

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION RULES & REGULATIONS
355 Canaan Road, Hampden

The Town of Hampden has a Solid Waste Transfer Station located at the Public Works Facility on the Canaan Road. This facility is for disposal of Hampden residential trash only, for residents with a valid Demolition/MSW or MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) decal.

- No Commercial Haulers are allowed to utilize the municipal Transfer Station
- No Contractor vehicles allowed (special circumstances may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis which meet criteria specified in the Transfer Station Decal Issuance Policy)
- No dumping of trailers. Items must be off loaded by hand. Trailers may not exceed 12' long.

I. TRANSFER STATION DECALS

A decal permanently affixed to the vehicle is required for access to the facility. Decals are available at the Town Office at a cost specified in the Town of Hampden Fees Ordinance. Separate decals are now issued for municipal solid waste/recycle/brush, demolition disposal and a small bulky items punchcard. The demolition disposal decal allows full use of the facility including disposal of demolition debris, municipal solid waste, recyclables and brush.

A current vehicle registration and/or proof of residency must be presented annually in order to obtain a decal. Eligibility requirements are specified in the Transfer Station Decal Issuance Policy.

No vehicle will be allowed entry to the Transfer Station without a current decal. Residents are expected to have a valid decal prior to JANUARY 1 to utilize the facility. A grace period may be provided to residents, with a valid decal from the prior year affixed to the proper vehicle, which may be allowed entry during the month of January only. As of February 1, all vehicles without a valid decal will not be allowed to utilize the facility and will be turned away at the gate or asked to leave if found within the facility. All residents unwilling to leave upon request, may be reported to the Public Works Director and/or Police Department and depending on the severity, could face civil or criminal penalties.

TYPES OF DECALS:

MSW: This decal will allow the user to dispose of Municipal Solid Waste, Single Stream Recycling, Metals, Brush, Appliances, Electronic Waste and Appliances with Refrigerant with the appropriate sticker.

DEMO: This decal will allow the user to dispose of all the waste covered with the MSW decal as well as Construction & Demo Debris, Furniture & other Bulky Items.

BULKY ITEM DISPOSAL PERMIT: This permit will allow for the disposal of Furniture and other Bulky Items into the demo pile with a punch card. This is not unlimited disposal of items but in a way to dispose of small numbers of household items that cannot go into the MSW or Recycling Containers.

Note: A Temporary Vehicle Pass may be available based on eligibility and requirements also specified in the Transfer Station Decal Policy.

Transfer Station decals can be purchased on the Town of Hampden Website when the office is closed. Residents who purchase decals on a weekend, must bring your receipt to show proof of purchase in order to be admitted.

HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	CLOSED
WEDNESDAY	10 AM – 6 PM
THURSDAY	8 AM – 4 PM
FRIDAY	8 AM – 4 PM
SATURDAY	8 AM – 4 PM
SUNDAY	8 AM – 4 PM

CLOSED ALL LEGAL HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day	Easter Sunday
Martin Luther King Day	Labor Day
President's Day	Indigenous Peoples' Day
Patriot's Day	Veteran's Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Day
Juneteenth	Day after Thanksgiving
4 th of July	Christmas Day

EARLY CLOSURES

December 24 (close at noon)

December 31 (close at 2 pm)

WEATHER OR POWER RELATED CLOSURES

During severe weather, power outages, etc. the DPW Director may close the Transfer Station on a temporary basis to direct available personnel resources toward weather-related needs. All such temporary closures will be posted to the Town's website and Facebook page with as much prior notice as possible as well as a sign placed on the gate at the transfer station.

II. DISPOSAL SCHEDULE

MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE

Accepted on any day that the transfer station is open.

SHARPS DISPOSAL

Accepted on any day that the transfer station is open. Please put in a suitable container (medical waste container, laundry detergent bottle, etc.) and make sure the cap is properly secured. This may be disposed of as municipal solid waste.

SWAP SHOP ITEMS

Accepted at the 'swap shop' on any day that the transfer station is open and may be taken from the 'swap shop' on any day that the transfer station is open. There is a **15-minute limit** on time spent at the swap shop to give other residents the opportunity to use the facility. Exception: Volunteers who are vetted by the Town may be within the Swap Shop for longer periods.

RECYCLABLES (SINGLE STREAM)

Accepted on any day that the transfer station is open.

CONSTRUCTION & DEMO DEBRIS, ASPHALT SHINGLES

Accepted on the 2nd and 4th weekend of each month only with a DEMO sticker.

FURNITURE AND OTHER BULKY ITEMS

Accepted on any day that the transfer station is open with a BULKY ITEM DISPOSAL PERMIT.

METAL AND APPLIANCES

Accepted on any day that the transfer station is open with a standard MSW sticker.

Automotive Parts excluding complete junk vehicles, engines, or transmissions. Lawnmowers must have Fluids removed prior to being placed in the metal pile.

