

Town of Whitingham

Solid Waste Implementation Plan

*A summary of the Current Solid Waste Management Practices and Proposed Management Strategies
Effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025*

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SWME Solid Waste Implementation Plan

Name of SWME	Town of Whitingham
Year Chartered (if applicable)	Original Charter in 1770
Mission for Sustainable Materials Management	The Town of Whitingham seeks to promote waste reduction; maximize diversion of wastes through reuse, recycling and composting; provide for the proper disposal of remaining wastes; and seek environmentally sound and cost-effective solutions in all of the Town's programs, services and facilities.
Names of Member Town(s)	Town of Whitingham
X	Attach cover page once SWIP has been pre-approved with title and date adopted by SWME.

General

G1	<p>Disposal and Diversion Reporting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> DISPOSAL RATE: To track progress with state waste reduction goals, SWMEs must report their disposal rate in SWIP years one and five. SWMEs may use the method in the <i>ANR Data Guidance</i> to calculate their disposal rate or another method approved by ANR. Disposal rate reports must be based on calendar year data and be submitted to ANR via ReTRAC by July 1st. DOCUMENTATION (only required in annual SWIP reports): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> First (1st) Year SWIP Report: report year 1 annual per person per year disposal rate. Fifth (5th) Year SWIP Report: report year 5 annual per person per year disposal rate. DIVERSION RATE: SWMEs are not required to report diversion rates to ANR; however, it is strongly recommended that SWMEs track their diversion efforts to determine the success of their programs and services.
Plan to submit data:	We will track our annual disposal rate using the ANR Data Guidance and submit to ANR via ReTRAC by July 1st in years 1 and 5 of SWIP term. Internally we will track our diversion rates to determine if improvements can be made. Our 2019 per capita disposal rate for MSW is 1.45369 pounds.

G2	<p>SWIP Posting & Publicity. To ensure community members are aware of and can access the SWIP, each SWME must—within one month of their SWIP approval—post their approved SWIP on their website and submit one press release about their SWIP to local newspapers within two months of SWIP approval.</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION (only required in annual SWIP reports):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> First (1st) Year SWIP Report: supply website link of SWIP and attach press release along with date released and list of newspapers where it was sent.
Plan for Posting and Press Release:	Our approved SWIP will be posted to the town website (www.whitinghamvt.org) within one month of ANR approval. A press release will be submitted to the newspaper of record

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G3	<p>A-Z Waste & Recycling Guide. To ensure community members have access to local information on state disposal bans and how to reuse, recycle, donate, compost, and safely dispose of their unwanted materials, each SWME will develop and maintain an A-Z guide on their website that lists regional management options for various materials. This guide must be updated on the SWMEs website within the first SWIP year and remain accurate throughout the SWIP term. The list must contain, at minimum, information on how to manage, recycle, or divert all state disposal banned items in addition to information on where to recycle/reuse the following materials: clothing/textiles, asphalt shingles and drywall, sharps, pharmaceuticals, and food for donation.</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION (only required in annual SWIP reports):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide A-Z website link in annual SWIP report. 2. A-Z website link must be easily found from the district, alliance or town’s website within 2 clicks or fewer from the homepage. 3. Publicize the A-Z Waste & Recycling Guide with at least two forms of outreach annually throughout the SWIP term.
Plan for Updating Webpage:	The town’s website, www.whitinghamvt.org , is updated regularly. The same person who updates the website would also update the A-Z Guide so the updated guide would be posted to the website as soon as changes are required. The A-Z Guide can be found http://www.whitinghamvt.org/sites/default/files/town_documents/A-Z%20Disposal%20and%20Recycling%20Options.pdf
Plan for Publicity:	The A-Z Guide has been publicized in town wide newsletters and in the annual Town Report. Copies of the Guide are on display in the town clerk’s office, are available at the Transfer Station and during Town Meeting. We will continue publicizing the A-Z Guide in the same manner.

