

TOWN OF HANSON

Transfer Station Rules and Regulations



Hanson Transfer Station/Recycling Center
201 Franklin Street (Route 27)
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Effective September 1, 2011

SECTION 1 – AUTHORITY:

This document describes the rules and regulations (“Regulations”) governing the recycling and disposal of Solid and Special Wastes at the Town of Hanson transfer station. These Regulations are effective on and after September 1, 2011, and shall remain so until modified or amended by the Town of Hanson Board of Health. The general administration of the Transfer Station shall be governed under authority which includes, but not limited to, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Sections 31, 31B, 150A and 310 CMR (Code of Massachusetts Regulations) 11.02 and 310 CMR 19.00 et seq. of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, applicable regulations of the Board of Health, Code of Massachusetts Regulations and all other applicable rules and regulations that may be adopted to further the expeditious management of the facility.

SECTION 2 – PURPOSE:

The Board of Health of the Town of Hanson has adopted these Rules and Regulations to safeguard the public health; to ensure the safety of Town employees; to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the transfer station; to uphold the Town’s contractual obligations to ensure that only residential waste from Hanson residents is disposed of at the Hanson transfer station; to control and monitor proper access to the transfer station; to facilitate mandatory recycling and composting thereby fostering a public awareness of the care of the environment and reducing waste disposal costs incurred by the Town of Hanson.

SECTION 3 – DEFINITIONS:

Authorized Person – A person approved or assigned by the Town of Hanson to perform a specific type of duty or duties at a specific Transfer Station location(s).

Bulky Waste – Shall include but not be limited to large items such as furniture, mattresses, rugs and all other large items.

Bulky Load – Shall be a load consisting of three (3) or more bulky waste items provided the load does not contain hazardous items such as microwaves, humidifiers, refrigerators, air conditioners, computers or similar items.

Compostable Yard Waste – Leaves and grass clippings free of other debris and suitable for composting.

Construction & Demolition (C&D) Waste – Shall include but not be limited to all lumber, pipe, brick, shingles, sheetrock, masonry, concrete, asphalt and other materials resulting from the demolition and/or construction of buildings or other structures.

Dangerous Items – Explosives of any kind, inflammables, including gasoline or petroleum products, oil based paints, solvents, cleaning fluids, caustics, acids, drugs, poisons, radioactive material, pressurized cylinders, reactive materials, pathological material or materials requiring special handling.

DEP – Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Eligible Person - a year-round resident or tenant of Hanson of a residential dwelling in the Town of Hanson as described within these regulations.

Eligible Vehicle - a passenger vehicle, non-commercial van or non-commercial pickup truck (3/4 ton or less)

Garbage – Animal, vegetable or other organic waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, serving or consumption of food, not including sewage.

Hazardous Waste – All waste classified as hazardous by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection or the EPA. The EPA’s website for hazardous waste may be found using the following URL: <http://www.epa.gov/osw/hazard/>

Household Rubbish – Shall include but not be limited to any rubbish, refuse or garbage that is normally generated within a residential dwelling. Household refuse shall not include such items as refrigerators, stoves or other appliances, mattresses, furniture or wastes generated from the grounds of a residential property. Nor shall household rubbish include hazardous wastes such as paint, solvents, chemicals, asbestos and other substances covered by existing DEP regulations.

Permit – Town of Hanson Transfer Station sticker; an authoritative or official certificate of permission; license; a paper permit used in cases that the Board of Health, or its authorized representative, deems appropriate.

Recyclables – Solid waste that can be collected and treated in such a manner that it can be re-used or altered in such a way that it can serve another function. See Section 6 of these Regulations for further definition of recyclables. Under the Town’s recycling and trash separation program all recyclable materials entering the Transfer Station must be separated. Solid Waste having a value for sale or reuse, including but not limited to, newspaper, cardboard, waste oil, automotive batteries, compostable yard waste, metals and appliances, glass, plastic containers, and steel and aluminum cans.

Resident – Any person who resides within the geographical limits of the Town of Hanson, Massachusetts, County of Plymouth that brings only household waste to the Transfer Station.

Solid Waste – Useless, unwanted or discarded solid materials resulting from municipal or residential activities conducted solely within Hanson and not including any hazardous waste, banned items, “Special Wastes” (see below) or leaf and yard wastes.

