

Weston Resident
Weston, CT 06883

# Town of Weston 56 Norfield Road Weston, CT 06883

## Guide

## To Waste Disposal

## And Recycling for the

## Town of Weston



### TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Sunday/Monday CLOSED

**Location** Telephone

237 Godfrey Road East 222-2668

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Dear Weston Resident,

In 1993, Weston began implementing regulations governing the disposal of household waste. At that time, a flyer was sent to all residents. Since so many new people have moved to Weston in the past few years, we want to send this information to all residents again. This flyer is designed to help you

understand the regulations as they apply to solid waste, bulky waste and hazardous waste items.

First, there are fees and procedures for the disposal of your <u>solid waste</u>. Solid waste is your regular garbage, including food waste, packaging, paper or plastic bags, paper towels, tissue, and the like. Under Weston's regulations, you will be charged a fee for each 30# bag of garbage you bring to the transfer station. The more you throw away, the greater your cost.

Second, a fee based on weight will be charged for the disposal of <u>bulky waste</u> items. Bulky waste includes scrap material, construction debris, old furniture, and similar large items. *No leaves, grass or brush will be accepted.* 

Third, there are a number of items that must be recycled. These <u>recyclable materials</u> include glass, newspapers, metals, plastics, cardboard, storage batteries, electronics, waste oil and scrap metal. Recyclables may be deposited in containers at the Weston Transfer Station without charge.

All <u>Hazardous waste</u> items should be safely stored and saved for disposal at Weston's Hazardous Waste Collection Day. .

Weston hopes these regulations will help achieve its goal of reducing solid waste by at least 25%, recycling to reduce pollution and conserve resources, and handling hazardous waste to preserve the town's high water quality.

#### TRANSER STATION FEES

#### **Resident Fees:**

Recyclables Free, except tires

Tires \$3 per car tire and \$4 per truck

tire (without rims)

Payment must be made by check

at the time of drop-off.

Bulky Waste 25 cents a pound

Payment must be made by check

at the time of drop-off.

Solid Waste \$4.00 per sticker (effective 7/1/20)

One sticker per bag is required.

Elderly Tax Relief Program:

\$1.25 per sticker—Town Program 83 cents per sticker—State Program (Annual maximum of 50 stickers at

reduced price)

#### **VEHICLE STICKER**

Vehicle Stickers are no longer required









#### SOLID WASTE AND BULKY WASTE

For residents who personally deliver waste items to the Transfer Station.

#### **Solid Waste:**

Solid waste consists of regular garbage, including food waste, packaging, paper or plastic bags, paper towels, tissue, and the like.

A sticker is required for each bag of solid waste. Place the sticker on the garbage bag before throwing it into the solid waste compactor. There is a maximum of 30 pounds per bag. The Transfer Station Operator periodically checks the weight of bags.

Stickers can be purchased either at the Transfer Station or at the Selectmen's Office in Town Hall, 56 Norfield Road.

For those on Elderly Tax Relief, discounted stickers may be purchased in person at the Tax Collector's Office in Town Hall, 56 Norfield Road.

Licensed haulers operating in Weston will be charged a tipping fee determined by the Town. It is the hauler's responsibility to determine customer fees.

#### **Bulky Waste:**

Bulky waste includes residential scrap material, demolition debris, construction material, old furniture, and similar large items.

Bulky waste items will be weighed by the Transfer Station Operator at the scale station. Payment must be made by check at the time of drop-off.

There will be a special container at the Transfer Station for bulky waste items. Bulky waste items **cannot** be thrown into the solid waste compactor.

Contractors and others providing residential services will **not** be allowed to deliver bulky waste to the Transfer Station without a temporary vehicle sticker. For information, call the Selectmen's Office at 222-2656.

#### **RECYCLING**

Clearly marked containers are provided for your recyclables at the Transfer Station. Items listed below <u>must</u> be recycled:

<u>Glass\*</u> includes empty, unbroken bottles and jars. Rinse well to avoid attracting insects and animals.

