



# TOWN OF STRATHAM

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## SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

Revised October 28, 2022

### Chapter 2-01 – SOLID WASTE COLLECTIONS, DISPOSAL AND MANAGEMENT

To allow the Town of Stratham to meet its responsibilities to provide Town wide curbside collections of municipal solid waste and recycling. Also enable the Town to provide and operate a Transfer Station Facility ensuring the proper disposal of solid waste material generated by the residents of Stratham and it serves a legitimate public purpose to regulate the disposal of solid wastes within the Town of Stratham and therefore the following regulations shall apply:

#### 2-01-01 TRANSFER STATION PERMITS

No individual shall be permitted to dispose of any material at nor gain access to the Town's Transfer Station without possessing and displaying a valid Stratham Transfer Station permit sticker. Such permits will be issued only to Stratham residents and shall be affixed to the upper interior corner of the passenger side windshield. Permits are good for one calendar year, January 1 through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Proof of Stratham residency shall be provided at time of purchase in form of vehicle registration, motor vehicle license, tax document or utility bill. Regardless of municipality that of which your vehicle is registered the license plate number of vehicle that will receive permit decal shall be recorded on permit making it unique to the individual vehicle. Each unique vehicle that may be used to transport waste into the Transfer Station shall have its own unique permit affixed. Permits may not be shared amongst multiple vehicles.

#### 2-01-02 SINGLE USE TRANSFER STATION PERMITS

In the instance that a Stratham resident does not own a vehicle capable of transporting bulky waste a Single Use Transfer Station Permit may be issued to residents of Stratham who may use a borrowed or rented vehicle during a single event such as residential house clean-out or move of bulky waste items, i.e. a couch or refrigerator. Such permits will only be issued for a certain date, person, and vehicle. Individuals receiving a single use permit will have to certify the material being disposed of originated and /or was generated within the Town of Stratham.

#### 2-01-03 FACILITY ACCESS

The Town's Transfer Station Facility will be open a minimum of once per week during the months from April 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 31<sup>st</sup> and twice per month in the months December 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup> during hours set by the Select Board which will allow the residents of Stratham reasonable access to the facility. Such hours and days of operation will be clearly posted at the entrance to the facility. It shall be unlawful for anyone other than authorized Town personnel to access the facility or deposit of material

at the facility except during the posted hours and days of operation unless expressly authorized by the Select Board.

#### 2-01-04 IMPROPER DISPOSAL

Disposal or depositing of any solid waste material or litter except at the Town's Transfer Station Facility, or within an appropriate container intended for the immediate pickup by a licensed solid waste handler, or at a private solid waste facility licensed and /or approved for operation within Stratham by the State of New Hampshire and/or the Town of Stratham; shall be prohibited within the Town boundaries of Stratham.

#### 2-01-05 PROHIBITED ITEMS

The following items are not allowed to be disposed of at the Stratham Transfer Station Facility or within curbside municipal solid waste. They are but not limited to:

Aerosol cans/containers	Ammunition
Animal waste, bedding and carcasses	Asbestos in any form
Batteries & their components/pieces	Explosives
Gasoline	Hazardous wastes including solvents, acids, antifreeze or preservatives
Pesticides, Herbicides and/or their containers	Septage of any type or related items
Large gas cylinders (over 20 lb.)	Radioactive/medical wastes
Tires	Vehicles and/or their components/parts
Oil Filters	

This list is not meant to be all-inclusive. Any material deemed inappropriate for disposal at the facility by the facility attendant will not be accepted pending appeal to the Public Works Director or Select Board.

Items shall be deposited on-site at the direction of the attendant who will collect the stated fee before the off-loading of any material. All items must have originated from a Stratham residence. No items resulting from commercial activities will be accepted. Any item found to be of question will be refused or charged based on a review by the facility attendant pending appeal to the Public Works Director, Town Administrator or Select Board. Metals must be separated from non-metals. Doors shall be removed from all appliances.

#### 2-01-06 CURBSIDE COLLECTION COSTS

The cost of curbside collections and disposal are borne by property tax revenues. Town Administration with support of the Curbside Collection Advisory Committee (CCAC) negotiate the very most competitive service agreements.

Residents requiring waste volume greater than the set of provided carts may elect to lease additional carts for an annual fee out of pocket. The annual fee is made payable to the Town of Stratham and is subject to adjustment year over year based on waste collection and disposal costs. Applications are available from the Public Works Department.

#### 2-01-07 PAYMENT OF TRANSFER STATION PERMIT AND DISPOSAL FEES

Transfer Station disposal fees are subject to change and are developed based on the volatility of the waste collections, disposal and recycling processing industries.

The Select Board shall set the disposal fees for items accepted at the Transfer Station. The Select Board shall adopt the fees annually, if the Board does not adopt fees for over a 12-month period then the most recent fees acted upon by the Select Board shall remain in effect indefinitely.

2-01-08 PENALTIES

Any person found violating any provision of this ordinance by any court of competent jurisdiction shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined not less than \$100.00 and/or be subject to a civil penalty up to a maximum of \$3,000.00 per violation. A separate violation shall be deemed committed upon each day, or part therefor, during which a violation occurs or continues to occur. In addition, any individual so convicted shall be ordered to remove and properly dispose of any material inappropriately deposited or pay all costs of same to the Town of Stratham.

2-01-09 SEVERABILITY

If any portion or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such a ruling shall not affect, impair, or invalidate any other portion or provision of this ordinance.

This ordinance shall become effective upon the affirmative vote to adopt by the Select Board after having two readings. Once so adopted, this ordinance shall be governed, controlled and enforced, in part and in whole, in accordance with the articles of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Stratham and shall remain in effect until expressly revoked or amended by act of the Select Board or by a warrant article approved at Town Meeting.

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Witness our hands and seal to be effective and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Select Board: Michael Houghton \_\_\_\_\_

Allison Knab \_\_\_\_\_

Joe Anderson \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
the above ordinance was filed and recorded with the records of the Town Clerk of the Town of  
Stratham, New Hampshire.

Witness my hand \_\_\_\_\_ Debra Bakie, Town Clerk