G4	<p>Variable Rate Pricing. SWMEs must implement a variable rate pricing system that charges for the collection of municipal solid waste from a residential customer for disposal based on the volume or weight of the waste collected.</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION (only required in annual SWIP reports):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In annual SWIP report, explain the method used to ensure haulers and facilities are charging residents for trash based on volume or weight.
Description of System:	The Town implements a variable rate pricing system that is outlined in the Permit and Use Fees document. We charge an annual flat permit sticker fee, and additional pay as you throw at \$1.50 per bag (subject to change) through a punch card system. Punch cards can be purchased at the Town Office and at the Transfer Station.

G5	<p>Solid Waste Hauling Services. To ensure community members have access to information on solid waste hauling services in their region or town, SWMEs must annually update the contact information and trash, recycling, and food scrap pickup services offered by all commercial solid waste haulers operating within their region on the SWME website. SWMEs may elect to establish licensing or registration programs to accomplish this requirement.</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION (only required in annual SWIP reports):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In annual SWIP report, provide website link to hauler contact list and services haulers provide.
Description of Updating Process:	Annually we will update our list of haulers by doing an internet search of local haulers and then calling each to find which services they offer within our borders and to confirm they use a Variable Rate Pricing method. The updated list will be posted to the town website.

Outreach – Recycling, Organics, HHW/CEG, EPR Programs

O1	<p>School Outreach. To ensure all K-12 public and private school children, faculty and staff understand state disposal bans and how to reduce waste, reuse, recycle, compost, donate, and safely manage materials responsibly, SWMEs must annually visit and work with K-12 public and private schools to implement school-wide waste reduction programs — covering, at minimum, disposal ban information, how to recycle correctly, how to separate food scraps for composting, how to reduce wasted food and donate what is appropriate, how to safely manage hazardous waste, and collection options available from Vermont’s Extended Producer Responsibility Programs for electronics, paint, batteries, mercury-containing bulbs and thermostats. SWMEs must assist schools on a continual basis to ensure the effectiveness of waste reduction programs.</p> <p>SWMEs must conduct in-person outreach and education assistance to at least 10% or 2 schools (whichever is greater) within their jurisdiction each year, ensuring that at least 50% of the schools are reached by the end of the SWIP term. SWMEs should prioritize outreach to schools that have not yet been visited. For SWMEs with fewer than 10 schools, assistance should be offered on an annual basis to at least 2 schools per year, with re-visits to schools if all schools in the jurisdiction are reached early in the SWIP term.</p> <p>SWMEs may work with ANR’s Environmental Assistance Office to obtain information and technical assistance on HHW/CEG handling, disposal, waste reduction, recycling, and finding cost effective disposal options.</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION (only required in annual SWIP reports):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a list of schools contacted, dates visited, informational materials provided (such as VT Waste Not Guide), technical assistance or outreach offered, and status of recycling and food scrap diversion programs in annual SWIP report.
Description of Outreach Plan:	A representative of the Town will meet with the Twin Valley Middle High School personnel each year. We will work with ANR’s Environmental Assistance Office to obtain technical assistance to help us work with the students and staff to address their understanding of disposal ban information, how to recycle correctly, how to separate food scraps for composting, how to reduce wasted food and donate what is appropriate, how to safely manage hazardous waste, and collection options available from Vermont’s Extended Producer Responsibility Programs for electronics, paint, batteries, mercury-containing bulbs and thermostats. Outreach efforts will be reported in the annual SWIP report as required.

