



TRANSFER STATION NEWSLETTER

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Transfer Station Hours
Wednesday: 7:00 AM - 12 Noon
Saturday: 11 AM - 5 PM
Sunday: 12 Noon—5 PM

We are currently working on a new contract for hauling the trash and recycling. No matter who is awarded the contract, it will be more expensive. Information will be posted on the website as soon as a decision has been made.

Recycling — Managing Resources

Prices are climbing for every stage in solid waste management, What can be recycled depends on where and how the items are processed. We have a state-negotiated contract with the MRF in Springfield, MA. This contract has given you the BEST price we have been able to find for recycling.

Glass/Metal/Plastic: Only food or cleaning product stiff-walled containers are permitted in the roll-offs. **No used coffee cups, straws, hangers, flower pots, plastic bags, bottle caps, flower vases, broken china, children's toys or styrofoam. Deposit Containers are NOT permitted. Return them to a store that sells the product.**

Paper: This is for clean cardboard, office paper, magazines, brown paper bags, books without covers. We do NOT accept Wrapping Paper, used Paper Towels and Tissues, Single Use Cups (used or new) or shredded paper. Please put these items in a plastic bag and put them in the compactor.

Questions about what goes where? Go to: <https://recyclesmartma.org>

We **Cannot** Accept the following items in Mount Washington — even if they are in a plastic bag for the compactor: **Appliances, Gas Engine Equipment, Electronics, Tires, Hazardous Waste items (Oil-base Paints, Propane Tanks, Rechargeable Batteries, Fluorescent Bulbs**

ANYTHING THAT CAN GO IN THE COMPACTOR MUST BE IN A PLASTIC BAG

Special Note Regarding Sanitation Issues

We have been struggling with the problem of disposed items that cause noxious odors.

Diapers in the trash are one of the most common problems. The simple fact is that the solids need to be removed (as much as possible) BEFORE they go into the trash and the soiled items need to be securely sealed. The compactor is NOT designed to be a portable toilet.

We all need to clean out the refrigerator/freezer at times. If you have a large volume (“...the freezer quit and I lost everything” or “...we are leaving and have to get rid of everything...”) be sure to double or triple the bag you are putting in the compactor.

Our compactor can go for several weeks before it is full enough to be emptied and in that timeframe trash will be compacted many times. If items are not securely contained, the bags break and we have a leaking mess on our hands. Even though we use a deodorizing process, the odor has been overwhelming for many.

If you need to dispose of items that cannot go into the compactor such as doors, toilet bowls, furniture (including upholstered chairs or couches), mattresses/box springs, appliances, small appliances (toasters, blenders/mixers, radios, electric razors, etc.), DVD/VCR players/stereos/radios, TVs, computer monitors, please contact the Transfer Station Attendant and you will be sent a pass to the Egremont Transfer Station. Egremont has been very generous to extend this service to Mount Washington Transfer Station users. There is an additional charge for these items. Please call the Egremont Transfer Station before you go to make sure that they can accept your item.

****Prices are subject to change and are the prerogative of the Town of Egremont****