

**TOWN OF WESTON  
MASSACHUSETTS**

**Select Board**

**Regulations of the Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Facility and the  
Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility**

The Select Board hereby adopts the following rules and regulations for orderly conduct of operations at the Town's disposal facilities. All regulations previously adopted are hereby repealed and the following regulations made effective on and after January 9, 2024.

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and the Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility**

The Select Board hereby adopts the following regulations for orderly conduct of operations at the Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Facility and the Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility.

1. Definitions

When used in these regulations or in communications, orders, or other references thereto, the following definitions, words and phrases shall apply.

Disposal Facility: Refers to the Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Facility and the Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility. Also called “Transfer Station.”

Donations: Areas of the Transfer Station are designated for donations to charitable organizations and for donations to the Swap Shed.

Food Waste: The animal, vegetable, or other organic waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, serving or consumption of food. It may not contain human or animal waste. Food waste may be composted and not placed in PAYT bags.

Hazardous Waste: Materials such as radioactive wastes, pathologic wastes, explosive materials, chemicals, liquid wastes, or such other materials as may be so designated by State or Federal law and/or rules and regulations.

Merriam Street Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility: refers to the part of the Transfer Station located at 60 Merriam Street, used for collecting and composting yard waste and manure into usable compost.

Recyclable Goods: Any post-consumer product, including, but not limited to newsprint, periodicals, clean paper, corrugated cardboard, metals, wood, beverage and certain food item containers and certain types of plastics, intended for disposal for the purpose of recycling and not to be treated as solid waste.

Solid Waste: Any acceptable material or product intended for disposal via the solid waste compactors located at the Disposal Facility. Materials may consist of combustible and noncombustible solid waste including garbage and rubbish, putrescible or non-putrescible waste, but not sewage, liquid wastes, or recyclables and other Massachusetts DEP banned waste items.

Transfer Station: The Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Facility and the Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility. Includes the facility located at 195 Church Street adjacent to the Kendal Green Parking Lot, designated as a solid waste transfer facility and recycling facility and yard waste collection area, with the approval of the Board of Health of the Town of Weston and the Department of Environmental Protection of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; also includes the yard waste collection and compost facility at 60 Merriam Street. Also called “Disposal Facility.”

Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility: Part of the Transfer Station. Includes the areas of land of the Town designated for collecting and composting leaves, grass, branches, yard trimmings, manure, and wood chips. The Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility comprises both the yard waste collection area at 195 Church Street and the yard waste collection and compost area at 60 Merriam Street.

## 2. Prohibited and Permitted Activities and Uses

- a. Dumping of banned or offensive material, or any dangerous material, or any hazardous waste addressed by federal or state statutes or regulations, including but not limited to, those adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and MassDEP waste disposal banned items in any Disposal Facility of the Town is prohibited.
- b. Disposal of the following materials in any Disposal Facility is prohibited:
  - (1) Any material from a location outside of the Town of Weston.
  - (2) Demolition wastes and construction wastes.
  - (3) Explosives and ordinance materials.
  - (4) Pathological, cesspool, or other human wastes.
  - (5) Radioactive materials.
  - (6) Petroleum-based oils, sludges, liquids of any kind.
  - (7) Human and non-food related animal remains.
  - (8) Motor vehicles, engines, trailers, boats, tires or large machinery.
  - (9) Tree stumps.
  - (10) Stones, bricks, masonry products or asphalt.
- c. Disposal of leaves, grasses, branches, yard trimmings, wood chips, and certain logs not more than 4 inches in diameter may be disposed at the Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility, subject to Regulations for the use of the Facility.

## 3. Time of Operation

The Transfer Station shall be open daily, weather permitting, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. It shall be closed to all use on Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays, and legal holidays and during severe weather events or other emergencies. The Merriam Street Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility has limited hours.

4. Persons Permitted to Use the Disposal Facility

The following classes of persons shall be permitted to use the Transfer Station subject to requirements for permitting and payment of fees set forth below.

- a. Individuals or entities who are residents of, or own or rent property in, the Town of Weston.
- b. Employees of the Town of Weston whose job it is to collect, haul and dispose of solid waste and recyclable materials from Town-owned buildings or open spaces.

5. Permit for the Use of the Disposal Facility

- a. No person shall enter the Disposal Facility for the purpose of using it unless the vehicle or conveyance (of whatever description) is currently permitted for such use by the Select Board and unless such permit as issued by the Town is displayed on such vehicle in the manner provided in Section 6b of these regulations, or unless a special permit by an authorized designee of the Select Board has been issued to the person in whose name such vehicle is registered.
- b. The following types of permits are established.

Primary Permit: Permit (identification sticker) for a passenger vehicle, van, trailer, or pick-up truck (with rated capacity not greater than  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton and not registered in commercial hauling and dumping of solid waste and recycling and not registered or used in connection with any business operation) registered to a resident of or property owner or renter in the Town of Weston for use in transporting household solid waste to the Transfer Station.

