



# Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District

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## MEMO

**DATE:** December 29, 2021  
**TO:** Town Clerks, Town Managers, and Select Board Chairs  
**FROM:** Thomas Kennedy, District Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Documents enclosed for your review and comment

- A Draft version of the FY21 Budget with a narrative explaining each line item.
- **The member town assessment will remain the same as it was in FY 22. The per capita assessment is \$10.00 based upon 2020 census figures.**
- The FY21 GUVSWMD audit (please review at [www.guvswd.org](http://www.guvswd.org))

A virtual public hearing on the FY23 budget will be held on **January 5, 2022, at 4:30 pm via Zoom.**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430160966>

### Highlights of Activities in 2021

- The District completed construction of its Organic Transfer Station on its property in North Hartland and began accepting organics on September 1, 2020. The transfer station and the compost facility are now being operated by Agri-Cycle Energy after our previous operator, Grow-Compost, was sold to Casella Waste on September 1, 2021.
- The District held two (2) virtual food scrap/compost/recycling presentations for District residents.
- District residents and businesses had two (2) Household Hazardous Waste collection events held at the Hartford Transfer Station that were organized by GUVSWMD, and two other HHW collections in collaboration with the Central Vermont Solid Waste District and the Southern Windsor County Solid Waste District.
- The District held three collection events, one for “big trash”, electronics, and tires and one for electronics.
- Staff continued to promote the Vermont “Call2Recycle” battery program in every District town via list serves, by overseeing collection at recycling centers/transfer stations, and by collecting from battery drop-off buckets.
- Staff worked with District schools and businesses on battery and bulb recycling as well as food scrap sorting and composting.
- Staff sold over 130 Soil Saver composters and Sure-Close food scrap pails in addition to responding to many phone and email inquiries regarding the July 1 Vermont food scrap legislation.
- Staff continues to work with District haulers and District towns on composting and food scraps collections.
- Staff continues to provide technical and program assistance to transfer station operators, municipalities, residents, and businesses regarding solid waste and recycling issues.