<p>02</p>	<p>Direct Business Outreach. To ensure businesses and institutions (hospitals, nursing homes, colleges, correctional facilities, and other large waste generators) understand how to meet State requirements and reduce waste, recycle, compost, donate food/goods, and safely manage materials responsibly, SWMEs must annually conduct business outreach and education either in person or via phone — covering, at minimum, disposal ban information, how to recycle correctly, how to separate food scraps for composting, how to reduce wasted food, how to safely manage hazardous waste, and collection options available from Vermont’s Extended Producer Responsibility Programs for electronics, paint, batteries, mercury containing bulbs and thermostats. SWMEs must provide business outreach and education on a continual basis to ensure the effectiveness of waste reduction programs.</p> <p>SWMEs must conduct business outreach and education to at least 2% or 20 businesses/institutions (whichever is greater) within their jurisdiction each year and reach at least 10% of the businesses and institutions within their region by the end of the SWIP term. For SWMEs with fewer than 20 businesses, all businesses must receive outreach at least twice during the SWIP term.</p> <p>SWMEs should prioritize outreach to businesses that have not yet been contacted or visited or those whose status is not yet known.</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION (only required in annual SWIP reports):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In annual SWIP report, provide list of businesses/institutions contacted, date contacted, outreach materials provided (such as the VT Waste Not Guide), and the status of recycling and food scrap diversion programs and whether follow up is needed.
<p>Description of Outreach Plan:</p>	<p>Whitingham has a small business population of approximately 38. During the prior SWIP term, our Whitingham Economic Development Group held a forum for the businesses and the attendees were all provided a packet of information about wastes. We will continue outreach to at least 20 businesses per year to inform them of disposal ban information, how to recycle correctly, how to separate food scraps for composting, how to reduce wasted food, how to safely manage hazardous waste, and collection options available from Vermont’s Extended Producer Responsibility Programs for electronics, paint, batteries, mercury containing bulbs and thermostats. How the pandemic plays out will determine if we have in person our reach or mail/email.</p> <p>Outreach efforts will be tracked and reported in the annual SWIP report as required.</p>

<p>03</p>	<p>Waste Reduction at Events. To ensure community members have resources to reduce waste, recycle, and divert food scraps from the trash at events, SWMEs must, <u>at minimum</u>, offer technical assistance which could include signage and coordination with local haulers and facilities accepting food scraps. Though not required, SWMEs are encouraged to host waste-sorting stations at events with SWME staff or volunteers or to loan community members basic supplies such as signage and collection bins.</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION (only required in annual SWIP reports):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide information on SWME or town website of event waste reduction and diversion resources and services and provide link in annual SWIP report. 2. In annual SWIP report, list events that have received assistance each year.
<p>Description of Assistance:</p>	<p>When the Municipal Center is rented for an event the event holders are provided with the flyer "Managing Wastes at Events". The flyer is also posted on the Town’s website. The town will continue to offer this assistance to community members hosting events and will encourage waste-sorting stations. A link to the flyer titled “Managing Waste at Events” will</p>

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HHW & CEG Hazardous Waste

H1	<p>HHW Collection Events and Facilities. To ensure community members have convenient access to safely dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Conditionally Exempt Generator Hazardous Waste (CEG), SWMEs must provide a minimum of two (2) HHW/CEG hazardous waste collection events per year or access to a permanent HHW collection facility defined within this MMP as a facility that is open at least one day per week and open at minimum from May through October (ANR may consider approving requests for alternative operating days and seasonal openings and closures of permanent facilities when necessary). SWMEs that provide access to a permanent HHW collection facility in their region, are exempt from the requirement to offer all towns at least one annual collection event within 20 road-miles.</p> <p>Minimum Requirements for SWMEs utilizing Collection Events: SWMEs must offer at least one event scheduled in the spring and one in the fall and events must operate for a minimum of 4 hours. SWMEs who only offer collection events or operate HHW facilities with operating hours similar to collection events must <u>annually</u> provide each of its towns with access to at least one collection event (or to a facility) within 20 road-miles; meaning a maximum distance of 20 road-miles from any point in the town. If a SWME provides additional events above the minimum requirement, waivers to the minimum duration for each event may be considered by ANR. To meet this 20 road-mile convenience requirement, certain regions may need to add collection events.</p> <p>SWMEs may share access to events and facilities provided a signed agreement confirming access by the SWME’s community members is obtained; and provided that an event or facility is within 20 road-miles from any point in a town that would be using that event or facility.</p> <p>In the event an EPR Program is established for certain HHW materials, SWMEs would be required to ensure that collection exists for all <u>other HHW materials not covered</u> by the HHW EPR Program and to meet and maintain the above HHW collection and convenience standards.</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION (only required in annual SWIP reports):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In annual SWIP report, provide dates of events or link to facility hours on SWME website, number of participants and the amount of HHW/CEG hazardous waste collected.
Description of Collection Plan:	<p>We will hold two HHW events at the Whitingham Transfer Station annually (spring and fall) (CEGs by appointment) for a minimum of 4 hours each. The HHW/CEG will be stored on site and removed by the contracted HHW hauler in the autumn of each year.</p>