Special Waste – Solid Waste that requires special handling such as Cathode Ray Tubes (“CRT’s”), white goods, televisions, acid batteries, fluorescent ballasts, etc.) or by disposal techniques or methodologies to protect public health or safety of individuals or the environment. Special Waste shall also include those items specified in Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) Waste Ban Regulations (310 CMR 19.017).

Transfer Station – Town of Hanson Transfer Station.

SECTION 4 – GENERAL TRANSFER STATION RULES:

The following general regulations shall apply to all users of the Transfer Station:

1. The Transfer Station will accept Solid and Special Waste generated by the resident and municipal sources living and/or operating within Hanson as described under these regulations.

2. The operator of any vehicle transporting Solid or Special Waste to the Transfer Station shall, as a condition of use, present evidence and/or answer any reasonable questions concerning the nature and place of origin of that material as the person in charge of the facility (“Operator”) may request. Failure to furnish credible evidence when requested shall be sufficient cause for refusal of the use of the Transfer Station for that material or for the Board of Health, or its authorized representative, to revoke or suspend a license, permit or privilege for the use of the Transfer Station and/or to enforce or impose other penalties as provided by these Regulations.
3. The Transfer Station will only admit vehicles displaying a valid Transfer Station Sticker permanently affixed to the vehicle. A paper permit may be used in cases that the Board of Health, or its authorized representative, deems appropriate.
5. Limit of two (2) permits per household.
6. To apply for a permit, an individual must be an eligible person.
7. Permits will be issued only to those applicants who comply with these regulations. The ownership of real property is not the determining factor as to who may receive a permit.
8. At the time of making application to obtain a permit, the applicant shall present and provide any requisite materials as described herein.
9. No vehicle registered in a state other than Massachusetts shall receive a residential permit.
10. The Town of Hanson reserves the right to reject any Solid or Special Wastes, which it considers to be detrimental to the operation of the Transfer Station, or contrary to these regulations.
11. All Solid and Special Wastes must be deposited in appropriate designated areas or in accordance with the Transfer Station Operator’s instructions.
12. Use of the Transfer Station shall be limited to the hours determined by the Board of Health.

SECTION 5 – PERMITS/STICKERS:

A permit is required for use of the Transfer Station and recycling area. Permits will be issued in the form of a sticker to be prominently displayed on the user’s vehicle (preferably on the lower driver’s side corner of the windshield) and must be visible when within the Transfer Station. All vehicles, except those owned by the Town of Hanson, entering the Transfer Station must display a valid permit issued by the Town of Hanson to that specific vehicle and vehicle owner. Transfer Station stickers are not transferable. All sticker permits **MUST** have a permit application filled out in full before a permit is issued. Proof of Hanson residency is required at the time of application. A permit for a second vehicle in an existing permit holder’s household may also be obtained. Transfer Station Permit stickers are not valid until permanently affixed to the permitted vehicle. Transfer Station permits applications may be obtained at the Hanson Town Hall, 542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341.

Hanson residency, and proof thereof, is a minimum requirement for obtaining a Permit. Property ownership in Hanson, in the absence of permanent residency, shall **NOT** entitle an applicant to a Permit.

Permits will be issued **ONLY** to individuals who conclusively prove their principal residence in Hanson, that the vehicle to which the Permit is to be issued is principally garaged at the same address, pays

automobile excise taxes to Hanson and has a valid automobile registration and valid Massachusetts driver's license coinciding with the applicant's residential Hanson address.

Proof of resident eligibility, which shall be presented at the time of making application to the Town of Hanson, and shall consist of the following:

