storm-related debris. The District hauls roll-off containers of these materials to the Casella transfer station (formerly Brattleboro Salvage) in Brattleboro for landfill disposal.

Please be advised to keep recyclable material, and especially household hazardous waste (HHW), **separate** from other wastes. Scrap metal, tires, electronics, and appliances that are not potentially contaminated or caked in mud will be collected as usual and sent for recycling. See the section below on HHW. As always, we cannot accept animal carcasses, utility-related debris, or vehicles at the transfer station.

If needed, WSWMD will prepare a location onsite but away from the normal transfer station as a drop-off facility for larger amounts of storm debris. The site would be used for loads of clean wood, metal, and C&D to be tipped and kept segregated for transfer to recycling facilities. The need for such a separate management area will be assessed on an ongoing basis through the storm cleanup process, and if it appears to be needed, then the District will inform state agencies of any changes to operations.

Household Hazardous Waste Services

WSWMD's HHW Depot collects hazardous waste from households and Very Small Quantity Generator businesses (VSQGs) by appointment on Friday mornings. During this emergency response, the Depot will be open to collect the material from storm-related losses during all regular transfer station hours, at \$10 per load. District staff will accept the material and place it in containment. At the end of each day, staff will then sort it by hazard class and store it in the specialized Depot shed for later removal by the hazardous waste contractor.

Public Information

WSWMD will update our website to include information on storm debris and household hazardous waste management. The information will also be shared on social media and Front Porch Forum.

Tracking

WSWMD will track all incoming storm-related debris under separate codes at the transfer station. This will enable tracking of volumes and costs if needed under a declaration of emergency.