

# State Solid Waste Programs in the Northeast: Funding & Facility Fees

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Note: Much of the information in this summary changes over time. Please contact each state for the most up-to-date information.

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| <b>Staff Level (professionals)</b> | Permitting: Compliance/Enforcement: 11<br>Technical Assistance/Recycling: 7<br>Other:<br>Total: 18 Positions at DEEP | Permitting; Compliance/Enforcement; Technical Assistance; Recycling/Stewardship; Remediation<br>Total: 33 FTEs | 35 FTEs       | Permitting: 4<br>Compliance/Enforcement: 6<br>Technical Assistance/Recycling: 0 (*)<br>Other (Operator Training): 1<br>Other (Clerical): 1.5<br>Total: 12.5 FTEs at DES<br><br>(* ) No dedicated positions; however, technical assistance is provided by all staff as appropriate & able | Solid Waste Permitting: 20<br><br>Compliance & Enforcement (Solid Waste & Recycling): 18<br><br>Transportation Oversight: 4<br><br>Other (economic regulation, BUDs, data, escrow, A901, medical waste): 15 | Permitting: Compliance/Enforcement: Technical Assistance/Recycling: Other<br><br>Total: 97.75 FTE for FY2019 | Total: 3 FTEs in Office of Waste Management & 2 in Office of Compliance & Inspection | Permitting: 6<br>Compliance/Enforcement: 3<br>Policy/Planning/Technical Assistance/Recycling: 7<br>Other: Manager :1<br><br>Total: 17 FTEs at DEC |

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| <b>Program Funding Sources</b> | <p>\$1.50 per ton tipping fee at CT Waste-to-Energy facilities funds the Solid Waste Account (SWA).</p> <p>Funds 18 FTEs in Waste Engineering &amp; Enforcement, Recycling &amp; Air.</p> | <p>Maine Solid Waste Management Fund has 2 primary revenue sources: Fees on wastes disposed at commercial, municipal, state-owned &amp; regional association landfills: \$5/ton on special wastes, \$1/ton on MSW incinerator ash &amp; FEPR, \$2/ton on C&amp;D &amp; C&amp;D processing residue, &amp; Fees at retail sale on tires &amp; batteries (\$1.)</p> <p>Maine Environmental Protection Fund (Solid Waste) receives revenue from license application &amp; annual reporting fees</p> | <p>Class II Recycling Program – Contributions from WTE facilities as required by 310 CMR 19.300 totaling \$4-4.5 million/year are allocated to promoting waste reduction &amp; recycling.</p> <p>SW Bond - \$1.6 million for core SW management activities: technical assistance &amp; administrative procedures for assessment &amp; closure of landfills; review &amp; site supervision of ongoing closure activities; technical &amp; management assistance to municipal &amp; regional SW staff. This program provides the financial assurance for potential costs associated with closure &amp; post closure care for MSW landfills as required by EPA Annual Compliance Fees levied on disposal &amp; transfer facilities &amp; Permit Fees go into state's General Fund</p> | <p>With the exception of one position dedicated to motor vehicle salvage yards, all positions are funded from State General Fund.</p> | <p>Funded by appropriations from the State.</p> <p>Fees, assessments, taxes, &amp; fines collected go the State's General Fund. The fees, taxes, &amp; fines collected are not enough to entirely fund the program.</p> <p>Fees include application fees for SW permits, BUD applications, transporters, etc. &amp; SW facility annual registration fees.</p> <p>Solid waste utilities pay one quarter of one percent of total revenue collected annually.</p> <p>Recycling Enhancement Act taxes \$3/ton for SW collected.</p> | <p>The state's General Fund &amp; Waste Management &amp; Cleanup Accounts are used for most agency staff &amp; operation costs. Two agencies are involved: The DEC Division of Materials Management oversees SW management &amp; recycling activities &amp; the Empire State Development's Environmental Services Unit works to develop markets. Additionally, the State has an Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) that provides financial assistance to municipalities &amp; other entities for recycling activities, equipment, recycling coordinator salaries, HHW collection programs, &amp; market development. There are no facility permit fees or other revenue generation dedicated for the SW facility program.</p> | <p>RIRRC, a quasi-state agency, is charged with the development of "an integrated statewide system of SW management facilities" including recycling facilities. RIRRC owns &amp; operates SW management facilities &amp; plans &amp; implements commercial &amp; municipal recycling &amp; source reduction programs. RIRRC is funded through the tipping fee at its landfill.</p> <p>DEM assesses facility license fees.</p> <p>All DEM staff are funded by state's General Fund</p> | <p>\$6 per ton tax on waste that is disposed (including that sent out-of-state) – funds all DEC staff &amp; activities, including education, recycling, &amp; grant programs. Also, a \$0.75 per ton annual permit fee on transfer stations, disposal facilities, &amp; other SW management facilities (except recycling &amp; composting) – used to support permitting activities.</p> |

