

New Vermont Disposal Requirements

VT LAW, ACT 148 – RECYCLABLES, FOOD WASTE & YARD WASTE



In July 2012, the Vermont legislature passed a new recycling law named Act 148. This information is intended to provide Vermonters with an overview of the law as it applies to your business and residence. This law focuses on eliminating landfill disposal for three main components of our waste stream: **Recyclables, Food Waste and Yard Waste.**



The Law on Recyclables

By July 1, 2014, all solid waste facilities will collect recyclables. By July 1, 2015 all haulers that offer trash service are required to offer recyclables collection. By 2015 recyclables will be banned from landfill disposal entirely.

Casella's Role with Recyclables: Casella is a leader in recycling in the State of Vermont. We currently operate two Zero-Sort Recycling Facilities in the state and we continue to expand and develop technology to increase recycling. We offer our customers a wide variety of recycling choices from toters, dumpsters and compactors to convenient drop-off sites.



The Law on Yard Waste

By July 1, 2015, all solid waste facilities will be required to have a leaf and yard waste drop-off area. By July 1, 2016 all haulers are required to offer yard waste collection. By 2016 leaf and yard waste will be banned from landfill disposal entirely. Beginning July 1, 2016 Casella will offer leaf & yard waste collection for a fee.

Casella's Role with Yard Waste: All of Casella's solid waste facilities accept leaf and yard waste today. All of our facilities were able to accept leaf and yard waste in compliance with the July 1, 2015 deadline.



The Law on Food Waste

By July 1, 2017 all solid waste facilities will collect food waste. By July 1, 2017 haulers will be required to offer food waste collection. Food waste will be banned from landfill disposal entirely in 2020.

Casella's Role with Food Waste: For over 15 years, our Casella Organics™ division has been an industry leader in the transportation, recycling and processing of organic resources. Handling food waste in particular can be challenging. It's often odorous and wet, which tends to attract unwanted pests and provide a potential for surface water contamination.

Our solution is two-fold...

1. We are working to develop the best possible collection system that will attempt to provide the most efficient and effective means of collecting food waste.
2. We are building a network of environmentally sound recovery options to properly manage food waste for our customers. These options include composting, anaerobic digestion and on-site organic waste processors.

The law will be phased in with the largest generators of food waste required to comply first. This applies only if you are located within 20 miles of a certified organics management facility that has the capacity and willingness to accept the material. Here's a guide showing the proposed timeline given the amount of food waste a business or person might generate...

- **July 1, 2014:** *More than 570 lbs per day.*
- **July 1, 2015:** *More than 285 lbs per day.*
- **July 1, 2016:** *More than 142 lbs per day.*
- **July 1, 2017:** *More than 98 lbs per day.*
- **July 1, 2020:** *All food waste should be recycled.*

Call us today if you have any questions or to schedule a **FREE** on-site Waste Analysis for your business to save your team time, money and effort!

