

No. 95. An act relating to solid waste management.

(H.608)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 6605 is amended to read:

§ 6605. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY CERTIFICATION

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(b) Certification for a solid waste management facility, where appropriate, shall:

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(3) Specify the projected amount and types of waste material to be disposed of at the facility, which, in case of landfills and incinerators, shall include the following:

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(B) if the waste is being delivered from a municipality that does not have an approved implementation plan, leaf and yard residuals shall be removed from the waste stream, and 100 percent of each of the following shall be removed from the waste stream: mandated recyclables, hazardous waste from households, and hazardous waste from small quantity generators.

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(j) A facility certified under this section that offers the collection of municipal solid waste shall:

(1) Beginning on July 1, 2014, collect mandated recyclables separate from other solid waste and deliver mandated recyclables to a facility maintained and operated for the management and recycling of mandated recyclables. A facility shall not be required to accept mandated recyclables from a commercial hauler.

(2) Beginning on July 1, 2015, collect leaf and yard residuals separate from other solid waste and deliver leaf and yard residuals to a location that manages leaf and yard residuals in a manner consistent with the priority uses established under subdivisions 6605k(a)(3)-(5) of this title.

(3) Beginning on July 1, 2017, collect food residuals separate from other solid waste and deliver food residuals to a location that manages food residuals in a manner consistent with the priority uses established under subdivisions 6605k(a)(2)-(5) of this title.

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(m) Mandated recyclables, leaf and yard residuals, or food residuals collected as part of a litter collection event operated or administered by a nonprofit organization or municipality shall be exempt from the requirements of subdivision (b)(3)(B) and subsection (j) of this section.

Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 6607a(g) is amended to read:

(g)(1) Except as set forth in subdivisions (2) ~~and~~ (3), and (4) of this subsection, a commercial hauler that offers the collection of municipal solid waste shall:

(A) Beginning on July 1, 2015, offer to collect mandated recyclables separated from other solid waste and deliver mandated recyclables to a facility maintained and operated for the management and recycling of mandated recyclables.

(B) Beginning on July 1, 2016, offer to collect leaf and yard residuals separate from other solid waste and deliver leaf and yard residuals to a location that manages leaf and yard residuals in a manner consistent with the priority uses established under subdivisions 6605k(a)(3)-(5) of this title.

(C) Beginning on July 1, 2017, offer collection of food residuals separate from other solid waste and deliver to a location that manages food residuals in a manner consistent with the priority uses established under subdivisions 6605k(a)(2)-(5) of this title.

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(4) A commercial hauler is not required to comply with the requirements of subdivision (1)(A), (B), or (C) of this subsection for mandated recyclables, leaf and yard residuals, or food residuals collected as part of a litter collection event operated or administered by a nonprofit organization or municipality.

Sec. 3. 10 V.S.A. § 6621a is amended to read:

§ 6621a. LANDFILL DISPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

(a) In accordance with the following schedule, no person shall knowingly dispose of the following materials in solid waste or in landfills:

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(9) Mandated recyclable materials after July 1, 2015.

(10) Leaf and yard residuals and wood waste after July 1, 2016.

(11) Food residuals after July 1, 2020.

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(d) The landfill disposal ban under subdivisions (a)(9)–(11) of this section shall not apply to mandated recyclables, leaf and yard residuals, or food residuals collected as part of a litter collection event operated or administered by a nonprofit organization or municipality.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: May 10, 2016