

SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

TOWN OF PIERMONT TRANSFER STATION

Authority

Pursuant to NH RSA 31:39 and RSA 149-M:17, the Town of Piermont adopts these regulations for the use of the Town's Transfer Station.

Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this ordinance is to:

- Provide regulations, standards and guidelines for the operation of the Town's Transfer Station
- Protect the health and safety of the residents and employees of the Town of Piermont
- Enhance the protection of our ground water and other natural resources
- Encourage residents to reduce and reuse all household materials
- Prevent unauthorized entrance and use of the Town's Transfer Station
- Prohibit the deposit of illegal and unacceptable waste
- Control the disposal of authorized solid waste, to facilitate compliance with operating standards, including but not limited to facility operation.
- Establish fees for the use of the Town's Transfer Station

Municipal Solid Waste Defined

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), commonly known as trash, garbage, refuse, or rubbish is a waste type consisting of everyday items that are discarded by the public. It can also include solid, semi-solid and contained gaseous material resulting from residential, industrial, commercial, mining, agricultural operations and community activities. *All MSW received by the Piermont Transfer Station must be generated in the Town of Piermont.*

Types of Waste Accepted

The Town of Piermont *shall only accept material as allowed under the Piermont solid waste permit* and accepts the following types of waste for disposal at the Town's Transfer Station:

1. Municipal Solid Waste, bagged in Piermont Transfer Station's pay-as-you-throw bags (available at Piermont Four Corners Store and the Piermont Town Clerk's Office)
2. Bulky waste items
3. Residential demolition debris: plaster, asphalt shingles, sheetrock, carpets and other debris associated with residential construction

Recycling Defined

Recycling is the recovery of useful materials, such as paper, glass, plastic, and metals from the trash, reducing the amount of raw materials needed to make new products and packaging. Recycling provides many benefits:

- Reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators;
- Conserves natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals;
- Prevents pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials;
- Saves energy;
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change;
- Helps sustain the environment for future generations

Types of Recycling Accepted

The Town of Piermont accepts the following types of recyclable waste for disposal at the Town's Transfer Station; all items to be recycled shall be cleaned and/or rinsed and properly sorted before going into the recycling bins:

1. Glass Items
2. Tin and Steel Cans and Containers
3. Aluminum UBC Beverage Cans and Bottles
4. Plastics #1 - #7
5. Newsprint and Inserts
6. Mixed Paper
7. Corrugated Cardboard and Brown Kraft Paper Bags
8. Automotive Batteries and Rechargeable Batteries
9. Metal and Light Iron
10. Brush, Slash and Tree Cuttings
11. Wood Waste, Leaves and Grass Clippings
12. Automotive Oil and Hydraulic Oil (subject to clear testing)
13. Food Composting
14. Other – subject to change and markets available

All of the above categories of waste and recycling **must** be brought to the Transfer Station and be separated and deposited in the appropriate locations. The Town reserves the right to check each load before it is deposited. *All recycling received by the Piermont Transfer Station must be generated in the Town of Piermont.*

Electronics Recycling

The Town charges a fee to dispose of certain items known as Electronics Recycling, which includes, but is not limited to: TV/monitors; Computers, Printers, Record Players and Other Electronics.

The Board of Selectmen alongside the Transfer Station Manager have established fees for the disposal of these items which may be modified from time to time due to vendor pricing changes.

Bulky Items

The Town charges a fee to dispose of certain items known as Bulky Waste, which includes, but is not limited to: Tires, Mattresses; Stuffed chairs and Sofas; Refrigerator/Freezers; Washer/Dryer/Dishwashers; Construction & Demolition; Propane Tanks; and Small Engines and Equipment.

The Board of Selectmen alongside the Transfer Station Manager have established fees for the disposal of these items which may be modified from time to time due to vendor pricing changes.

Types of Waste Not Accepted

All materials not defined above are not accepted at the Piermont Transfer Station. These items typically pose a threat to safety, the environment, or for other reasons due to their chemical makeup or potentially hazardous components.