TREE LIMBS, BRANCHES, BRUSH AND ASHES

Accepted on any day that the transfer station is open. Branches and limbs must not exceed 5' in length or 5" in diameter. Cold ashes may be brought to the facility and disposed of in the specified receptacle. Hot ashes will **not** be accepted.

ELECTRONIC WASTE, FLUORESCENT LAMPS, AND DEVICES WITH MERCURY

Accepted on any day that the transfer station is open.

REFRIGERANT DISPOSAL

There is a \$15 fee for the disposal of any appliance with refrigerant (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, etc.). A permit sticker for the disposal of such items must be purchased **at the Town Office** prior to disposal, and **these items can only be taken to the transfer station on the second and fourth weekends of each month**. Permit stickers must be firmly affixed to the item prior to disposal. The resident may possess a municipal solid waste (MSW) decal or a demo/MSW decal to be able to use this service. If you possess only a MSW decal, no other demolition debris may be disposed of except for the stickered refrigerant. **Town Office hours are 7:30am to 6:00pm Monday through Thursday.**

III. SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

The Town of Hampden operates a single stream recycling program at the Transfer Station. There is a separate compactor at the facility in which recyclables are deposited. There is no need to separate these recyclable materials.

Recyclable materials that can be deposited in the Single Stream Compactor include:

Plastics #1 and #2 ONLY (rinse and leave caps on)	Metal cans
Magazines & soft cover books	Newspaper and inserts
File folders & office paper	Mail including envelopes
Clean Corrugated cardboard	Paperboard boxes
Paper Cartons & bags	Shredded paper in clear bags
Phone books & catalogs	Paper Plates
Pots or Pans	Empty aerosol cans

Unacceptable items that cannot be deposited in the Single Stream compactor include:

Recyclables containing food waste	Household trash
Plastics #3 through #7	Batteries
Colored plastic bags	Mirrors
Window glass, bottles or jars	Light bulbs
Facial tissue, paper Towels	Pyrex
Dishes or ceramics	Propane or Helium tanks
Vinyl siding, wood, tarps	Styrofoam
Paint	Boat wrap, rope, or chain
Oils	Hazardous material
Needles/ Syringes	Diapers
VCR tapes	CD's/DVD's
Scrap metal	Yard waste
Bubble wrap	Kitty litter

IV. MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE

Municipal Solid Waste is considered typical household waste. Some items are now considered construction demolition due to processing methods. A generic list may be found in **Section V** below, but the general list of typical household items is as follows:

- Plastics #3 through #7
- Glass (not from mirror or window)
- Colored plastic bags
- Dishes, Pyrex, ceramics
- Paper towels, facial tissues
- Styrofoam
- Needles/Syringes (must be placed in suitable container like a medical waste container, laundry detergent bottle, etc. with cover/cap properly secured)
- Electrical cords (cut to 3' max length to avoid issues with processing equipment)
- Holiday lighting (cut to 3' max length to avoid issues with processing equipment)
- Curling iron or hair dryer (remove cord and cut to 3' max length to avoid issues with processing equipment)
- Small kitchen appliances-Toasters, blenders, etc. (Remove cord and cut to 3' max length to avoid issues with processing equipment)
- CDs/DVDs
- Recyclables containing food waste
- DO NOT throw yard waste (leaves, lawn clippings) in MSW or brush pile. These items may be deposited to the left of the Transfer Station entrance road in the designated area. Please DO NOT leave plastic bags as this will be considered littering.
- Please bring unwanted clothing to a local Good Will, Shelter, or other entity that accepts donations. Clothing is a problem as it becomes entwined with processing equipment. Due to Covid-19, the swap shop will remain closed.

V. DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

Demolition and Construction debris is material that does not fall in the typical household MSW or recyclable material but is still considered 'acceptable' wastes per Section VII below. Below, you will find a generic list of items considered Demolition or Construction Debris:

- Mirrors, window glass
- Window or venetian blinds
- Plastic lawn ornaments or toys
- Tarps and/or sheet plastics
- Garden hose
- Rope or chain
- Sheetrock or asphalt shingles
- Plywood, lumber, or pallets
- Bulky items-mattresses, furniture, etc. (should be broken down to extent practicable to aid in disposal processes)

VI. SWAP SHOP

The Swap Shop is meant for gently used (unbroken) items that could realistically be reused by residents. This is not meant for a substitute location for demolition or construction debris on non-demo weekends. The following is a generic list of typical items accepted at the swap shop:

- Dishes
- Small furnishings
- Household décor
- Clothing
- Toys

VII. UNACCEPTABLE WASTES

- **AUTOMOTIVE PARTS** including junk vehicles or car parts containing hazardous fluids including batteries, engines, transmissions, etc. These items should be disposed of in a salvage yard. Lawnmowers must have all fluids removed prior to being placed in the metal pile.
- **TIRES**
- **STUMPS**
- **PROPANE TANKS**
- **HAZARDOUS WASTE** This includes paint thinners, cleaners, poisons, asbestos, chemicals, and petroleum products such as gas, oil, kerosene, and flammable waste. Infectious or biological wastes including dead animals or portions thereof, or other pathological wastes.
- **ROCKS, CONCRETE OR PAVEMENT**
- **LIQUID WASTES OR SLUDGES**
- **HOT LOADS** This includes ashes that have not properly cooled to the touch.
- **ANIMAL WASTE** This includes animal carcasses and/or hides.
- **YARD WASTE** This includes lawn clippings and leaves. Please dispose of clean lawn clippings and leaves in the designated area to the left of the entrance road.