1. **Privately Owned Vehicles:** A valid vehicle registration permanently assigned to the eligible vehicle and a valid Massachusetts driver's license must be provided that shows the name of the applicant as the owner and the applicant's Hanson address.
2. **Leased Vehicles:** In the case of leased vehicles, the eligible person's name, Hanson address and vehicle ID must appear on the valid lease agreement which must be presented with the valid registration and a valid Massachusetts driver's license at the time of making application for a Permit.
3. **Company Vehicles:** In the case of company vehicles, a letter shall be presented on company letterhead stating that the Hanson resident making application for a Transfer Station permit is authorized to use said vehicle for personal use and that principal garaging is in the Town of Hanson.
4. **Leased Company Vehicles:** In cases where a leased vehicle is a company vehicle, a letter from the employer shall be required which specifies vehicle assignment to the Hanson resident making application for a Transfer Station permit is authorized to use said vehicle for personal use and that principal garaging is in the Town of Hanson.
5. **Special Requirement for All Commercial Registration Plates:** Since the Town's contractual obligations are for residential trash only, commercial plates are not eligible for Transfer Station stickers. Exceptions may be made by meeting with the Board of Health prior to making application for a Transfer Station permit. Vehicles with commercial plates will require, at a minimum, proof that the vehicle will not be used to transport commercial waste. In addition, the individual applying must be an eligible person and be able to prove that the vehicle is an eligible vehicle (as defined above), it is only used by the eligible person, the individual has no other method to transport waste from his/her Hanson residence, and s/he is the sole operator of the vehicle. In addition, the eligible person must attest in writing that s/he will not dispose of commercial waste at the Hanson Transfer Station and will only dispose of waste from their own residential household in Hanson.
6. **Rental Vehicles:** If a valid Transfer Station permit holder's vehicle is temporarily replaced by a rental vehicle due to an accident or repair, the vehicle owner may request a temporary permit. The following must be provided - valid vehicle registration and permit number, valid rental vehicle registration, and anticipated length of rental. A temporary permit is valid only for the rental vehicle registration, is not transferable to other vehicles, and shall expire upon termination of the rental agreement.
7. **Ineligibility:** Because their intended use is to be moved from one vehicle to another, General Registration Plates, including dealer and repair plates are not eligible for Transfer Station Permits.

Non-resident, seasonal renters may purchase temporary seasonal passes from the Town of Hanson from Memorial Day through Labor Day only. Proof of rental in Hanson is required at the time of purchase. Temporary seasonal passes must be placed on the dashboard of the vehicle and must be clearly visible to

the Transfer Station attendants. Temporary seasonal passes are not transferable to other vehicles and the registration on the Permit must match the registration on the vehicle. Temporary seasonal pass holders shall be subject to all of the requirements set forth in these regulations. Prices for temporary seasonal passes are included in Appendix 1.

SECTION 6 – RECYCLABLE ITEMS:

Pursuant to DEP Waste Ban Regulation (310 CMR, 19.017), Recycling is mandatory by all users of the Transfer Station.

The Transfer Station will reject loads containing unacceptable amounts of recoverable materials. The following items are acceptable for recycling at the Transfer Station and shall be deposited in the appropriately marked areas:

1. Paper – All types of paper, cardboard and paperboard products excluding tissue paper, paper napkins and towels, paper plates and cups, wax-coated cardboard, paper used to wrap food products, contaminated by paint, oil or other substances and other low-grade paper products, which become unusable to paper mills as a result of normal intended use.
2. Glass – Clear and colored glass bottles or containers but specifically excluding light bulbs, Pyrex cookware, plate glass, mirrors, drinking glasses, windows, windshields and ceramics. Caps, corks or lids should be removed, but labels may remain. Containers should be empty and rinsed clean.
3. Metals – Any aluminum, steel or bi-metal beverage and food container except those carrying hazardous materials such as paint, aerosols, petroleum products or other materials prohibited by other sections of these Regulations. Heavy items containing cast iron such as sinks bathtubs and radiators are accepted. Items containing metal other than cast iron such as lawn chairs, bicycles, etc. Drums or tanks having contained petroleum products are prohibited. Please see the attendant for proper handling and disposal.
4. Plastics - #1 through #7 plastics containers only (check for the recycling symbol and number on the container). Please make sure to wash/rinse all containers thoroughly. Plastic lids and caps may be included. Labels need not be removed. Plastic utensils and plastic bags are prohibited. Styrofoam is prohibited and must be removed from cardboard boxes.
5. Leaves and Grass Clippings – Leaves and grass clippings must be placed in the composting area and removed from plastic or paper bags. The disposal of brush at the transfer station is prohibited. Please see the attendant for proper handling and disposal.
6. Batteries – Lead acid batteries used in motor vehicles or stationary applications, rechargeable batteries, and household batteries. Please see the attendant for proper handling and disposal.
7. Oil – Motor oil from residential vehicle and mechanical equipment oil changes will be accepted on the first Saturday of each month and must be in non-leaking containers. Please see the attendant for proper handling and disposal.
8. Fluorescent Fixtures – including Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL's), ballasts, flat panel LCD's as well as other mercury containing items such as thermometers & thermostats are collected and recycled. Please see the attendant for proper handling and disposal.

