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# Merrimack Transfer Station and Recycling Facility

## Guide For the Proper Use of the Transfer Station and Recycling Facility



**Welcome to the Merrimack Transfer Station and Recycling Facility!**

This facility has been designed to make recycling and trash disposal convenient and quick. If you have any questions, ask the Transfer Station staff. For additional information, contact the staff at the phone number or e-mail address listed above.

**Thanks for your continued cooperation and support!**

### Hours of Operation:

**Tuesday - Saturday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Sunday and Monday - Closed**



### Requirements:

- ♦ The Transfer Station will only accept materials from within the Town of Merrimack
- ♦ Residents must display a residential permit when entering the Transfer Station. Permits are available at the Scale House [1] and also at the DPW Administration office at Town Hall (no fee for permit). Proof of residency, vehicle registration, and picture ID are required
- ♦ Vehicles towing trailers should stop on the scale for a weight check
- ♦ The Transfer Station traffic pattern is intended to be one way. Residents who recycle should bear left at the fork and enter the Recycling Facility. Take a left out of the Recycling Facility to continue to the other waste disposal areas

### Fee Schedule:

- ♦ All residents must stop at the Scale House to pay the appropriate fees for the items they wish to dispose. The weigh master will provide a receipt as a proof of payment for the resident to show to an attendant prior to disposal in the appropriate disposal area

Commercial Trash	\$133/ton
Construction & Demolition*	\$150/ton
*(Residential C&D Free up to 1,000 LB)	
Commercial Recycling	\$124/ton
Passenger Tires	\$5
Truck Tires	\$10
Off-Road or Tractor Tires	\$15
Propane Tanks (20 - 30lb)	\$5
Refrigerators & Air Conditioners	\$15
Electronic Equipment	\$15
(including TVs, DVD/CD Players, VCRs, computers, monitors, microwave ovens, etc.)	

- ♦ The Town accepts cash, checks, and credit card

### Household Trash [13]:

The Transfer Station will accept regular household trash at the windows located on the east side of the building. **Please deposit recyclable materials at the Recycling Facility.**

### Single Stream Recycling [2]:

See the last page for information on the single stream recycling program at the Recycling Facility.

### Construction Debris [15]:

Please contact one of the attendants if you have a load of construction debris so that it can be segregated from household trash within the Transfer Station building.

### Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, Freezers (Freon Appliances) [5]:

These items should be placed in the designated area after the appropriate fee has been paid.

### White Goods/Appliances [8]:

Appliances such as stoves, washers and dryers are to be placed in the large metal items area. There is no fee for disposal of these goods.

### Scrap Metal [8]:

Scrap metal should be placed in or near the roll-off boxes that are accessible from the top. Only metal items may be placed in this area.

Items that are not accepted in the scrap metal drop-off area are:

- ♦ Propane Tanks [10]
- ♦ Home Heating Oil Tanks
- ♦ Gas Tanks
- ♦ 55 Gallon Drums
- ♦ Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners [5]
- ♦ Microwave Ovens [12]

Before disposing of motorized items (lawn mowers, recreational vehicles, trimmers, etc.) gasoline and motor oil must be removed.

### Electronic Equipment [12]:

Computers, monitors, TVs, VCRs, DVD/CD players, microwave ovens and other electronic equipment should be placed in the designated area after the appropriate fee has been paid.

### Oil Based Paints, Gasoline and Solvents:

Oil based paints, solvents, gasoline or any petroleum based product are **not accepted**. They may be dropped off at one of the regional Household Hazardous collection days (see the web site for more information or contact the Transfer Station).

### Latex Paints [13]:

Latex paint may be disposed along with household trash as long as the paint has been air dried and is solid. If there is a half full can of liquid latex paint, the addition of kitty litter will help speed up drying.

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### **Tires [7]:**

Tires are to be placed in the designated tire trailer after the appropriate fee has been paid.

### **Propane Tanks (20 - 30 pound) Empty [10]:**

Propane tanks are to be placed in the designated area after the appropriate fee has been paid.

### **Waste Oil and Antifreeze [3]:**

The drop off area is located behind the Recycling Facility. Only waste oil and antifreeze are accepted. Containers larger than 5 gallons are not accepted.

### **Planet Aid Drop Off [9]:**

Planet Aid containers are available for clothing and small items. Do not leave large items outside that do not fit into the containers.

### **Swap Shop [11]:**

Items may be taken and/or left at the swap shop FREE OF CHARGE. **NO items that require a fee should be left in the Swap Shop, REGARDLESS OF CONDITION.**

### **Commercial Disposal [1]:**

Commercial vehicles should enter and stop at the truck scale. Please be cautious of other residential vehicles when moving throughout the Transfer Station property. The current commercial fee is \$133 per ton for Trash. The fee for demolition material is \$150 per ton. Only material from Merrimack is allowed in the Merrimack Transfer Station.

