

TOWN OF HANCOCK
MANDATORY RECYCLING and
TRANSFER STATION ORDINANCE

The Town hereby adopts the following Ordinance for the operation of its public solid waste/recycling facility.

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this Ordinance is to:

Provide for the disposal of Solid Waste in a safe, environmentally sound and economic manner.

Provide adequate facilities for the transfer of wastes to proper disposal sites.

Provide facilities for the reception of recyclable materials to be processed and sold to offset the cost of solid waste disposal.

Establish mandatory recycling for all users of the Hancock solid waste/recycling facility.

Recycling of designated materials is mandatory and applicable to all users of the Transfer Station/Recycling Center facilities.

2. OPERATION:

Operation of the Transfer Station/Recycling Center will be supervised by the Director of Public Works.

Equipment will be operated only by authorized personnel.

Hazardous waste will not be accepted at the Transfer Station/Recycling Center, except for clean, used motor oil which will be deposited in designated containers for use as furnace fuel. Household Hazardous Waste collections will be scheduled at a designated location, generally annually.

Waste will only be accepted during designated hours.

Specific requirements for the separation of recyclables will be published as an appendix to this Ordinance which may be revised according to market conditions and will be distributed to all users.

Only material collected within the limits of the Town of Hancock shall be disposed of at the Transfer Station/Recycling Center.

3. ADMISSION:

No person will be permitted to use the facility without a current Transfer Station/Recycling Center vehicle permit (sticker). Transfer Station/Recycling Center stickers will only be issued to residents of Hancock. Seasonal permits will be issued to seasonal residents. Permits will be issued by the Town Clerk at the time of motor vehicle registration.

Application for Seasonal permits must be made through the Hancock Town Offices

Transfer Station/Recycling Center permit stickers shall be affixed to the lower left corner of the vehicle windshield where it will be clearly visible to the Transfer Station/Recycling Center attendant.

In order to maintain adequate control of who uses the facility, new stickers will be issued yearly.

Commercial haulers will not be permitted to use the facility.

The facility is open to the public only during published operating hours. Any unauthorized person entering the Transfer Station/Recycling Center outside of published open hours is guilty of trespass and shall be charged with violating the terms of this Ordinance.

Anyone who qualifies for admission and would like to use the facility for conducting polls, presenting a petition, campaigning, or for any other purpose that is within the public's best interest, shall do so in a place and manner that protects the public safety and the safety of the employees.

The designated area for these types of activities shall be down in front of the storage trailer units and the compactor. Solicitors are not to interfere with the normal operations of the transfer station or with the flow of traffic throughout the facility.

Anyone refusing to comply with this ordinance will be asked to leave, if they refuse the police will be advised and the person will be removed and proper penalty shall apply.

4. COMPACTOR STATION:

Only solid waste not designated for recycling or other specific disposal will be deposited in the compactor.

Only authorized attendants will be permitted to operate the compactor.

5. RECYCLING FACILITY:

Specific guidance for items to be recycled will be published as an appendix to this Ordinance.

All items submitted for recycling must be rinsed clean and dry.

Only authorized attendants will be permitted to operate equipment in the Recycling area.

Any item deposited at the recycling center becomes the property of the Town of Hancock. No removal of any items will be permitted without attendant permission. This includes all electronics, metals, wood, or other commodities. Items at the swap shop are not included.

6. FEES:

Unique items such as tires and Freon Containing appliances will require payment of a fee for each item prior to depositing them at the Transfer Station/Recycling Center. The Selectmen are authorized to set appropriate fees for disposal of unique items. The fees will be posted and subject to change periodically to reflect the changing cost of disposal.

By accepting the numbered permit, which conveys the privilege of using the Transfer Station/Recycling Center, the registered holder of the permit agrees to be liable to the Town for the proper use and all fees assessed against the respective numbered permit.

7. AUTHORITY:

The Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized, without holding a hearing, to adjust the operating hours, separation procedures and recycling requirements as well as the disposal and permit fees to reflect the costs of operation and the ever changing market for recovered resources. As new opportunities for recycling are discovered they will be added by action of the Board of Selectmen.

The Transfer Station/Recycling Center attendants have the authority to refuse the use of the facility to any person, business, or other user who is misusing the facility, failing to comply with, or is otherwise violating this Ordinance, or who does not have the proper permit, or is using a vehicle whose numbered permit has unpaid use fees outstanding.

8. TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER COMMITTEE:
(Also known as the Dump Committee)

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a committee to oversee the operation of the Transfer Station/Recycling Center facility and make periodic inspections and reports as requested by the Selectmen.

This committee shall be an advisory body and shall prepare a budget for review or Ordinance amendments as directed by the Board of Selectmen in preparation for the annual Town Meeting, and shall develop specific transfer and recycling procedures for approval and publication by the Selectmen.

9. UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS: The following materials will not be accepted at the Transfer Station/Recycling Center.

Hazardous waste (except clean, used motor oil).
Any liquid or paste.
Commercial Waste

10. BURN PILE:

The Burn Pile is specifically licensed by the State of New Hampshire for the disposal of brush and untreated, unfinished wood, less than 5 inches in diameter. Manufactured wood products such as plywood, chipboard, pressed board and fiberboard are not accepted.

Use of the burn pile is restricted to specific hours which are published, and generally separate from normal Transfer Station/Recycling Center operating hours.

Un-authorized dumping at the burn pile may result in a loss of facility privileges.

11. SWAP SHOP/LIBRARY:

The Swap Shop and Library have been established to provide an exchange point for clean, useable items and books.

Furniture of any kind is not accepted.

The Library area is for the exchange of clean, useable books. Magazines, encyclopedias, or outdated computer books are not acceptable.

Donors to the Swap Shop will check with a Transfer Station/Recycling Center Attendant before leaving anything.

The Select board may authorize volunteers to staff the Swap Shop and library. Those volunteers are authorized to accept or reject any item that is offered for the Swap Shop.

12. Penalty

Any person who violates any portion of this ordinance shall be subject to the following fines and penalties:

1st Offense \$50.00 plus any disposal costs

2nd Offense \$150 plus any disposal cost

3rd offense \$250 plus any disposal costs

All fees and disposal costs will be credited toward the recycling income account in the general Fund.



Carolyn Boland, Chair



John Jordan



James Mose

Date: 3 December 2012

Appendix

RECYCLED MATERIALS

PETE (Clear Soda Bottles) #2 Colored HDPE (caps removed and rinsed) Milk Jugs (caps removed and rinsed) Aluminum Cans (rinsed) Tin Cans (rinsed and no covers) Newspaper (includes any inserts) Corrugated Cardboard (broken down) Mixed paper (Magazines, rice board, junk mail etc.) Used motor oil (non-synthetic)