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**TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER
REGULATION**

Section 1 – AUTHORITY

The following regulation is adopted by the Westport Board of Health (hereinafter the BOH) and supersede any previous “landfill” regulations now know as Westport Transfer Station and Recycling Center (WTSRC) in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 111, Sec. 31 effective June 18, 2012. Board of Health regulations are an exercise of the power under which various levels of government are responsible for protection of the public, health, safety, welfare and the environment. Fees are set in accordance with M.G.L., Chap. 44, Sec. 28C (f).

Section 2 – REGULATION

- 2.1. All vehicles entering the WTSRC must have an annual Westport Transfer Station Permit Sticker (Sticker).
- a. WTSRC Sticker:
 - 1. A sticker is available to anyone.
 - 2. The sticker is valid to the registered vehicle for which it is issued for one year, July 1 through June 30.
 - 3. A second sticker can be purchased at a reduced rate, if obtained at the same time as the first sticker. Vehicle must be of the same household and registered owner.
 - 4. The sticker must be permanently affixed on the driver’s side of the vehicle, as specified during time of purchase.
 - 5. The sticker must have the registration number of the vehicle on it.
 - 6. Senior discount rate (age 65) applies only to residents of Westport and property owners.
 - b. Day Pass: Day passes are available to anyone who does not have the annual sticker and are available at the BOH office only. These passes are good for one day for as many trips to the facility on that day.
 - c. Rental Pass: Rental passes are available to those who own property in Westport and rent on a seasonal basis to various tenants (not year round rental to one tenant, they are eligible for an annual sticker). Property owners must have their own vehicle sticker. Rental passes are available at the BOH office only. Senior discount rate does not apply to rental passes.

- d. **Punch Cards:** Punch cards are available to anyone and can be purchased at the WTSRC by check or money order only or at the BOH office by cash, check or money order. Debit or credit cards are not accepted at either place. The punch card is purchased in advance and used to dispose of bags or barrels containing house hold trash up to 33 gallons and not exceeding 42 pounds. Bags of trash less than 33 gallons shall be charged as 33 gallon units. Bags in excess of 33 gallons shall be charged in 33 gallon units. Barrels in excess of 33 Gallons will charged the fee of a bait barrel. The card has several punch spots and is punched by the attendant according to the number of bags/barrels brought to the facility.
- e. **Non-Bagged Items:** All non-bagged, non-recyclable items are charged a fee according to the current fee schedule and the assessment of the attendant. Payment must be in the form of a check or money order at the facility or by paying cash at the BOH office and obtaining a special ticket from the clerk.
- f. **Signs** are posted throughout the facility to help make your visit as user friendly as possible, including information on upcoming closings (holidays or conditions due to weather). Otherwise, the attendants can assist you with any questions.
- g. Any complaints you may have must be reported at the Board of Health office located at the Town Hall Annex, either in person or in writing by mailing to 856 Main Road, Westport, MA 02790 or email to Health@westport-ma.gov.

2.2. **WTSRC Office:** All vehicles upon entering the WTSRC must stop at the office.

2.3. **Recyclables and Compostables:** Recycling is mandatory. The following recyclable and compostable items are to be separated from your daily trash and will be accepted free of charge, if cleaned and placed in designated areas, unless otherwise posted at the WTSRC.

RECYCLABLES

- Paper: newspapers, magazines, white/color paper, paperback books & junk mail.
- Cardboard: corrugated, paperboard, brown paper bags. They must be clean, un-waxed boxes only and flattened.
- Glass: Clean bottles and jars without caps, corks, and rings, clear or colored. (No windows or auto glass, Pyrex, light bulbs, mirrors, or ceramics.)
- Plastics: All items made of plastic. Food containers must be clean (caps ok). Examples of plastic items are: kid's toys and pools, plastic storage bins, to go containers, pill bottles, plastic chairs, etc. (no bags or plastic wrapping or cellophane)
- Metals: food cans, beverage cans, pie plates, aluminum foil, cast iron sinks, stoves, lawn mowers, metal bedsprings, washers, dryers - anything made of metal. No items with FREON. No automobile bodies, no metal parts tainted with oil or grease.

