

TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS



Regulations of the Hampden Transfer Station

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PURPOSE: The Hampden Board of Health adopts the following regulations to provide the residents of Hampden with a safe, environmentally responsible, efficient and cost-effective method for the disposal of household solid waste, household recyclable goods and yard waste.

1. Definitions

When used in these Regulations the following definitions, words and phrases shall apply.

Board of Health: The Board of Health of the Town of Hampden, Massachusetts.

Hazardous Waste: Materials such as radioactive wastes, pathologic wastes, explosive materials, chemicals, liquid wastes, or such other materials as may be so designated by State or Federal law and/or rules and regulations.

Recyclable Goods: Any post-consumer product, including, but not limited to newsprint, periodicals, clean paper, corrugated cardboard, metals, wood, beverage and certain food item containers and certain types of plastics, intended for disposal for the purpose of recycling and not to be treated as solid waste.

Solid Waste: Any acceptable material or product intended for disposal via the solid waste compactors located at the Transfer Station. Materials may consist of combustible and noncombustible solid waste including garbage and rubbish, putrescible or non-putrescible waste, but not sewage, liquid wastes, or recyclables and other Massachusetts DEP banned waste items.

Transfer Station: The solid waste transfer and recycling facility located at 18 Cross Road, Hampden, MA 01036 operated under the jurisdiction of the Hampden Board of Health, or its designee and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

2. Persons Permitted to Use the Transfer Station

Only residents of the Town of Hampden are permitted to use the Transfer Station for the disposal of household Solid Waste, household Recyclable Goods and yard waste subject to the requirements for permitting and the payment of the fees approved by the Board of Health. The disposal of commercial and industrial waste is prohibited.

3. Permit Required for Use of the Transfer Station

No person shall enter the Transfer Station for the purpose of disposing of household Solid Waste, household Recyclable Goods, or yard waste unless they have obtained a current valid permit issued by the Board of Health. Such permit sticker as issued by the Board of Health shall be displayed on the vehicle in the manner provided below.

- a) Permit stickers shall be placed in a readily visible part of any stationary window on the left-hand side of the vehicle registered to the Hampden resident or an immediate household member. Failure to affix the permit sticker as required will result in denial of access to the Transfer Station.

Alternate locations for the permit sticker may be approved in writing by the Board of Health Coordinator or their designees only after finding that special circumstances exist that make placing the sticker on the left-hand side of the vehicle impracticable.

4. Types of Transfer Station Permits

The following types of Transfer Station permits are established:

- 1. Senior Primary Permit**

A permit sticker for a passenger vehicle, van, or pick-up truck (with rated capacity not greater than one ton) registered to a Hampden resident who is at least sixty-five (65) years or older at the time of purchase or who will be sixty-five years or older as of the next July 1st.

- 2. Senior Secondary Permit**

A permit sticker for a passenger vehicle, van, or pick-up truck (with rated capacity not greater than one ton) registered to a Hampden resident who is at least sixty-five (65) years or older and who currently holds a Senior Primary Permit. A Senior Secondary Permit may not be shared with others outside of the immediate household.

- 3. Primary Permit**

A permit sticker for a passenger vehicle, van, trailer, or pick-up truck (with rated capacity not greater than one ton) registered to a Hampden resident of any age.

- 4. Secondary Permit**

A permit sticker for a passenger vehicle, van, trailer, or pick-up truck (with rated capacity not greater than one ton) registered to a Hampden resident who currently holds a Primary Permit. A Secondary Permit may not be shared with others outside of the immediate household.

- 5. Replacement Permit**

A replacement permit sticker issued to the holder of a valid Transfer Station permit sticker that has been lost. The replacement sticker shall be for the same type of sticker that was lost.

5. Hours of Operation

The Transfer Station shall be open on Tuesdays (12:00 noon to 4:00 pm) and Saturdays (8:00 am to 4:00 pm) or at other hours as determined by the Board of Health or its designee. The Transfer Station shall be closed on all legal holidays and may be closed during severe weather events or other emergencies.

