



Guidance for Management of Solid Waste During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), Solid Waste Management Bureau (SWMB) has compiled the below list of resources related to management of solid waste during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please check these websites and documents frequently as knowledge and best management practices continue to evolve.

The SWMB has also developed a one-page Safety Checklist for solid waste facility operators, which summarizes much of the below guidance for quick-reference. If you are a permittee or an owner/operator of a solid waste facility in New Hampshire and need to make changes to your facility operations to meet the recommended guidance, including changes to:

- minimize contact with solid waste that may contain the virus that causes COVID-19,
- maintain appropriate distance between staff and/or users of the facility
- operating hours, or
- other facility services,

please notify the SWMB of the needed changes via email sent to solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov. We will place the notice in the facility record. No additional action is required on your part to update the SWMB.

If you have questions regarding other waste streams, such as household hazardous waste, hazardous waste, wastewater, or septic systems (subsurface systems), please see [NHDES' Employee Directory](#) or call NHDES' main line at (603) 271-3503 to be directed to the program that can assist with your specific inquiry. You may contact the SWMB at (603) 271-2925 with additional questions.

Waste and Worker-Related Guidance

Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

- [What Waste Collectors and Recyclers Need to Know about COVID-19](#)

Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA):

- Webinar "[Best Management Practices for Recycling Facilities During COVID-19](#)"
- Webinar "[Update to Best Management Practices for Recycling Facilities During COVID-19](#)"
- [List of Resources related to COVID-19](#)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- [Recycling and Sustainable Management of Food During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)

Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA):

- [Control & Prevention for Solid Waste and Wastewater Workers and Employers](#)
- [General Guidance on COVID-19](#)

Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA):

- [Guidance on Coronavirus including shareable education and outreach](#)

National Waste & Recycling Association (NWRA):

- Webinar "[Managing COVID-19 Waste](#)"

Environment-Related Guidance

[Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#): Includes information on disinfectants

General Health-Related Guidance

[NH Department of Health and Human Services \(DHHS\)](#)

[US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)