

TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING AREA RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. AUTHORITY

The following regulations are adopted by the Dennis Board of Health in accordance with the provisions of MGL, chapter III, Section 31. Violations of these regulations shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) per incident. Non-criminal procedures may also be used to enforce these regulations

The Board of Selectmen, acting as a Board of Public Works for the Town of Dennis, shall have power and are hereby empowered to take such measures as they shall deem effective for the disposal of refuse in the Town of Dennis under the following rules and regulations. The daily operation of the disposal area shall be under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Works or designee, acting as agent for the Board of Selectmen.

2. GENERAL DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this regulation, certain words and terms are defined as follows:

- a. "Department" shall mean The Department of Public Works of the Town of Dennis.
- b. "Superintendent" shall mean the Superintendent of Public Works of the Town of Dennis or designee.
- c. "Board" shall mean the Board of Selectmen.
- d. "Garbage" shall mean all putrescible animal or vegetable wastes.
- e. "Refuse" shall mean all waste substance including garbage, combustible and noncombustible wastes.
- f. "Bulk Refuse" shall mean discarded household furniture, bedding and mattresses, hot water heaters and other metal wastes. "White Goods" shall mean large appliances, including stoves, refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, etc.
- g. "Demolition Debris" shall mean all refuse or residue, including concrete and masonry rubble, framing lumber, drywall and/or site construction, reconstruction, repair or demolition debris.
- h. "Hazardous Waste" shall mean any refuse, the handling or disposal of which, in the opinion of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection or Superintendent, would constitute danger to the public, Town employee, or to Town property.
- i. "Yard Waste" shall mean sorted tree limbs, slash, hedge and/or garden clippings and small branches, loose or in bundles, not to exceed four (4) feet in length and one (1) foot in diameter. No stumps or filled loads will be accepted.

3. DEFINITIONS – CATEGORIES OF TRASH

- 3.1 **Residential/Household Trash:** any refuse and/or debris or garbage that is normally generated with a residential dwelling by the Owner or tenant of said property. Household trash does not include items such as refrigerators, stoves, or other appliances, mattresses leaves, brush or grass trimmings, white goods lawn mowers nor does it include household hazardous wastes, such as containers of paint,

solvents, chemicals and other substances established by regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection,

- 3.2 **Commercial Trash:** Refuse and/or garbage that is generated from business industry, construction, and motels or rental cottages with three or more units of household trash collected by licensed trash haulers. All motels and rental cottages offering more than 3 units shall have trash removed as commercial trash and identified as such at the Disposal Area & Recycling Center.
- 3.3 **Bulky Waste:** Large items of refuse such as, but not limited to; appliances, furniture, auto parts, truck bodies, stumps, whole house and/or principal structure demolition, and concrete and masonry rubble, tires, wooden and fiberglass boat hulls.
- 3.4 **Recyclables:** Please see section 7.0 for representative list.
- 3.5 **Reusables:** Clean quality goods, workable, that are in operating condition or salvaged parts. Items such as functioning furniture, books, magazines, small appliances and small power tools or lawn and garden equipment which still may be usable, may be acceptable goods. In cases of questionable condition, the Disposal Area staff shall be sole judge of acceptability.

4. GENERAL REGULATIONS

No vehicle shall be allowed to enter the Disposal Area except in accordance with these regulations.

- 4.1 **Private Vehicles:** All private vehicles bringing household trash must have a Town of Dennis Disposal Area and Recycling Center Vehicle Pass, permanently affixed to the vehicle, as specified at the time of purchase. Any vehicle with the vehicle pass not permanently and /or properly affixed may be denied entry or charged the appropriate fee and/or required to surrender the vehicle pass.

If the sole purpose of entry to the Disposal Area is to access the recycling area a special Recycling/Reusable vehicle pass will be required and activity will be limited to the recycling area, including the composting area.

All legal residents or real estate taxpayers will be admitted with their Disposal Area & Recycling Center Vehicle passes. These are available through the Department of Public Works. Proof of residency or payment of taxes must be presented with the registration of the motor vehicle. The vehicle pass is good only for the vehicle registration it is issued to and for the period issued.

- 4.2 All commercial rubbish packers must stencil or paint their maximum capacity in cubic yards and/or tons on the driver's side of their vehicles.

All loads from commercial packers must come from the Town of Dennis. The contents of all packers' trucks will be spot checked at frequent intervals. If any portion of their load comes from a Town other than Dennis, the packer's license shall be suspended for a period of thirty (30) days. The second offense may result in a one year suspension.

5. ACCEPTABLE TRASH – REGULATIONS

Trash will be accepted only in accordance with the procedures outlined below.

- a. All loads entering the Disposal Area & Recycling Center must be covered and/or contained.
- b. Except for that delivered by commercial packers, all cardboard paper or garbage shall be packaged, bundled, tied or contained in bags and disposed of in designated areas.
- c. Un-bagged leaves must be dumped in designated areas. All bagged leaf and yard waste shall be opened and dumped in the appropriate area. Plastic bags used to transport leaves may be disposed of with the regular refuse, but shall not be disposed in the leaf and yard waste composting area.
- d. Anyone tampering with or damaging the gate at the Disposal & Recycling Center or disposing of waste of any type in the vicinity of the gate is in violation and shall incur penalties as outlined in Section 1.0 of these regulations.
- e. No random dumping, salvaging or foraging shall be permitted, except as permitted in connection with the recycling and reusable program.
 1. No individual or group may remain more than 15 minutes of an operational day within the Reusable Building or Recycling Area unless authorized by the supervisor of the Disposal Area & Recycling Center of designee.
 2. All reusable items are intended for personal use and not for sale or profit.
- f. As a condition of using the Disposal Area & Recycling Center, the owner, operator or person in charge of the vehicle transporting the waste material shall, upon request of a gate attendant, provide proof of or answer questions concerning the origin or nature of the materials to be disposed of.
- g. Clean fill will be accepted free of charge.
- h. Only wastes generated within the boundary of the Town of Dennis shall be permitted at the disposal area.
- i. Small motorcycle frames (less than 250cc) and mopeds with tires and gas tanks removed are permitted in the metal. There is an additional charge for disposal.