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| <p><b>Solid Waste Grant Program(s)</b></p> <p>For what types of activities?</p> <p>Who can apply? (e.g., NGOs, municipalities)</p> <p>Source of funding for the grants</p> | <p>From DEEP: <a href="#">Municipal &amp; Regional Grant Program</a> open to municipalities &amp; regional groups. Currently, grants are only available for new SMART programs.</p> <p>From RecycleCT: Grants periods offered for schools &amp; recycling businesses. More details at: <a href="http://www.recyclect.com/grants.html">www.recyclect.com/grants.html</a>.</p> | <p>The Maine Solid Waste Diversion Grant Program provides grants to public &amp; private entities to assist in the development, implementation or improvement of projects &amp; initiatives designed to increase the diversion of SW from disposal. Grant program is open to any public or private entity &amp; may include proposals for such things as composting, organics recovery or recycling programs. Funding is from the Maine Solid Waste Management Fund.</p> | <p>Sustainable Materials Recovery Program – municipalities, regional groups &amp; non-profits</p> <p>Multiple grant categories for equipment &amp; technical assistance Class II Recycling Program payments <a href="https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-sustainable-materials-recovery-program-smrp-municipal-grant">https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-sustainable-materials-recovery-program-smrp-municipal-grant</a></p> <p>Recycling Dividends program – for municipalities – cash payments to support recycling to municipalities that meet specified criteria <a href="https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-smrp-recycling-dividends-program-funds">https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-smrp-recycling-dividends-program-funds</a></p> <p>Recycling Business Development Grants For recycling businesses <a href="https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-recycling-business-development-grant">https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-recycling-business-development-grant</a></p> | <p>NH provides grants to municipalities to reimburse eligible costs for closure of incinerators &amp; unlined landfills. The grants are funded by the state general fund. As a practical matter, because most all eligible facilities are now closed, the program is not actively issuing grants &amp; most of the program activity centers on making periodic payments on issued grants based on amortized schedules.</p> | <p>DEP issues grant to Clean Communities Program (non-profit) to fund litter removal by gov't entities. Funds derived from tax placed on 15 categories of businesses that produce litter generating products.</p> <p>Recycling grants are given to municipalities &amp; counties based upon tonnage of material recycled. Funding derived from the \$3/ton SW tax.</p> <p>NJ colleges &amp; universities may apply for grant funding to conduct research on recycling. Funding derived from the \$3/ton SW tax.</p> | <p>6 NYCRR Part 369 contains regulations on state assistance grants to municipalities for: recycling capital projects; recycling education, promotion, planning, &amp; coordination projects; HHW collection &amp; disposal projects; targeted priority area projects; non-hazardous landfill closure projects; &amp; non-hazardous landfill gas management projects. Eligible applicants are entities identified in statute or regulations but primarily include municipalities, public authorities &amp; public benefit corporations. Funds for these grant programs have previously come from bond initiatives but currently are provided by the Environmental Protection Fund included in each year's state budget.</p> | <p>None</p>  | <p>Implementation grants for districts &amp; municipalities for completing State Plan requirements, although most goes to HHW management.</p> <p>Occasionally infrastructure grants, such as for organics or HHW.</p> <p>Grant to conduct auditing of private facilities to verify compliance with surcharges.</p> <p>Contracts to promote organics management, such as Master Composter class, Technical Assistance</p> <p>Who? Grants can go to districts/ municipalities</p> <p>Contracts to private sector</p> <p>Funds? Funding is from Franchise fee (\$6/ton waste that is disposed)</p> |