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H2	<p>Collection of Landfill-Banned and Dangerous Materials. Each SWME shall demonstrate that year-round collection options exist in their region for the following materials: batteries, mercury containing lamps, mercury thermostats, 1- and 20-pound propane tanks, electronics, paint, tires, used oil, and white goods (including discarded refrigerators, washing machines, clothes dryers, ranges, water heaters, dishwasher, freezers). Collection locations can be privately or publicly owned, such as auto parts stores collecting used oil, or hardware stores collecting paint and fluorescent lamps. However, if the only collection location for a required material closes during the SWIP term, then the SWME must provide a collection option for its residents. All collection locations must be open at least one weekday and one weekend day per week. In addition, all outreach promoting the collection of these materials must make clear that the collection of these materials is separate from curbside, or blue-bin, recycling.</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION (only required in annual SWIP reports):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In annual SWIP report, provide link to SWME’s A-Z Guide’s listings with name, location, phone number, and website (if available) of the locations, by material type.
Plan for Updating Collection Locations:	<p>During normal business hours the Whitingham Transfer Station collects batteries, mercury containing lamps, mercury thermostats, 1-pound propane tanks, electronics, paint, tires, and white goods (including discarded refrigerators, washing machines, clothes dryers, ranges, water heaters, dishwasher, freezers). Used oil and 20-pound propane tanks are collected at other locations in town. Our Transfer Station attendant, signage, postings to the website and various outreach materials make it clear that the collection of landfill-banned items is separate from blue-bin recycling.</p> <p>We will provide a link to our A-Z Guide when filing our annual SWIP report.</p>

Food Donation

F1	<p>Food Rescue. To ensure community awareness of food donation centers, SWMEs must, at minimum, list food donation groups on their website (this can be part of the A-Z Guide). SWMEs should contact and collaborate with local food redistribution groups to conduct outreach and education to food businesses and institutions about opportunities to donate quality food within the region to feed people. Related groups include Vermont Foodbank, hunger councils, food shelves, churches, schools, and other nonprofit and community organizations that accept and distribute donated food items.</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION (only required in annual SWIP reports):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In annual SWIP report, provide link to SWME’s A-Z Guide’s food donation listing, with name, location, phone number, and website (if available) of the food donation centers.
Plan for Updating Website:	<p>We will update our A-Z Guide to include food donation opportunities. We will include a link to our A-Z Guide in our annual SWIP report.</p>

Textiles

<p>T1</p>	<p>Textile Reuse and Recycling. To ensure community members have access to textile reuse and recycling centers where used clothing can be donated, SWMEs must annually ensure that at least one collection location exists within their region. Textile reuse/recycling locations can be either privately or publicly owned. However, if the only collection location closes or ceases collection during the SWIP term, then the SWME is responsible for providing a collection option for its residents or partnering with another group that may coordinate an annual drop and swap event. Collection locations can also be shared amongst SWMEs so long as the facility is within the same county or SWME region. SWMEs must list where to donate and reuse/recycle “clothing/textiles” in their A-Z Guides.</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION (only required in annual SWIP reports):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In annual SWIP report, provide link to SWME’s A-Z Guide’s textiles reuse and recycling listing with name, location, phone number, and website (if available) of the textile reuse and recycling center.
<p>Plan for Ensuring Collection Exists:</p>	<p>We collect clothing/textiles for recycling/reuse at the Whitingham Transfer Station during regular business hours. Our annual SWIP report will include a link to our A-Z Guide, which will be updated to include other area options for textile reuse.</p>