The following types of waste shall not be deposited at the Transfer Station facility:

1. Waste collected by commercial haulers
2. Any/All materials generated by residents and businesses outside the Town of Piermont

3. All hazardous waste as defined by RSA 147-A: Hazardous waste means a solid, semi-solid, liquid or any combination of these wastes or which has been identified as hazardous by the Division of Waste Management using the criteria established under NH RSA 147-A:2 VII. Such wastes include, but are not limited to, those which are reactive, toxic, corrosive or ignitable, irritants, strong sensitizers or those which generate pressure through decomposition, heat or other means.
4. Stumps and materials from the construction of new roadways, multi-family dwellings (as defined in the Zoning Ordinance,) and commercial buildings
5. Other Hazardous Waste items including pharmaceuticals, ammunition and asbestos
6. Dead animal remains
7. Septage
8. ALL prohibited disposal as defined in NH RSA 149-M:27

Resident Permit

A permit is required to use the transfer station facility. The permit is nontransferable, is valid for one vehicle for one year, and shall expire on December 31st. All vehicles entering the Transfer Station facility for the purpose of depositing solid waste and/or recycling shall display a current permit. Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation as defined in NH RSA 149-M. The one exception is for Town of Piermont Employees where trash and/or recycling have been created through normal use on Town property. Such employees may, with the permission of the Transfer Station Manager, bring this trash to the Transfer station without a permit, outside of normal business hours, and without using pay-as-you-throw bags. In all other respects, Town employees must follow the same regulations with respect to the Transfer Station as members of the general public.

- a) Issuance: Permits will be issued to full or part-time residents of the Town of Piermont, and to people who own or rent residential properties/non-commercial businesses in the Town;
 - "Caregiver" permits will be made available to those in need, who are residents or owners/renters of residential properties. These permits will be listed as an owner, rather than vehicle.
- b) Proof of property ownership shall be a current property tax bill;
- c) Proof of residence shall include documentation such as Motor Vehicle registration certificate or a Piermont rental/lease agreement;
- d) Transferability: Permits are nontransferable and must be removed before vehicle ownership is transferred;
- e) Replacement Permit: Residents who replace one or more vehicles may apply for a replacement permit provided that they present a substantial portion of the prior permit;
- f) Display: The permit shall be displayed in the windshield hanging, or the driver's side windshield corner to which the permit was issued.
- g) Fee – The Board of Selectmen determine the rate of the permit, with guidance from the Transfer Station Manager.
- h) Permits may be obtained at the office of the Board of Selectmen.

Penalty

Any person or corporation that violates any section of this ordinance shall be punished in accordance with the applicable penalties for a violation under NH RSA 149-M. Each section of this ordinance shall be treated as an independent section. Violations of more than one section shall be treated as separate and independent violations. Any person or corporation found in violation of this ordinance could have his/her permit revoked or suspended pending a hearing in front of the Board of Selectmen.

Fine and warning/citation schedule for violations

- a. Unauthorized dumping: the disposal of waste, such as household trash, tires, construction debris, or appliances without the permission of the Piermont Transfer Station.
 - a. First Offence: Written warning, with applicable cost of the offence, using the Piermont Transfer Station's Fee Schedule.
 - b. Second Offence: Written citation, with a fine of \$100 per article
 - c. Third Offence: Written citation, with a fine of \$200 per article
 - d. Subsequent events will be issued citations, fines, and possible revocation of entry to the Transfer Station

Unauthorized entry to the Transfer Station outside of operating hours is strictly prohibited. Violators will be prosecuted in accordance with NH RSA 635:2

- b. Use of Permit: A valid permit is required to dispose of any waste at the transfer station facility
 - a. First Offence: Written warning
 - b. Second Offence: Written citation, with a fine of \$100
 - c. Third Offence: Written citation, with a fine of \$200
 - d. Subsequent events will be issued citations, fines, and possible revocation of entry to the Transfer Station

Exemptions

Any other use of the transfer station or special situations not covered under this ordinance will be under the authority of the Selectmen of the Town of Piermont.

APPLICABILITY WITH OTHER ORDINANCES

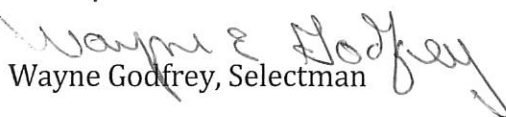
This ordinance shall supersede all other Solid Waste Ordinances and/or Recycling Center/Transfer Station Regulations.

THIS ORDINANCE TAKES EFFECT UPON ITS PASSAGE.

Approved on September 15, 2026


Rick Daley, Selectman


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