



**Department of Public Safety  
Division of Fire Safety**

**Department of Environmental  
Conservation  
Waste Management and Prevention  
Division**

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The Vermont DEC Waste Management & Prevention Division and the Vermont DPS Division of Fire Safety are partnering to fund an effort to collect and dispose of potentially hazardous firefighting foams that are currently stored at local fire departments throughout the State.

The state is concerned about the potential public health and environmental threats posed by “legacy” (pre-2003) Type B Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF). All AFFF contains “fluorinated surfactants” as an ingredient to reduce chemical surface tension when AFFF is used to cover and extinguish flammable liquid fires. These fluorinated surfactants consist of a “family” of similar chemical compounds that vary with respect to the length of their carbon chain. Legacy AFFF compounds with longer carbon chains have been shown to be more resistant to breaking down in nature and therefore more likely to contaminate drinking water and soil, and, if consumed, to accumulate in living organisms and cause adverse public health effects. Modern AFFF compounds are more structurally complex and are not known to pose as significant a threat to public health and the environment. There are also fluorine-free AFFF products now available on the market that have not been available in the past.

The details of the collection program are as follows:

Any Fire Department that has less than 220 pounds (approximately five 5-gallon pails of foam) can, by appointment, drop these containers off at any of the following approved and permitted locations:

- Chittenden Solid Waste District Environmental Depot, 1011 Airport Parkway, South Burlington, VT 05403. Contact: Staff Member on duty, 865-4663 or email Gary Winnie at [gwinnie@cswd.net](mailto:gwinnie@cswd.net)



- Addison County Solid Waste Management District, HazWaste Center, 1223 Route 7, Middlebury 05753. Contact: Don Maglienti, 388-2333, [don@acswmd.org](mailto:don@acswmd.org)
- Rutland County Solid Waste District, Household Hazardous Waste Depot, Gleason Road Transfer Station, 14 Gleason Road, Rutland, VT 05701. Contact: Deane Wilson, 775-7209, [deanew@rcswd.com](mailto:deanew@rcswd.com)
- Northeast Kingdom Solid Waste District Lyndonville Recycling Center 224 Church St. Lyndonville, VT. Contact: Paul Tomasi, 626-3532, [director@nekwmd.org](mailto:director@nekwmd.org)
- Northwest Solid Waste District Georgia Recycling Center 158 Morse Drive Fairfax, VT 05454. Contact: Rich Backer, 524-5986, [rbacker@nswsd.org](mailto:rbacker@nswsd.org)

For any Fire Department that has more than 220 pounds (more than approximately five 5-gallon pails of foam), the state will direct its contractor to pick up the foam at the fire station. In order for that to occur however, each such Fire Department must obtain a temporary “EPA Identification Number” from the Agency. This number is used when completing the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest shipping document that tracks shipments of hazardous waste from the point of generation to a disposal facility. To obtain a temporary EPA Identification Number, please contact Wendy Edwards at (802) 522-0261, or [wendy.edwards@vermont.gov](mailto:wendy.edwards@vermont.gov)

The period to drop off pre-2003 AFFF will run from September 17 to October 8, 2018. All collected AFFF will be sent for disposal by incineration after October 8, 2018. The state will not pay for the collection and disposal of legacy AFFF after October 8, 2018.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Michael Nahmias at 802-522-4595 or by email: [michael.nahmias@vermont.gov](mailto:michael.nahmias@vermont.gov).