Construction & Demolition (C&D)

<p>C1</p>	<p>Leaf, Yard, and Clean Wood Debris Recycling. To ensure community members have options to recycle leaf, yard, and clean wood debris that are banned from landfill disposal, SWMEs must annually ensure that at least one leaf, yard, and clean wood recycling collection location exists within their jurisdiction. This location can be either privately or publicly owned; however, if the only collection location closes or ceases collection during the SWIP term, then the SWME must provide a collection option for its community members. SWMEs must list where to drop off clean wood in their A-Z Guides. Recycling options can include dimensional lumber that is reused, clean wood that is burned to produce heat and/or power for buildings (including wood stoves), clean wood that is chipped to create mulch or compost feedstocks, and other options listed in the state’s Leaf, Yard, and Clean Wood Debris Guide. Collection locations should be co-located with solid waste facilities that collect C&D and trash to make clean wood recycling convenient.</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION (only required in annual SWIP reports):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In annual SWIP report, provide link to SWME’s A-Z Guide’s clean wood recycling listing with name, location, phone number, and website (if available) of the collection location.
<p>Plan for Ensuring Collection Exists:</p>	<p>Clean wood and leaf & yard debris are accepted at the Whitingham Transfer Station during regular business hours.</p> <p>Our A-Z Guide will be linked in our annual SWIP report.</p>

<p>C2</p>	<p>Asphalt Shingles and Drywall Recycling. Asphalt Shingles Recycling: To ensure community members have options to recycle asphalt shingles, SWMEs must ensure that at least one recycling collection location exists within their region. Collection locations can be privately or publicly owned. However, if the only recycling collection location closes during the SWIP term, then the SWME must provide a collection option. Collection locations may be shared amongst SWMEs. ANR may suspend this requirement upon finding that insufficient markets exist for these materials.</p> <p>Clean Drywall Recycling: To promote the recycling of clean drywall, SWMEs must list where to drop off clean drywall for recycling in their A-Z Guides (even if drywall recycling collection locations are outside of the SWME region). To encourage development of options for drywall recycling collection, SWMEs must contact drywall recycling collectors once during the SWIP term to determine costs for obtaining drywall recycling collection services in their region.</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION (only required in annual SWIP reports):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In annual SWIP report, provide link to SWME’s A-Z Guide’s asphalt shingles and drywall recycling listing with name, location, phone number, and website (if available) of these recycling collection locations. 2. Fifth (5th) Year SWIP Report: describe contact made to drywall recyclers for costs for recycling option.
<p>Plan for Ensuring Collection Exists:</p>	<p>As of September 2020, we have explored options for asphalt shingle recycling and have not found any that are viable in our region. We will stay in touch with ANR as markets develop for our region. We will contact any available drywall collectors in our region once per SWIP term to obtain costs of services. Asphalt shingles for recycling will be required in region by July 1, 2021.</p>

