

Solid Waste Assistance provided by New Hampshire Regional Planning Commissions  
*Descriptions of projects and outreach carried out by NH RPCs regarding municipal solid waste management  
(results based on RPC website information as of 10/29/19)*

**1) CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

No solid waste projects

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**2) LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION**

- Has received USDA Solid Waste Management (SWM) grant funding, every year, since 2016 to provide technical assistance and training to solid waste operators and local officials.
  - Grant work plan has 4 primary activities:
    1. Solid Waste Operator Technical Assistance – involves problem-solving workshops and site visits. Provides ‘continuing education credit’ required by NHDES for solid waste operators.
    2. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collections – a 30+ year program coordinating a 2-day collection event among 8 sites in the region. Established a permanent HHW facility in Wolfeboro
    3. Regional Cooperative Purchasing – helping communities bid collectively on equipment and disposal contracts to lower costs
    4. Outreach and Education – developing public resources about solid waste topics (recycling, food waste, electronic waste, Pay as You Throw (PAYT) systems, capped landfills, etc.)
  - Helped start 3 community composting sites:
    1. Tuftonboro Community Garden
    2. North Woods/Pleasant Valley Camp in Tuftonboro
    3. All Saints Episcopal Church in Wolfeboro
  - Partnered with the Northeast Waste Management Officials Association (NEWMOA) and Northeast Recycling Council (NERC) to address solid waste reduction
  - Actively working with a class at Plymouth State University to address neighboring town recycling issues and increase public education about consumer habits
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**3) NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

- HHW collection program for residents in the region
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**4) NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL**

- Received a USDA SWM grant in 2017 to “help municipalities improve the efficiency and quality of their operations to protect the environment”
- Grant work plan has 6 primary activities:
  1. Transfer Station Site Visits & Operations Assistance
  2. Organic Waste Management Network – aim to expand pilot programs initiated in 2016 and work with residential and business sources.
  3. Operator Training Workshops – provides ‘continuing education credit’ required by NHDES for solid waste operators
  4. Environmental Management Systems – helps set and achieve facility goals with respect to environmental protection
  5. Household Hazardous Waste Collections – hosts 4 HHW collections
  6. Group Purchasing Collaboration – help communities with bulk purchasing opportunities

#### 5) ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

- HHW collection program for residents in the region
  - Organized a presentation given by former NRRRA Executive Director, Mike Durfor, about China's National Sword policy and recycling contamination. RPC website provides slides and a video download.
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#### 6) SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING COMMISSION

No solid waste projects

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#### 7) SOUTHWEST REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

No solid waste projects

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#### 8) STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

No solid waste projects

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#### 9) UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

- Majority of solid waste work has been funded by the USDA SWM grant:
  - Coordinates transfer station attendant lunches to build relationships between towns to learn from each other about markets and management methods for different materials. Discussions are followed by a tour of the host community's facility.
  - Former projects related to waste management (HHW, food waste, etc.)
    - [https://www.uvlsrc.org/project/USDA\\_Connecticut\\_River\\_Valley\\_Solid\\_Waste\\_Management\\_Project\\_113/](https://www.uvlsrc.org/project/USDA_Connecticut_River_Valley_Solid_Waste_Management_Project_113/)
    - [https://www.uvlsrc.org/project/Sullivan\\_County\\_Compost\\_Project\\_37/](https://www.uvlsrc.org/project/Sullivan_County_Compost_Project_37/)
    - [https://www.uvlsrc.org/project/Solid\\_Waste\\_Management\\_Project\\_146/](https://www.uvlsrc.org/project/Solid_Waste_Management_Project_146/)
    - [https://www.uvlsrc.org/project/Solid\\_Waste\\_Management\\_Project\\_136/](https://www.uvlsrc.org/project/Solid_Waste_Management_Project_136/)
- Website offers resources for low-toxic alternatives in the home, yard, and garage
- HHW collections available to residents in the region
  - Businesses and non-residents can participate for a fee

#### SUPPORTING LINKS

LRPC Solid Waste page: <https://www.lakesrpc.org/servicessolidwaste.asp>

LRPC HHW page: <https://www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshww.asp>

NCC Organics & Food Waste page: [http://www.nccouncil.org/services/solid-waste-technical-assistance/sw\\_tech\\_whatwedo/organics-and-food-waste-diversion/](http://www.nccouncil.org/services/solid-waste-technical-assistance/sw_tech_whatwedo/organics-and-food-waste-diversion/)

NCC Solid Waste Tech Assistance page: <http://www.nccouncil.org/services/solid-waste-technical-assistance/>

New Hampshire Association of Regional Planning Commissions: <http://www.nharpc.org>

Northeast Recycling Council (NERC): <https://nerc.org/>

Northeast Waste Management Officials Association (NEWMOA): <http://www.newmoa.org/>

USDA Rural Utilities SWM grant: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/solid-waste-management-grants>

UVALRPC Waste Management & Recycling page: <https://www.uvlsrc.org/projects/waste-management-recycling/>