- Batteries: Automobile batteries.
- Mercury: Fluorescent bulbs (not broken) & thermometers.
- Clothing: Clean, usable clothing and shoes. Any type accepted.
- Waste Motor Oil: Up to 2 gallons per household per day and placed in the designated container at the direction of the attendant. Must not be contaminated with any other compounds including water. No antifreeze, contaminated oil or solvents.

COMPOSTABLES

- Leaf & Yard Waste: Household amounts of leaves, pine needles, weeds and grass clippings-may be left in biodegradable paper bags (no plastic bags). No brush, branches or tree limbs. No commercial landscapers.

2.4. **Waste Bans**: The following recyclable and compostable items in accordance with Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) 310 CMR 19.000 Solid Waste Management Regulation **cannot** be thrown away in the WTSRC disposal area. They are **only** accepted at the WTSRC, if handled in accordance with Section 2.3 and Section 2.6 of these regulations.

- a. Lead batteries
- b. Leaves
- c. Unshredded Tires
- d. White Goods
- e. Other Yard Waste
- f. Aluminum Containers
- g. Metal Containers
- h. Glass Containers
- i. Single Polymer Plastics
- j. Recyclable Plastics

2.5. **Unacceptable Waste**: The following items are banned from the WTSRC.

- a. Asphalt, brick, boulders, cinder blocks, concrete slabs or stumps
- b. Boats
- c. Fuel tanks of any kind
- d. Automobile bodies
- e. Hazardous or toxic wastes, as defined by DEP 310 CMR 30.000 Hazardous Waste Regulation including but not limited to paints, stains, varnishes, anti-freeze, gasoline, disinfectants, pool chemicals, pesticides, herbicides or explosives.
- f. Materials of any kind, including ashes, that contain hot, live coals or fire.
- g. Construction or demolition debris of any kind, including insulation.
- h. Bush, branches and tree limbs.
- i. At anytime, the attendant can refuse disposal of an item not listed under section 2.5.

2.6. Acceptable Waste: All non-banned trash, other than the properly separated recyclables and compostables listed in Section 2.3, shall be subject to fees as listed in the current fee schedule available at the BOH office.

- a. All non-shredded tires (on or off the rim) will be charged according to the current fee schedule. Tires must be put in designated container at the direction of the attendant.
- b. Bulky items (including but not limited to mattresses, box springs, furniture, rugs) are charged according to fee schedule and assessment by the attendant.
- c. TV/Monitors are charge according to fee schedule and assessment by the attendant.
- d. Car Trunk, Pickup Truck, One ton pickup/dump/stake body truck, trailer, bait barrel are charged according to fee schedule and assessment by the attendant.
- e. Dumping is only allowed in designated areas.
- f. Roll-offs are not allowed in the WTSRC.
- g. Commercial trash collectors are not allowed to use the WTSRC.

Section 3 – Conduct of Permit Holders/Visitors

1. If you need assistance, go to the nearest attendant.
2. Follow instruction of the attendants at all times.
3. No climbing in or on the dumpsters/containers or any other equipment.
4. No picking through any containers or sheds.
5. No leaving items hanging around. All items brought in must be disposed of properly.
6. Report any issues immediately to the nearest attendant.
7. Observe all traffic flow of vehicles and people so as to avoid any injuries.
8. Enter at the top gate and exit at the bottom gate.
9. Dumping at the gate beyond the hours of operation of the WTSRC is not allowed.
10. Any dog accompanying a permit holder/visitor must be on a leash at all times.
11. Entrance into the office is not allowed without the attendant.
12. Shoes must be worn at all times when visiting the WTSRC.

Section 4 – Penalties

Any violation of this regulation shall be punished by a fine of \$200 and loss of access to the WTSRC for two months for the first offense. A fine of \$300 and loss of access to the WTSRC for six months will be imposed for a second offense. A fine of \$400 and permanent loss of access to the WTSRC will be imposed for a third or any subsequent offense.

Section 5 – Non-Criminal Disposition

Whoever violates any provision of this regulation may be penalized by the non-criminal method of disposition as provided in General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D or by filing a criminal complaint at the appropriate venue.

Section 6 – Hearing

Persons accused of violating any provision in this regulation may request a hearing before the BOH in writing within ten (10) days of being notified of said violation.

Section 7 – Severability

This regulation is severable. If any provision of this regulation is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this regulation and the application thereof.