6. Application for Transfer Station Permits

- a) Transfer Station permits provided for in these regulations shall be issued by the Board of Health or its designee(s) upon proper application. Annual permits shall expire on June 30th of each calendar year regardless of the time of year when the permit was purchased.
- b) Transfer Station permit applications are available on the Town's website (www.hampdenma.gov) or in-person at the Board of Health office or the Transfer Station. Payment shall be made at the time the application is submitted.
- c) Applicants shall provide proof of residency in the Town of Hampden at the time the application is submitted.
- d) Applicants shall provide the following information for each vehicle to be permitted on forms to be provided by the Town:

Name of Owner:

Address in Hampden:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Vehicle Registration Number:

Make and Model Year of Vehicle:

Type of Vehicle and Color:

Government Issued Identification (only if requesting a Senior Permit):

7. Permitted and Prohibited Activities

- a) Individuals with a valid permit may dispose of household Solid Waste, household Recyclable Goods and yard waste at the Transfer Station in the appropriate containers and as directed by the Transfer Station Attendants.
- b) Disposal of the following materials at the Transfer Station is prohibited:
 1. Any material from a location outside of the Town of Hampden.
 2. Demolition wastes and construction wastes.
 3. Explosives and ordinance materials.
 4. Pathological, cesspool, or other human wastes.
 5. Radioactive materials.
 6. Petroleum-based oils, sludges, liquids of any kind.
 7. Human and non-food related animal remains.
 8. Motor vehicles, engines, trailers, boats, tires or large machinery.
 9. Tree stumps.
 10. Stones, bricks, masonry products or asphalt.
- c) Dumping of banned or offensive material, or any dangerous material, or any hazardous waste addressed by federal or state statutes or regulations, including but not limited to, those

adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and MassDEP waste disposal banned items in any Disposal Facility of the Town is prohibited.

- d) Individuals may not collect and dispose of Solid Waste, Recyclable Goods or any other materials from non-permitted individuals inside or outside the Town of Hampden.
- e) Private Haulers may not use the Transfer Station.

8. Procedures for Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT)

- a) All acceptable solid waste shall be placed in specially designated Town of Hampden yellow disposal bags, available for purchase at the Transfer Station, the Senior Center and the Board of Health office.
- b) Disposal of solid waste will only be accepted in the solid waste container if it is contained and tied off in the specially designated Town of Hampden yellow PAYT disposal bags.

9. Authorization/Violations/Enforcement

- a) The Board of Health Coordinator and their designee (Transfer Station Attendants) are authorized and responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the Transfer Station.
- b) Unsafe or disruptive behavior by users of the Transfer Station will not be tolerated. Users of the Transfer Station that engage in disruptive or unsafe behavior or who refuse to comply with requests from the Board of Health Coordinator and their designee (Transfer Station Attendants) may result in immediate removal from the Transfer Station and the temporary or permanent revocation of their permit.
- c) A single violation or repeated violations of these regulations may result in the temporary or permanent revocation of the permit as determined by the Board of Health.

Exhibit A – Fiscal Year 2026 Transfer Station Fees & Prices

Item	Cost	Notes
Primary Permit Sticker	\$70.00	
Secondary Permit Sticker	\$35.00	
Senior Primary Permit Sticker	\$40.00	
Senior Secondary Permit Sticker	\$20.00	
Replacement Permit Sticker*	½ the cost of the original permit sticker	<i>*A fee will not be charged for a Replacement Permit Sticker if the resident returns an otherwise valid sticker permit removed from a vehicle that has been sold or otherwise disposed of.</i>
Large Bag Bundle (10 bags) 33	\$40.00	
Small Bag Bundle (10 bags) 16	\$20.00	
Clean Metal	No Fee	
Rigid Plastics	No Fee	