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| <p><b>Solid Waste Facility Permit Application Fees</b></p> <p>Note: The fees shown are not all the fees that could be applicable – not all types of facilities or permit conditions are shown</p> | <p>MSW Landfill: \$37,750</p> <p>Transfer Stations: \$11,500 for greater than 150 tons per day, \$10,000 between 75 &amp; 150 tpd, \$7,750 less than 75 tpd</p> <p>Composting: \$10,000 greater than 100 tpd, \$7,750 less than 100 tpd</p> <p>Resource Recovery: \$138,250</p> <p>All fees are ½ for municipal governments</p> | <p>Secure landfill: \$15,011 licensing fee + \$8830 processing fee</p> <p>MSW Incineration: \$8830 licensing + \$6180 processing</p> <p>Transfer Station: \$308 licensing + \$1325 processing</p> <p>However, “If the commissioner determines that a particular application, by virtue of its size, uniqueness, complexity or other relevant factors, is likely to require significantly more costs than those listed on Table I, the commissioner may designate that application as subject to special fees. A special fee may not exceed \$75,000.”</p> | <p>Transfer Stations: Construct: \$7,235 large, \$2,075 small Operate/Renew: \$1,940 large, \$985 small Modify: \$3,235 large, \$1,380 small</p> <p>Landfills – New or Expand: Construct: \$28,555 medium, \$14,275 small or wood waste Operate: \$1,940</p> <p>Large landfills &amp; waste combustors are “Individual Rule Projects” with fees determined by 310 CMR 4.05</p> | <p>Permit Application Fee (PAF) based on a formula:</p> <p>PAF = MBF + (CF)(LI) + BIF + PNH</p> <p>Minimum Base Fee (MBF): \$15K lined landfill, \$5K unlined, \$2K process/store/transfer</p> <p>Capacity Factor (CF): ranges based on tons per day from \$1K for 30 or fewer to \$20K for 601 or greater</p> <p>Life Expectancy Index (LI): ranges from 1.0 for more than 10 years to 0.1 for 1 year or less</p> <p>BIF: background investigation fee</p> <p>PNH: public notice hearing</p> | <p>Initial Permits</p> <p>Landfills: \$157,131 (A), \$111,737 (B), \$78,566 (C)</p> <p>Transfer Stations: \$138,680</p> <p>Thermal Destruction: \$83,286(A), \$271,452(B)</p> | <p>No Fees</p> | <p>Solid Waste Landfill: \$100,000</p> <p>Transfer Station: \$10,000</p> <p>Solid Waste Incinerator: \$100,000</p> <p>Waste Tire Storage &amp; Recycling: \$50</p> <p>C&amp;D Facility: \$10,000</p> <p>Small &amp; Medium-Scale Composting: None</p> <p>Large-Scale Leaf &amp; Yard Waste Composting Facility: None</p> <p>Large-Scale Putrescible Waste Composting: \$3,000</p> <p>Mixed Solid Waste Composting: \$10,000</p> <p>Anaerobic Digestion: \$10,000</p> | <p>Landfills &amp; transfer stations are charged a fee of 75 cents/ton based on the annual tonnage permitted. The fee is paid in five equal installments, starting with issuance of the 5-year permit. Large recycling &amp; composting facilities are charged a \$100 application fee for a 5-year permit</p> |