Labels may be left on, but caps must be discarded with regular garbage. Do <u>not</u> include drinking glasses, pyrex, mirrors, window or auto glass, light bulbs, or ceramics.

<u>Metals\*</u> include empty food and beverage cans, clean aluminum food trays, aluminum foil. Rinse well. Labels may be left on. Do <u>not</u> include spray cans, paint cans, coat hangers, metal household items.

Plastics\* include empty juice, soda, water, milk, and laundry detergent bottles, or any container marked with thru Rinse well. Labels may be left on, but caps must be discarded with regular garbage. Flatten large deposit items.

\*Glass, metals, and plastics will be co-mingled in one container at the Weston Transfer Station and at your home as well.

<u>Newspapers</u> include unsoiled newspapers and all inserts. Tie newspapers with twine or put in paper bag. Do <u>not</u> include any other paper products.

<u>Cardboard</u> includes corrugated boxes and other corrugated and craft paper materials which have minimal contamination by food or other material. Cardboard boxes must be flattened, kept clean & dry.

<u>Storage Batteries</u> include lead acid batteries or other batteries used in vehicles. Do <u>not</u> include flashlight batteries; save for Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

Waste Oil includes crankcase oil that has been used in internal combustion engines. Waste oil does <u>not</u> include transmission fluid or cooling fluid; save for Hazardous Waste Day.

<u>Scrap Metal</u> includes used or discarded items which consist predominately of ferrous metals, aluminum, brass, copper, lead, chromium, tin or nickel. Typical items are refrigerators, washers, dryers, sheet metal, lawn furniture and bicycles.

#### RECYCLING

Recycling of the items listed below is not required. However, containers will be provided at the Weston Transfer Station for each of them:

Magazine and Junk Mail includes magazines, junk mail, catalogs, envelopes, construction paper (with paint, crayon or marker), fax paper, computer printouts, non-metallic wrapping paper. Keep dry.

You can reduce your volume of junk mail by writing to the Direct Marketing Association, Mail Preference Service, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735, and asking to be removed from mailing lists. If there is a specific list from which you want to be removed, send your name and address to the company responsible for the mail.

Office Paper includes used or discarded high-grade white paper and manila paper, including but not limited to, paper used for file folders, tab cards, writing, typing, printing, computer printing and photocopying. The paper must have minimal contamination.

<u>Tires</u> include car tires and truck tires, without rims. There is a fee of \$3 per car tire, \$4 per truck tire. Payment must be made by check at time of drop-off.

<u>Leaves, Grass and Brush</u> will not be accepted. You can compost these materials, keep them in a suitable place on your property, or dispose of them through a local garbage/lawn service.

Information on composting is available at the Weston Town Clerk's Office, libraries, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and through environmental groups.

Weston now has recycling for electronics. This includes computers, printers, televisions, monitors, fluorescent light bulbs, small batteries and other small electronic items.

#### HAZARDOUS WASTE

Many household items contain hazardous substances that pose health and environmental risks. Almost all Weston homes have private wells. Protecting the quality of our water resources is essential.

The following items should **not** be thrown in the trash, dumped on the ground, or poured down the drain.

motor oils

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aerosols	oil-based paints
ammonia-based cleaners	oven cleaners
anti-freeze	paint removers
disinfectants	paint thinners
drain openers	pesticides
flea powder	photo chemicals
furniture polish	rust removers
gasoline	spot removers
herbicides	stains
household batteries	swimming pool chemica
household cleaners	toilet bowl cleaners
insect ides	transmission fluid
kerosene	turpentine
moth balls	varnishes

**Store hazardous products** or waste in their original containers. Save your hazardous waste items for disposal on our Hazardous Waste Day. Weston's Collection Day is usually in April.

#### **Tips for Reducing Trash and Conserving Resources**

- Shop with reusable bags
- Buy in bulk or in recyclable containers
- Avoid disposable products and products with excessive packaging
- Buy recycled paper products when available
- Buy durable products, repair and reuse all you can
- Share unneeded items, clothing, books, eyeglasses, toys, furniture
- Consider composting
- Avoid hazardous household and garden products alternatives exist

Support our local recycling program— Participate!