

SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE
TOWN OF LEE
TRANSFER STATION

Authority

Pursuant to NH RSA 31:39 and RSA 149-M:17, the Town of Lee 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, to protect the health and safety of the residents and employees of the Town of Lee, to enhance the protection of our ground water and other natural resources and to encourage residents to reduce and reuse all household materials.

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.

Types of Waste Accepted

The Town of Lee accepts the following types of waste for disposal at the Town's Transfer Station:

1. Municipal Solid Waste, bagged or loose
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

Recycling Mandatory

Since 1992, recycling has been mandatory in the Town of Lee. Consistent with this and pursuant to RSA 147:43, each residence and business within the Town of Lee shall be responsible to ensure that the solid waste generated by individuals residing or working

herein has been sorted so as not to include any materials deemed recyclable by the guidelines set forth by this Solid Waste Ordinance.

Types of Recycling Accepted

The Town of Lee 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 and #2
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, Antifreeze, Hydraulic Oil and Cooking Oil
13. 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.

Bulky Items

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

The Board of Selectmen has established fees for the disposal of these items which may be modified from time to time.

Types of Waste Not Accepted

All materials not defined above are not accepted at the Lee 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 Lee
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 Lee Zoning Ordinance,) and commercial buildings
5. Other Hazardous Waste items including pharmaceuticals, ammunition and asbestos
6. Dead animal remains
7. Septage

Resident Permit (Sticker)

A permit is required to dispose of waste at the transfer station facility. The permit is nontransferable, is valid for two years, and shall expire on December 31st. All vehicles entering the Transfer Station facility for the purpose of depositing solid waste 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.

- a) Issuance: Permits will be issued to full-time residents of the Town of Lee, or summer residents in the Town of Lee who are property owners, or those who own and operate a business in the Town (such permits will be valid only for conforming waste that comes from the business located in Lee.) Proof of property ownership shall be a current property tax bill;
- b) Proof of Residence: Permits shall be issued to those persons showing proof of residence by documentation such as Motor Vehicle registration certificate or a Lee rental/lease agreement;
- c) Transferability: Permits are nontransferable and must be removed before vehicle ownership is transferred;
- d) Replacement Permit: Residents who replace one or more vehicles may apply for a replacement sticker provided that they present a substantial portion of the prior sticker;
- e) Display: The permit shall be permanently displayed on either the driver's side windshield or the driver's side front bumper of the vehicle to which the permit was issued. *It is recommended that the bottom left corner of the windshield be used as to not obstruct the view of the driver;*
- f) Fee – There is no fee for a Transfer Station Permit sticker;
- g) Permits may be obtained at the office of the Board of Selectmen or the Transfer Station

Temporary Permit

Residents may apply for a temporary permit to allow a member of their family or persons not for hire to remove items from their property to the Transfer Station (for example, if they do not own a vehicle or one large enough to transport bulky items.) The temporary permit shall be for a specific person, vehicle and date and shall be issued by the office of the Board of Selectmen and presented to the attendant at the Transfer Station.

A property owner who is not a resident may obtain a temporary permit for the purpose of removing debris, including brush and bulky waste items, from their property located in Lee.

Construction Permit

A permit may be issued to any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of building construction. The permit is valid for the disposal of separated construction materials accumulated from the construction of a new building or the demolition or substantial renovation of any building located within the boundaries of the Town of Lee. The permit is nontransferable and disposal fees shall be determined by the fee schedule in effect at the time of application. Commercial haulers are not allowed.

Application

Temporary and/or Construction permits are available at the office of the Board of Selectmen and will be valid for ten days from date of issuance.

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.

Exemptions

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

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.