### **Yard Waste [6]:**

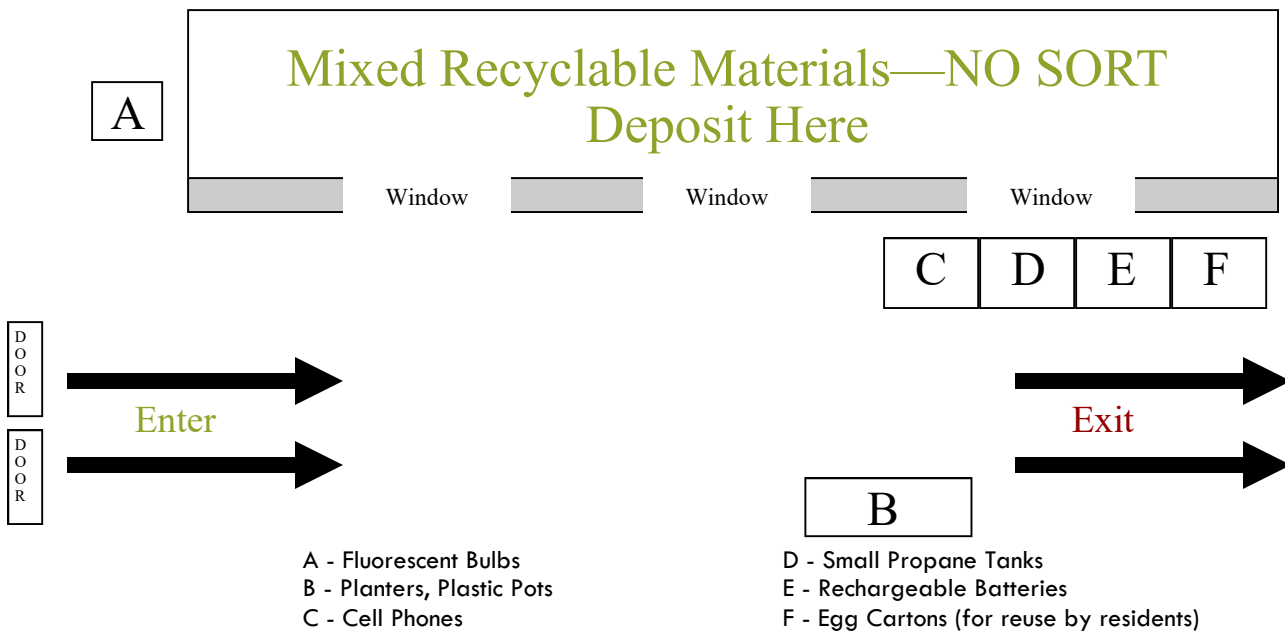
The yard waste area accepts only leaves, grass clippings and pine needles. Paper bags are acceptable. Please empty and place plastic bags in the barrels provided. The brush drop off area (located to the left of the yard waste area) only accepts materials that are less than 5 inches in diameter. Logs and stumps are not acceptable.

**ASBESTOS**—Asbestos is prohibited in the facility, please contact office for info.



# Single Stream Recycling

## Recycling Facility Diagram



The Merrimack Recycling Facility is a two lane drive through facility. Once inside the Facility, park as far into the building as possible. During busy times, additional parking is located to the right of the building as you approach and access can be gained through the doors. Recyclable material should be placed on the pile located on the other side of the window openings. No need to presort or sort recyclables at the Facility. Please do not place plastic grocery bags in with recyclables. Recycle bags at local grocery stores or place in trash.

### The Following Items Are Recyclable:

- ◆ Plastics with #1, #2, or #5  
(#3, #4, #6, & #7 should be placed in the trash stream)
- ◆ Glass bottles and jars, all colors
- ◆ Metal cans both steel and tin and empty aerosol cans
- ◆ Cardboard, juice, cereal and milk boxes, egg cartons, newspapers, magazines
- ◆ Phone books, junk mail, pamphlets, shredded paper in paper bags, paperback and hardbound books, greeting cards, file folders, blueprints, envelopes with windows, any paper good with tape, wire, fasteners, etc.
- ◆ Aluminum cans, pie plates and foil

### Prohibited Materials:

Food, tarps, Pyrex or CorningWare, mirrors, window glass, drinking glasses, ceramics, diapers, batteries, styrofoam, styrofoam meat trays, plastic bags, plastic wrap, bubble wrap, Tyvek envelopes, paper towels, tissues, napkins, coat hangers, packing peanuts, needles, syringes, hazardous waste, ice cream containers, wax coated corrugated paper, toasters, cooking pots/pans, oil or antifreeze, paint or paint cans.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

- Where do the recycle materials go?** They are trucked to a large facility where the sorting and baling occurs.
- How long will it take a resident to recycle with single stream?** It should take less than a minute since everything is placed in the same pile with no sorting necessary.
- How does single stream benefit the community?** Recycled materials cost less to process and recycling is beneficial to the environment.
- If a plastic item has no number identification (#1 - #7), can it still be recycled?** No, it should go in with household trash.
- Where do I put my toasters, appliances, cooking pots, pans, metal shelving, old metal tools, etc?** Place them in the scrap metal pile - this includes all types of metal.
- What about drinking glasses and window glass?** They are not recyclable since they are made with a different type of glass than bottle or jar glass and in some cases have a high lead content.
- Do I need a permit sticker to use the Recycling Facility?** Yes.
- Does single stream help the environment?** Yes, using recycled materials saves energy and the need to use virgin materials. For instance one ton of paper that is recycled saves approximately 17 trees.
- Are plastic caps accepted?** Yes. Help by removing them prior to disposal - makes it easier to compact loads.