9. Deposit/Redeemable Cans and Plastic Bottles - All deposit or redeemable plastic bottles and aluminum cans are accepted. Please see the attendant for proper handling and disposal.
10. Clothing – All types of clothing and shoes in good condition. Please see the attendant for proper handling and disposal.
11. Tires – Tires are accepted and all residents must pay a fee to dispose of tires of all types.
12. Cathode Ray Tubes - Any device (either intact or broken) such as televisions, computer monitors, other monitors of any type such as karaoke machines and certain scientific instruments such as oscilloscopes or processed glass tube used to provide visual display. Residents must pay a fee to dispose of all Cathode Ray Tube types as described herein. Please see the attendant for proper handling and disposal.
13. White Goods – Appliances employing electricity, oil or natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas to preserve or cook food, to wash or dry clothing, or to cool or heat air or water. These include refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, residential trash compactors, clothes washers, clothes dryers, gas or electric ovens and ranges, water coolers and hot water heaters. Residents must pay a fee to dispose of all white goods as described herein. Please see the attendant for proper handling and disposal.
14. Propane Gas Containers – Residents must pay a fee to dispose of all propane gas containers as described herein. Please see the attendant for proper handling and disposal.
15. Bulky Items – Some bulky items may be recyclable. In all cases, bulky-item tickets must be purchased at the Town Hall and all residents must obtain a transfer station sticker prior to purchasing a bulky-item ticket. Bulky-item tickets shall be limited to six (6) per year per household. Items requiring a bulky-item ticket shall be as set forth in Appendix A of the regulations.

SECTION 7 – ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

The following are acceptable for disposal at the Transfer Station:

1. Household refuse defined as being generated within a single family or residential condominium within the Town of Hanson.
2. Household refuse may not exceed 30” in length.
3. Bulky items are allowed by separate permit only.
4. Those items which are listed recyclable in Section 6, including, but not limited to, all metals, clothing, cardboard, etc. are to be properly disposed of in designated recycling areas.

SECTION 8 – RESTRICTIONS:

The Town of Hanson may reject any materials which it considers to be detrimental to the operation of the Transfer Station. Any materials, which may attack, damage, alter or obstruct the usefulness of the facility

or cause injury to the employees or users of the facility will not be accepted. Materials prohibited shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Any quantities of gasoline, kerosene, flammable or explosive gas or vapor any material or substance which may generate or form a flammable, explosive or combustible substance, fluid, gas, vapor or mixture when combined with air, water or other substances commonly found in the Transfer Station.
2. Any substance that at a temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit, or at its burning point or substance which upon contact with water, refuse or air will generate steam, vapor, fire, smoke or toxic fumes.
3. Poisons or any other substance likely to generate poisonous substances that may interfere with or constitute a hazard to humans, wildlife or the environment.
4. Any solid waste containing animal parts, tissues, entrails, offal, blood or other types of pathological wastes.
5. Any substance containing or labeled as radioactive wastes or explosive material.
6. Any substance or material in the Massachusetts General Laws or in the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) and State and Federal rules and regulations adopted hereunder.
7. Any asbestos materials of any kind or percentage of asbestos content, including floor tiles, automotive brake linings, building siding, boilers and roofing shingles which, in the sole discretion of the Town of Hanson, are suspected of containing asbestos.
8. Those users of the Transfer Station who bring, or are found to have brought, hazardous materials, of any kind, to the Transfer Station will be held responsible for the removal of such materials and the documented cleansing of the Transfer Station of all such materials and all costs, legal and otherwise, associated with such removal and clean-up activities. This rule shall be applied to permit holders regardless of their stated knowledge or ignorance of having conveyed such materials to the Transfer Station.
9. Tree stumps, fill, boulders, paving materials, concrete, bricks, mortar and masonry.
10. Compostable wood waste such as logs or solid material greater than five (5) inches in diameter and thirty (30) inches in length, brush and non-pressure treated wood suitable for shredding and reuse for compost.
11. Construction and demolition (C&D) debris, which contain plaster asbestos products and fragments thereof.
12. Building, Construction and Demolition (C&D) debris are defined as those materials that result from the construction, renovation or demolition within the Town of Hanson and are prohibited from being disposed of at the Hanson Transfer Station.

SECTION 9 – ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATIONS:

Violation of any portion of these Regulations may result in loss of the privileges for use of the facility.