Residuals – Biosolids, Wood Ash, Short Paper Fiber

<p>R1</p>	<p>Residuals Recycling Meetings. To promote the recycling of residual materials, each SWME must attend and help ANR Residuals Program staff host and coordinate at least one regional public meeting on residuals recycling during the SWIP term. ANR Residuals Program staff will help SWMEs organize the meetings, give a presentation, and identify speakers and invitees. SWMEs must reserve a space to hold the meetings and send invitations to water/wastewater and public works employees, town managers, select board members, septic and biosolids service providers, citizens, industrial waste generators, and others as appropriate. ANR Residuals Program staff will collaborate with SWMEs to develop a meeting agenda that best suits the needs or issues of the region and its towns. Meeting agendas could cover the benefits and challenges of recycling biosolids and other residual materials, like stabilized septage, wood ash, and short paper fibers, as well as education campaigns for the public on residual materials and keeping non-flushables and toxics out of the wastewater stream and septic systems.</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION (only required in annual SWIP reports):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collaborate with Residuals staff to host/coordinate regional public meeting on residuals recycling. 2. Report date of meeting and list of attendees in 5th year SWIP report.
<p>Plan for Assisting with</p>	<p>We will reserve a space to hold the meetings/presentations by the ANR Residuals Program staff. We will send invitations to water/wastewater and public works employees, town</p>

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Meeting Coordination:	<p>managers, Selectboard members, septic and biosolids service providers, citizens, industrial waste generators, and others as appropriate. We will document collaboration efforts and report the meeting date and list of attendees in the year 5 SWIP report.</p> <p>If ANR would allow it, in lieu of holding our own meeting, we would send Selectboard and Sewer Department representatives to a meeting for a larger SWME such as WSWMD or Bennington CoOp.</p>

Additional SWIP Requirements Outlined in Overview

Solid Waste Facility Siting Criteria	Describe siting criteria that will apply to solid waste facilities which may be proposed by any public or private entity in the SWME region. <u>As required by 10 V.S.A. §6605(c)</u> , siting criteria shall not be less stringent than the criteria in Vermont Solid Waste Management Rules.
Description:	<p>New facilities, which are those not listed in the SWIP, would be required to be added to the SWIP via a plan amendment. That process would need to be completed before a facility can be certified or categorically certified by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. Application for certification and for inclusion in this plan may be done concurrently. A public or private entity desiring to operate a solid waste facility in the Town of Whitingham shall submit a letter to the Selectboard requesting that its facility be included in this Solid Waste Implementation Plan. A copy of the entity's completed application for a Vermont Solid Waste Management Facility Certification or Categorical Certification must be submitted to the State along with copies of local, state, or federal approval applications and any additional information required to sufficiently document satisfaction of the siting criteria specified above shall be submitted with the letter. The facility shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conform to any and all local, regional, state, or federal rules, regulations and permitted requirements. 2. Meet the siting requirements of the Vermont Solid Waste Management Rules. 3. Not occur within 100 feet of any wetland, vernal pool, or waterbody, or within a Special Flood Hazard Area or River Corridor. 4. Not occur on slopes greater than 15%, or within 100 feet of either a surface or groundwater protection area without permit approval from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

	<p>5. Have direct access to a state or town road with weight limits sufficient for vehicular traffic that will serve the facility.</p> <p>6. Receive support from and/or incorporate any changes recommended by the Town of Whitingham during review for potential substantial impact or through Act 250 review.</p>
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Specify Facilities Included in SWIP & How Proposed Facilities Will Be Reviewed	<p>Explain the process and standards to be used to determine if newly proposed solid waste facilities would be included in the SWIP. The process may reference siting criteria and existing zoning ordinances, may require a host town agreement, or may defer to requirements in the Vermont Solid Waste Management Rules for some or all types of solid waste facilities. The standard(s) for being included in the SWIP should be clear.</p>
Facilities and Process:	<p>Under State Law (10 V.S.A. Section 6605(c)), The Agency of Natural Resources shall not issue a certification or recertification for a solid waste facility (except for a sludge or septage land application project) unless it is included in the SWIP.</p> <p>The existing facilities included in the SWIP are:</p> <p>Town of Whitingham Transfer Station, owned and operated by the Town of Whitingham</p> <p>To be included in this SWIP, the facility would need to be approved by majority vote of the Whitingham Selectboard at a duly warned meeting of the Selectboard. The Selectboard may hold one or more public hearings on the proposed facility.</p> <p>If a town joins the Town of Whitingham SWIP after adoption of this SWIP, the solid waste facilities of that town are not automatically included in this SWIP, and will be approved on a case-by-case basis by the Whitingham Selectboard. The Town of Whitingham will notify the State of any facility that is included in the SWIP after completion of the process described in this section.</p> <p>A facility continues to be included in the SWIP as long as it remains in compliance with all local, state, and federal laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances. If an amendment or renewal of the Vermont Solid Waste Management Facility Certification for a facility included in this SWIP includes significant changes in the materials accepted, the process used to manage the materials, or the annual tonnages allowed to be managed by the facility, the owners, operators of the facility shall follow the procedures specified in this section to be included in this SWIP.</p>

