



Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District

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DATE:	December 30, 2019
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 FY20 Budget with a narrative explaining each line item
- The FY19 GUVSWMD audit (please review at www.guvswd.org)

A public hearing on the FY21 budget will be held on **January 9, 2020, at 4:30 pm at the Norwich Town Hall** with an alternate date of **January 15, 2020, at 4:30** due to inclement weather. Please check www.guvswd.org for cancellation information.

Highlights of Activities in 2019

- The District began construction of an Organic Transfer Station on its property in North Hartland. The transfer station will provide a location for haulers to deposit commercial and residential food scraps for eventual disposal at an anaerobic digester where the materials will use to create electricity and organic matter for agricultural purposes. The completion date for the facility is scheduled for June 2020. The construction of the facility was partially funded through a grant from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation.
- The District held six (6) backyard compost workshops for District residents.
- District residents and businesses had access to four (4) Household Hazardous Waste collection events.
- The District held six (6) collection events for “big trash”, electronics, tires, fluorescent bulbs, and batteries.
- 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 continues to work with District haulers regarding changes to solid waste laws and rules.
- Staff continues to provide technical and program assistance to transfer station operators, municipalities, residents, and businesses regarding solid waste and recycling issues.