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| <p><b>Solid Waste Facility Periodic Permit Renewal or Compliance Fees</b></p> <p>Note: The fees shown are not all the fees that could be applicable – not all types of facilities or permit conditions are shown</p> | <p><b>Annual Fees</b><br/>MSW Landfill: \$4,000<br/>Transfer Station: \$2,500 greater than 150 tpd<br/>\$1,450 75-150 tpd<br/>\$750 less than 75 tpd</p> <p>Composting: \$1,750 greater than 100 tpd<br/>\$845 less than 100 tpd</p> <p>Resource Recovery: \$4,375</p> <p><b>Permit Renewal – every 5 years</b><br/>Transfer Stations: \$660<br/>Composting: \$330<br/>Resource Recovery: \$1,400</p> <p>All fees are ½ for municipal governments</p> | <p>The licensing fees (above) are annual fees</p> <p>In addition, there is a separate “annual reporting fee” which is submitted yearly with the required report. This fee is charged in lieu of relicensing fees since SW facilities, by statute, are not required to “relicense”.</p> <p>The “annual reporting fee” is by statute “20%” of the relicensing fee that would have applied to that facility.” The relicensing fee that would have applied is equal to 50% of the processing fee plus 100% of the license fee.</p> | <p>Annual Compliance Fees</p> <p>Transfer Station: \$8,205 large, \$1975 small</p> <p>Landfill: \$17,495 large, \$1,060 small, \$1,400 inactive</p> <p>Permit Renewal (every 10 years)</p> <p>Transfer Station: \$1,940 large, \$985 small</p> <p>Landfill: \$1,940</p> <p>Waste Combustion: \$5,290</p> | <p>No fees.</p> <p>NH SW facility permits, by law, are continuous in duration &amp; therefore are not subject to renewal. There are no fees relative to compliance, although there may be revenue generated by enforcement penalties.</p> | <p>Annual Compliance Monitoring Fees:</p> <p>Landfill: \$13,695 (31,200+ tons/year), \$6,090 (less 31,200 tpy), \$665 if closed</p> <p>Transfer Stations: \$9,895 (31,200+), \$7,990 (less than)</p> <p>Composting: \$9,895</p> <p>Thermal Destruction Facilities: \$6,090 (more than 9.6 tons per day), \$2,030 (less than 9.6 tons per day)</p> <p>Permit Renewal (every 5 years)</p> <p>Landfills with no modifications: \$101,262 (A), \$69,836 (B), \$40,156 (C)</p> <p>Transfer Stations with no modifications: \$31,141</p> <p>Thermal Destruction Facilities \$49,355(A), \$140,661(B)</p> | <p>None</p> | <p>Permits renewed every 3 years unless otherwise indicated – New/renewal</p> <p>Solid Waste Landfill: \$15,000</p> <p>Transfer Station: \$3,000</p> <p>Solid Waste Incinerator: \$15,000</p> <p>Waste Tire Storage &amp; Recycling: \$25 /1 year</p> <p>C&amp;D Facility: \$3,000</p> <p>Small &amp; Medium-Scale Composting None</p> <p>Large-Scale Leaf &amp; Yard Composting Facility: None</p> <p>Large-Scale Putrescible Waste Composting: \$3,000</p> <p>Mixed SW Composting: \$3,000</p> <p>Anaerobic Digestion: \$3,000</p> | <p>Permits renewed every 5 years – above fees start again – including the \$100 for recycling &amp; compost facilities</p> |

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| <b>Facility Fees Kept in Program?</b> | No – to General Fund  |  | No – to General Fund  | No – to General Fund  | No – to General Fund   | NA   | No – to General Fund  | Permit fees go into an Environmental Permit Fund for the VT DEC & distributed throughout the divisions that generate the permit fees to cover expenses                                     |
| <b>Fee Information Online</b>         | <a href="https://eregulations.ct.gov/eRegsPortal/Browse/getDocument?guid={90A3E155-0200-C6AA-85C2-C71CC0472153}">https://eregulations.ct.gov/eRegsPortal/Browse/getDocument?guid={90A3E155-0200-C6AA-85C2-C71CC0472153}</a> | <a href="https://www.maine.gov/dep/feeschedule.pdf">https://www.maine.gov/dep/feeschedule.pdf</a>        | <a href="https://www.mass.gov/doc/permit-application-timelines-and-fees-schedule/download">https://www.mass.gov/doc/permit-application-timelines-and-fees-schedule/download</a> | <a href="http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rules/index.htm">http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rules/index.htm</a> is the link to all rules. Scroll down to Solid Waste Rule Env-SW 300 – fees start on page 33.<br><br>Note: website changes are anticipated so this address may no longer be valid | <a href="http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/resource/rules.html">www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/resource/rules.html</a><br>Subchapter 4 | NA   | <a href="http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/waste/swrg05_1.pdf">www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/waste/swrg05_1.pdf</a>  | Vermont statutes: 3 V.S.A. Section 2822(j)(6)<br><a href="https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/03/051/02822">https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/03/051/02822</a> |
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