VIII. BEFORE YOU GO TO THE TRANSFER STATION DISPOSAL TIPS...

PAINT CANS must be empty and rinsed out with lids removed.

METAL OR PLASTIC BARRELS OR BUCKETS All containers/drums must have at least one end removed, and they must be washed out.

LEAVES, GRASS, AND YARD AND GARDEN CLIPPINGS may be deposited in designated area to left of the Transfer Station entrance road. Please DO NOT leave plastic bags as this will be considered littering.

TREE LIMBS AND BRANCHES must not exceed 5' in length or 5" in diameter.

BULKY ITEMS (mattresses, couches, furniture, etc.) should be broken down to extent practicable to aid in disposal processes. Separate items as MSW, Demo Debris, Metals, etc.

ASHES must be cool to the touch. Hot ashes will not be accepted.

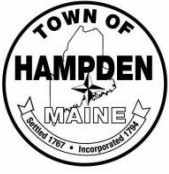
IX. SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED

- **FREON CONTAINING ITEMS** including freezers, refrigerators, and air conditioners that contain ozone depleting substances such as Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and Hydro Chlorofluorocarbons (HCFC) with common names such as “Freon” and Refrigerants (“R-12”). These items require a separate permit sticker purchased at the Town Office as noted above in Section II.

QUESTIONS? CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AT 862-3337.

HAMPDEN TRANSFER STATION DEMO WEEKEND SCHEDULE 2025

JANUARY 2025	10-12	CLOSED JANUARY 1st	24-26
FEBRUARY 2025	7-9		21-23
MARCH 2025	14-16		28-30
APRIL 2025	11-13	CLOSED EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20th	25-27
MAY 2025	9-11		23-25
JUNE 2025	13-15	CLOSED JUNETEENTH, THURSDAY JUNE 19TH	27-29
JULY 2025	11-13	CLOSED FRIDAY, JULY 4TH	25-27
AUGUST 2025	8-10		22-24
SEPTEMBER 2025	12-14	CLOSED PATRIOT’S DAY, THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH	26-28
OCTOBER 2025	10-12		24-26
NOVEMBER 2025	14-16	CLOSED NOV. 27th, & 28TH	29-30
DECEMBER 2025	12-14	CLOSING AT NOON ON THE 24TH CLOSED DECEMBER 25TH CLOSING AT 2 PM ON THE 31ST	26-28



HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

USED MOTOR OIL, OLD GASOLINE, KEROSENE, PAINT THINNERS

MANY LOCAL GARAGES TAKE THESE MATERIALS TO BURN IN THEIR HEATING.

AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES

RETURN BATTERIES TO STORE WHERE YOU PURCHASED. USUALLY, THEY RETURN A CORE CHARGE TO YOU.

INTERIOR/EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL PAINTS (LATEX, OIL, ALKYD), DECK COATING, FLOOR PAINTS, STAINS, SHELLACS, VARNISH, URETHANE, WATER PROOFING CONCRETE/MASONRY/WOOD SEALERS AND REPELLANTS (NOT TAR OR BITUMEN BASED), METAL COATINGS, RUST PREVENTATIVES, FIELD PAINT

PAINTCARE IS A FREE PROGRAM FOR DISPOSAL AT SPECIFIED SITES LIKE SHERWIN WILLIAMS AND COLOR CONCEPTS IN BANGOR. VISIT PAINTCARE.ORG FOR MORE INFO. AEROSOL PAINTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

TELEVISIONS, COMPUTERS, FLOURECENT LAMPS,

THE HAMPDEN TRANSFER STATION CURRENTLY ACCEPTS THESE ITEMS. THE ATTENDANT WILL SHOW YOU WHERE THE ITEMS BELONG.

PESTICIDES

THE BOARD OF PESTICIDE CONTROL (287-2731) TYPICALLY HAS A PROGRAM IN THE FALL (SEPT-OCT) FOR DISPOSAL OF PESTICIDES. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

ANTI-FREEZE

BANGOR RADIATOR WILL TAKE SMALL QUANTITIES OF CLEAN LOOKING GREEN AND RED ANTIFREEZE.

This handout is provided as friendly advice from the Town of Hampden. If you have questions visit us, or call Department of Public Works at 862-3337