Replacement Permit: Replaces lost or misplaced permit. Also replaces permit due to transfer or sale of motor vehicle.

Horse Manure Permit: Permit to utilize manure disposal at the Merriam Street Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility (see Regulations for Horse Manure at the Compost Facility).

6. Terms and Conditions of Issue and Display of Licenses:

- a. Permits provided for in these regulations shall be issued by the Select Board or its designee(s) upon proper application. Annual permits shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. All other permits shall expire at the hour and date provided in such license.
- b. Permits shall be placed in a readily visible part of any stationary window on the left-hand side of the vehicle registered to a Weston resident, property owner, or renter as provided under section 5b, preferably affixed to a non-tinted window. Failure to affix permits as required will result in denial of access to the Disposal Facility.

7. Application for Permits:

- a. Applications are available on the Town's website [WestonMA.gov/TSPermits](http://WestonMA.gov/TSPermits), or by mail, by request. Permits may be renewed online through the Town's website, provided the vehicle registration has not changed. Permits may also be obtained in person at the Treasurer and Collector's office at Town Hall.
- b. No permit shall be issued unless evidence of residence or property ownership in Weston is provided.
- c. The following information shall be provided for each vehicle by the applicant on forms to be provided by the Town:

- Name of Owner
- Address in Weston
- Telephone Number
- Email Address
- Vehicle Registration Number
- Make and Model Year of Vehicle
- Type of Vehicle and Color

- d. Private Haulers are subject to regulation by the Board of Health and may not use the Transfer Station.
- e. All charges and payments in connection with the issuance and replacement of permit stickers or any other related fee shall be made at the Treasurer's Office at Weston Town Hall, 11 Town House Road, P.O. Box 378, Weston, MA 02493.

8. Procedures for Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT)

- a. All acceptable solid waste, not including recycling materials, food waste, or yard waste, shall be placed in specially designated garbage bags, available at set retail locations, a list of which shall be found on the Town's website at [WestonMA.gov/PAYT](http://WestonMA.gov/PAYT). Two sizes will be made available for purchase. Small, 15-gallon, and Large, 30-gallon, each in rolls of 10.
- b. Disposal of solid waste will only be accepted in the Transfer Station's solid waste container if it is contained and tied off within designated PAYT garbage bags.
- c. Food waste, items for recycling, yard waste, and donations for charitable organizations shall be placed in areas or containers designated by signs posted at the Disposal Facility and/or at the direction of a Disposal Facility employee.
- d. Nothing in these Regulations shall be construed to permit the dumping of any article or substance which is prohibited by Town By-laws or by State or Federal Law.

e. Refusal to comply with requests of authorized personnel made in compliance with statutes, applicable state regulations, Town By-laws or these Regulations may result in denial of further use of the Disposal Facilities by the Select Board.

f. Items for the Swap Shed may be donated subject to the approval of the Swap Shed attendant on site or Transfer Station staff. (See Appendix C.)

g. If any State law or regulation relative to solid waste disposal or recycling conflicts with these regulations the State law or regulation shall govern.

# **Regulation for Use of Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility (including yard waste collection area at 195 Church Street and yard waste collection and compost area at 60 Merriam Street)**

## 1. Prohibited Activities and Uses:

Prohibited material may not be disposed of in the Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility. Plastic bags, or other containers not suitable for composting purposes, used to bring compostable yard waste material to the facility may not be disposed of at the Compost Facility; these shall be removed by the user. Disposal of yard waste by anyone for hire is prohibited.

## 2. Permitted Activities and Uses:

Leaves, grass, branches, yard trimmings and wood chips only may be disposed at the Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility, pursuant to permission granted by the Department of Environmental Protection and in effect at the time.

Horse manure may be disposed of at the Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility subject to all the terms and conditions of a permit as provided under the Regulations for Horse Manure.

Plants identified as invasive by the Massachusetts Invasive Plant Advisory Group or the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, such as Japanese knotweed, garlic mustard, or bittersweet, may not be left at the Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility due to the destructive nature of the plants and potential spread.

Food waste is not permitted at the Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility.

## 3. Time of Operation of Yard Waste Collection and Compost Locations

The Merriam Street Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility shall be open to permit holders on selected Saturdays in the spring and in the fall from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The dates shall be determined by the Department of Public Works. It shall be closed to the public at all other times.

The Yard Waste Collection Area located at 195 Church Street shall be open for the same hours as the Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Facility.

## 4. Persons Permitted to Use the Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility

The following classes of persons shall be permitted to use the Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility subject to requirements for permitting and payment of fees set forth below.



a. Individuals or entities who are residents of, or own or rent property in, the Town of Weston.

b. Employees of the Town of Weston whose job it is to collect, haul and dispose of solid waste and recyclable materials from Town-owned buildings or open spaces.