Public Participation in the SWIP Approval Process	<p>Describe the process to be used to ensure public participation in the development and implementation of the SWIP. The local community should be notified of opportunities to participate in the SWIP development and implementation. In accordance with state statute, SWMEs must hold at least two public meetings on the draft SWIP.</p>
Description of Process:	<p>The Town of Whitingham will seek public involvement in the draft SWIP through several media outlets. The Town website (www.whitinghamvt.org) will feature a downloadable version of the draft SWIP for public review and comment for a specified time frame, and will include both an email address for electronic comments as well as a mailing address for hard-copy written comments. A press release will be issued to the Towns newspaper of record informing the public of the opportunity to review and comment on the SWIP.</p>

	<p>Following ANR approval of the draft SWIP and prior to Town adoption, the Town will introduce and discuss the draft SWIP at two public information sessions in conjunction with two regularly scheduled Selectboard meetings. These sessions will also serve to solicit comments on the draft SWIP. After the second Selectboard meeting, the Selectboard will vote to adopt the SWIP to become effective January 1, 2021.</p> <p>Post the adopted SWIP on Town of Whitingham website (www.whitinghamvt.org) on the transfer station webpage (http://www.whitinghamvt.org/TownDepartments/transfer-station) no later than six months after approval.</p> <p>The Whitingham Selectboard office will submit one newspaper article or op-ed piece, as well as a posting on the town website, introducing the SWIP and discussing the major components, to the general public within three months of VT ANR approval. The SWIP will also be made available to citizens in hard copy upon request.</p> <p>The Town of Whitingham Transfer Station webpage will be utilized for distributing information on how to dispose of and recycle various materials. The webpage is: http://www.whitinghamvt.org/TownDepartments/transfer-station. Disposal options in an A-Z format is posted on the Transfer Station webpage.</p> <p>After Plan adoption, the Town will prepare a newspaper article or op-ed piece introducing the SWIP to the general public within three months of VT ANR approval. We will hold two public meetings during the SWIP term; one before the end of the second Plan year, and one during the fifth year. The public meetings will be held after ANR's preliminary approval of the draft SWIP and Waste Management Ordinance.</p>
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Ordinances	Include copies of any solid waste related ordinances with the SWIP.
Copies of Ordinances:	Our Town of Whitingham Civil Ordinance Regulating the Management of Solid Waste and Variable Rate Pricing is attached.

Conformance with Other Plans	Demonstrate that the SWIP is in conformance with any regional plan adopted in accordance with 24 V.S.A Chapter 117. Demonstration may be in the form of a letter from the applicable regional planning commission regarding conformance of the solid waste implementation plan with the regional plan(s), copies of pertinent sections of the regional plan(s), or other documentation that proves conformance.
Letter or other Documentation:	<p>The SWIP is in conformance with the town and regional plan, with the exception that the Windham Regional Commission Plan references Whitingham's membership in the WSWMD.</p> <p>The Windham Regional Commission and the Whitingham Planning Commission have reviewed this SWIP. Support letters from the WRC and the Whitingham Planning Commission expressing conformance with the relevant plans are included with this SWIP.</p>