Town of Stratford

Solid Waste (Recycling) Ordinance

May 22, 1995
Solid Waste Ordinance
Town of Stratford, New Hampshire
May 1995

Pursuant to the authority of NH RSA 149-M:13 and RSA 31:39, the Town of Stratford hereby adopts the following ordinance for the operation of its solid waste management program and facilities. Appendix A contains definitions. Appendix B contains a list of unacceptable materials. Appendices A and B are inseparable parts of this ordinance.

1.) ADMISSION AND USE: The Town of Stratford's solid waste management programs and facilities shall be solely for the use of town residents, non-resident property owners, and local businesses. Admission to town facilities shall require the display of a town-issued permit or sticker and shall be limited to the posted hours of operation.

2.) MANDATORY RECYCLING AND SEPARATION: Use of the town's facilities and programs, including curbside pick-up, transfer station drop-off, or any other solid waste disposal system established by the Town, shall be dependent on the mandatory separation and recycling of various materials, as authorized by Town Meeting vote in March of 1995. The materials it is mandatory to keep separated from general trash are listed below and will be posted at the Town Hall and at all town-owned solid waste facilities. Changes to the mandatory recycling list will be appropriately noticed at the town facilities and in a newspaper of general circulation prior to implementation.

   A. Corrugated cardboard
   B. Glass bottles and containers
   C. Aluminum cans
   D. Tin/Steel cans
   E. Plastic milk/detergent jugs and soda bottles
   F. Newspaper
   G. Scrap metal
   H. Leaves, yard waste and brush
   I. Tires
   J. Hazardous materials

In accordance with the requirements of the end-markets for these materials and state and/or federal regulations, acceptability, form, and condition is subject to change. Requirements and changes will be appropriately noticed.

3.) ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS: This ordinance governs all locally generated Municipal Solid Waste including construction and demolition debris, bulky wastes, tires, scrap metal, and white goods in addition to household trash. Persons disposing of unacceptable wastes or disposing of acceptable wastes in a manner in violation of established rules of the town, the state, or the federal government shall be deemed to be in violation of this ordinance. The Board of Selectmen may establish reasonable disposal fees for certain acceptable materials.
4.) USE AND PENALTIES: Residents, non-resident property owners and local businesses shall all have access to the town’s solid waste disposal programs provided they follow the requirements of this ordinance and any programs established by the town. Users determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in violation of this solid waste ordinance, including non-compliance with the mandatory recycling ordinance, may lose their right to use the town’s solid waste facilities and programs for a period of one year, and may be assessed a fine of up to $1,000.00, or both.

5.) SUPERVISION: Compliance with this ordinance on the curbside collection route shall be determined by the driver of the collection vehicle and by periodic checks by the Board of Selectmen or Selectmen’s designee. Compliance at any town-owned disposal and recycling facilities shall be determined by the town employee(s) operating that facility or the Selectmen’s designee.

6.) SEPARABILITY: The determination of invalidity of any provision of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other provision nor the validity of the ordinance as a whole.

7.) EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 1995.

Signed: Ronald C. Scott  May 22, 1995

Sandy Gaquette

S. J. Stimson  May 22, 1995

Stratford Board of Selectmen  Date
APPENDIX A - Definitions

All terms and words used in this document shall have their usual meanings except as described in this section.

aluminum cans: Food or drink cans made of aluminum including beer and soda cans and many pet food cans.

brush: Limbs or trees up to 3" in diameter.

bulky wastes: Mattresses, couches, chairs, and other disposable items which do not fit in a standard garbage bag.

commercial waste: Waste generated by a commercial entity in the town of Stratford.

construction and demolition debris: Building materials including wood, insulation, sheetrock, non-asbestos roofing materials.

corrugated cardboard: Double or triple-walled box board that is brown in color and is empty of all packing materials.

curbside collection or pick-up: A service which picks up household garbage at the roadside.

glass bottles: All food or drink containers made of glass.

hazardous materials: Household, commercial, or industrial chemicals, batteries, paints, and other materials listed as Unacceptable wastes in Appendix B.

local businesses: Commercial establishments located within the boundaries of the town of Stratford.

mandatory separation: The required separation of certain materials from all other materials to be disposed of.

newspaper: All newspaper and newspaper inserts.

non-residents: People who do not reside in the Town of Stratford.

plastic jugs: Bottles and jugs made of HDPE and PETE plastic.

recycling: The collection, storage, processing and redistribution of separated solid waste so as to return the material to the marketplace.
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<td>residents</td>
<td>People who reside within the boundaries of Stratford.</td>
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<td>scrap metal</td>
<td>Ferrous and non-ferrous metals including, but not limited to metal roofing, fencing, wire, furniture, toys, and automobile parts.</td>
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<td>solid waste</td>
<td>Non-hazardous materials being disposed of by residents and businesses.</td>
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<td>tin/steel cans</td>
<td>Food and/or drink containers made of steel or tin.</td>
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<td>tires</td>
<td>Car, truck, or equipment tires which have the rims removed.</td>
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<td>Town</td>
<td>The Town of Stratford including North Stratford, Stratford Hollow and Stratford.</td>
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<td>town-owned facility</td>
<td>Any facility which is owned by the Town of Stratford.</td>
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<td>unacceptable materials</td>
<td>Any material listed on Appendix B.</td>
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<td>yard waste</td>
<td>Leaves, grass clippings, twigs, wood chips and other organic matter collected or produced as a result of lawn, garden, or yard care.</td>
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APPENDIX B - Unacceptable Wastes

ammunition

any material deemed to be unsafe by the attendant or transporter

asbestos in any form

chemicals—liquid or solid, generated either residentially or industrially

dead animals

explosives

fireworks

household hazardous wastes

sludge or septage

trees, tree stumps, or limbs 3" or larger in diameter, or 18" or longer