## **Regulation for Horse Manure at the Merriam Street Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility**

1. Horse manure may be disposed of at the Merriam Street Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility for a fee determined by the Select Board. Permits will be sold for no more than 25 horses each year. Sales will be on a first-come first-served basis in the Town Treasurer's Office.
2. The Merriam Street Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility shall be accessible for the deposit of horse manure after the user has provided proof of permit issued by the Town and signed a Compost Facility key release form at the Department of Public Works Office located at 190 Boston Post Road By-Pass, Weston, MA. The key for access to the Merriam Street Yard Waste Collection and Compost Facility may be picked up at the Department of Public Works office during normal business hours and returned within a reasonable time.
3. The resident shall unload the manure in a location specified by the Department of Public Works.

# **Appendix A – Fees and Charges for Use of the Disposal Facility**

## Fees

1. For Horse Manure Permit: \$140.00  
(see Regulations for Horse Manure at per Horse  
the Compost Facility)
2. Replacement for lost permit or permits above the two allotted household permits:  
\$20

## **Appendix B – Bulky Waste Charges**

See next page.



**TOWN OF WESTON DPW  
SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING DIVISION  
BULKY WASTE PRICING**



The Weston Transfer Station is located off Church Street  
Behind the Kendall Green MBTA Station parking lot  
Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
781-786-5140

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Price</b>
Air Conditioner	\$20.00	Piano / Organ	\$75.00
Cabinets	\$10.00	Plastic Items	\$10.00
Chairs	\$5.00	Plastic Fencing	<b>DEMO</b>
Computer Monitors	\$20.00	Printers	\$5.00
Couch ( <b>3 SECTIONS</b> )	\$30.00	Propane Tank ( <b>20LB</b> )	\$5.00
Counter Tops	<b>DEMO</b>	Refrigerator	\$25.00
De (or) Humidifier	\$25.00	Rugs – <b>Not Carpets</b>	\$30.00
Desk	\$15.00	Sheds	<b>DEMO</b>
Dishwasher	\$15.00	Sinks	<b>DEMO</b>
Doors	\$5.00	Sleep Sofa	\$30.00
Dressers	\$15.00	Sofa	\$20.00
Flooring / Tile	<b>DEMO</b>	Stove	\$15.00
Freezer	\$25.00	Stuffed Chairs	\$20.00
<b>** Mattress **</b>		Tables	\$10.00
King	\$35.00	Tubs	\$20.00
Queen/Full	\$35.00	TV	\$20.00
Twin	\$25.00	Windows	\$15.00
Box spring	\$25.00	Wood / Construction	<b>DEMO</b>
Microwave	\$15.00	<b>** No Pressure Treated Wood**</b>	
Other	\$5.00	Wood Fence	<b>DEMO</b>
Pallets	\$5.00	Wood Items	\$10.00

## What Constitutes a Bulky Item?

If the item is bigger than what will fit inside a tall kitchen (13 gal.) garbage bag, then it is a bulky item.

For more information please visit: [WestonMA.gov/BulkyWaste](http://WestonMA.gov/BulkyWaste)

\*Determination of quantities of materials and applicable fees is the sole discretion of Transfer Station Personnel\*

**DEMO** – Please be advised we are unable to accept any waste associated with construction and demolition, including home remodeling; however, there is a scrap wood/broken wood furniture bin to accommodate household wood scrap.

## Appendix C - Swap Shed Rules

1. The Swap Shed will collect items that are in usable/working condition only. Some items may not be accepted due to limited space in the shed. No items are to be left outside the swap shed. Items to be left shall be clean and safe to be handled. All items are subject to the Bulky Waste program. DPW Staff & volunteers reserve the right to reject any items for any reason.
2. The Department of Public Works will set the hours of operation based on availability of volunteers/staff.
3. The Swap Shed will be cleaned & organized on Wednesdays. Older items such as textiles, books, etc. will be recycled to make room for new items as needed. Older items which cannot be recycled will be donated to charity to make room for new items as needed.
4. Acceptable items: Books, pots/pans, kitchenware, tableware, dishes, glassware, toys/games/puzzles (with all needed pieces only), tools (hand tools & working power tools), knick knacks, picture frames, skates, bicycles, lamps, sports equipment, fishing equipment, small appliances, stereos & speakers, radios, small non-upholstered furniture, small shelves/cabinets, and shoes in new condition.
5. Non-acceptable items: Batteries, tires, mattresses/futons, cribs and crib mattresses, box springs, monitors, televisions, clothing (needs to be placed in clothing donation bins), cushions, stuffed animals, pillows, Christmas trees, catalogs/encyclopedias/magazines, large appliances, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, cooking grills, car seats, paint/varnish/stain/thinners, toilets & toilet seats, sinks & bathtubs, medicine of any type, hazardous materials including gasoline, oils, pesticides or cleaning products, upholstered furniture, wall-to-wall carpeting or rugs, bricks/patio blocks or concrete, demolition debris, doors & windows, lawn mowers, and food items.