6. UNACCEPTABLE TRASH

The following refuse shall be considered not acceptable at the disposal area.

- a. Hazardous wastes, including but not limited to dangerous chemicals, explosive materials or materials of unknown composition will not be accepted.
- b. Material of any kind or nature including ashes that contain live coals or fire. Live coals may be dumped only with the consent of the gate attendant and then only in the designated area.
- c. Auto car or truck bodies and large motorcycles (over 250cc).
- d. Infectious, medical or radioactive waste will not be accepted.

REUSABLE GOODS

A building is provided at the recycling area for the placement and exchange of reusable goods, books and magazines. Reusable Goods are clean, quality items in workable (operating) condition. (Examples: bicycles in good working order), household items such as furniture and tools.) NO CLOTHES, BEDDING, OR BULK REFUSE, as defined elsewhere in this regulation is permitted in the reusable goods building.

MAGAZINE/BOOK EXCHANGE

Clean whole books and current magazines including weekly news magazines.

RECYCLABLES

NEWSPRINT

Clean dry newspapers only – bundle in paper bags or tied securely.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Clean, unwaxed boxes only – flatten and bundle or place in large cardboard box.

GLASS

Clean glass; remove caps, corks and rings.

OIL

Separate by color – clear green – brown.

Engine oils NO HAZARDOUS WASTES – leave oils in containers.

ALUMINUM & TIN CANS

Clean cans, foil, TV/food trays.

PLASTIC LABELED 1& 2

Clean and sorted by color and type, (Remove caps.)

TIRES

Eight (8) tires per household

SCRAP METAL/WHITE GOODS

There is a charge for disposal of “white goods” and other scrap metal.

BATTERIES

Inquire with attendant for assistance.

LEAF & YARD WASTE

Household amounts of compostable materials (leaves, grass, clippings, pine needles), deposit at compost area.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AT THE SWAP SHOP:

The donations provided to the Mary Hood Hagler memorial building Goods Exchange are sincerely appreciated by the Recycling Commission and the recipients of these goods. However, there are a number of items which cannot be accepted including:

Televisions	VCRs	Computers
Furniture	Windows	Bed Frames
Trash Compactors	Microwaves	Doors
Bicycles	Mattresses	Tires
Lawn Mowers	Upholstered Furniture	Humidifiers
Encyclopedias		

Please seek out a Transfer Station employee for the disposal or recycling of these items. A bulletin board is maintained at the Mary Hood Hagler Memorial Building to list any of the above items that a donor would like to make available at no charge to the general public.

Other items are subject to the inspection and acceptance/rejection by the volunteer staff based upon the condition of the specific article being donated for exchange.

INFORMATION OF SOURCE BANS

Current materials Prohibited from disposal by 310 CMR 19.017

Glass containers: glass bottles and jars (soda-lime glass) but excluding light bulbs, Pryex cookware, plate glass, drinking glasses, windows, windshields and ceramics.

Metal Containers: aluminum, steel or bi-metal beverage and food containers.

Single Polymer Plastics: all narrow neck plastic containers.

Recyclable Paper: all paper, cardboard, and paperboard products excluding tissue paper, toweling, paper plates and cups, wax-coated cardboard, and other low-grade paper-products, which become unusable to paper mills as a result of normal intended use.

Yard Waste: grass clippings, weeds, garden materials, shrub trimmings, (excluding diseased plants).

Leaves: deciduous and coniferous leaf deposition.

Batteries: lead-acid batteries used in motor vehicles, or stationary applications.

White Goods: appliances employing electricity, oil, natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas to preserve or cook food; wash or dry clothing, cooking or kitchen utensils or related items. These typically include refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, clothes washers, clothes dryers, gas or electric ovens and ranges, and hot water heaters.

Whole tires: motor vehicle tires of all types. Whole tires may be disposed at combustion facilities. Shredded tires (a tire which has been cut, sliced or ground into four or more pieces such that the circular form of the tire has been eliminated) are not prohibited.

Cathode Ray Tubes: any intact, broken or processed glass tube used to provide the visual display in televisions, computer monitors and certain scientific instruments such as oscilloscopes.

- Additional Restricted Materials as of July 1, 2006

The following construction and demolition debris materials are prohibited from disposal:

- **Asphalt Pavement, Brick and Concrete:** asphalt pavement, brick and concrete from construction activities and demolition of buildings and similar sources.
- **Metal**
- **Wood:** Treated and untreated wood, including wood waste. Wood may be disposed at combustion facilities.
- **Clean Gypsum Board**

Resource of Waste Bans

Waste ban information can be found on Mass DEP's website at:

ww.mass.gov/dep/recycle/solid/regs0201.htm, or contact the commercial waste reduction hotline:

617-348-4002