1. The Town of Hanson may suspend or revoke permits or privileges issued hereunder for cause. The suspension or revocation of an existing permit shall not entitle the permit holder to a refund of any portion of the fee collected for the issuance of such permit.
2. The Town of Hanson may reinstate permits that have been revoked only after a public hearing with the violator. The Board of Health shall hold a Hearing within thirty (30) business days after receipt of a written request for reinstatement of a permit.
3. The revocation of the right to use the Transfer Station permanently excludes the legal entity as well as the individual officers named on the original application together with their successors, heirs and assigns from use of the Transfer Station.
4. The Hanson Police Department shall, when requested by the Board of Health or its authorized Transfer Station representatives, cooperate in the enforcement of these “Rules and Regulations.”

SECTION 10 - SUSPENSION, MODIFICATION OR REVOCATION OF PERMITS:

Any permit may be suspended, modified or revoked by the Board of Health (or designee) upon receipt of evidence satisfactory to the Board that the permittee has not conformed to the requirements of the “Rules and Guidelines of the Hanson Transfer Station” or such further regulations as may be adopted or to any applicable state or Federal statute, regulation, rule or order regarding Recycling and the or disposal of solid waste. Appeals of such suspensions, modification or revocations must be directed to the Board of Health within ten (10) business days of said suspensions, modification or revocation.

Procedure for Enforcement

1. First Offense - Any resident observed not complying with one or more of the “Rules and Regulations of the Hanson Transfer Station” shall be handed or mailed a notice stating the violation(s) as a reminder that the rules and guidelines stated above must be followed and obeyed.
2. Second Offense - Any resident observed not complying with one or more of the Rules and Regulations of the Hanson Transfer Station shall be handed or mailed a notice stating the violation(s). The violator will be notified of the loss of privilege to use and have access to the Hanson Transfer Station. The violator shall be required to arrange a meeting with the Board of Health (or designee) to discuss the violation(s) and demonstrate future compliance of the “Rules and Regulations of the Hanson Transfer Station” in order to have his or her privileges reinstated.
3. Third Offense - Any resident observed not complying with one or more of the Rules and Regulations of the Hanson Transfer Facility shall be handed or mailed a notice stating the violation(s). The violator shall be notified of the loss of privilege to use and have access to the Hanson Transfer Station for one (1) year from the time of violation. The violator shall arrange to have a meeting after the suspension/revocation with the Board of Health (or designee) to discuss the violation(s) and demonstrate future compliance of the “Rules and Regulations of the Hanson Transfer Station” in order to have his or her privileges reinstated.

SECTION 11 – SAFETY:

All users of the Transfer Station are expected to behave in a safe manner while in the facility. The required nature of vehicle movements, both automobile and truck, together with the congested design of the Transfer Station Facility mandates that all users and employees proceed with caution and common sense as well as following these specific safety procedures:

1. Doors will be removed from all refrigerators, freezers or other large items that may present the risk of trapping a person or animal.
2. The speed limit in all areas of the Transfer Station shall not exceed five (5) MPH.
3. Users of the Transfer Station shall not be permitted access to those areas designated as “No Access by Unauthorized Personnel” or “Access Restricted to Authorized Personnel Only.”
4. All Children and pets are to remain in the vehicle.
5. No unauthorized persons or volunteers shall be permitted on site.

SECTION 12 – SEVERABILITY:

If any title, regulation, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, provision, word, or amendments to these rules and regulations shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, that invalidity shall not affect any other portion of these remaining rules and regulations are hereby declared severable and the validity of the remaining portions or sections of these rules and regulations or amendments thereto shall remain.

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APPENDIX A - FEE SCHEDULE

CATEGORY	UNIT	RATE
Permits/Stickers		
Resident Permit (two/household/year)	Per Vehicle	No Charge
Non-Resident Seasonal Permits (one/household/year)	Per Vehicle	\$25.00/mo. \$75.00/season
Tires		
Tires – Automobile	Per Unit	\$2.00
Tires – Truck	Per Unit	\$5.00
Bulky Items		
Microwave	Per Unit	\$10.00
Dehumidifier	Per Unit	\$10.00
Refrigerator	Per Unit	\$10.00
Air Conditioner	Per Unit	\$10.00
Other appliances for which the Town is charged	Per Unit	\$10.00
Mattress / Box spring	Per Unit	\$ 5.00
Other bulky items (area rugs, furniture, etc.) going into compactors	Per Unit	\$10.00
Bulky Load (consisting of 3 or more Non – Electronic bulky items)	Per Unit	\$30.00
CRTs and Televisions		
Computers (Monitors, etc.)	Per Unit	\$10.00
Television – Up to 19”	Per Unit	\$10.00
Television – 19” to 37”	Per Unit	\$15.00
Television – 38” and up	Per Unit	\$20.00

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