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CURBSIDE PICKUP OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLABLES

INFORMATION SHEET

PLACING OUT AND BRINGING IN CONTAINERS:

Waste is to be placed curbside, or streetside where normally the curbing would be, in front of resident's house, in a watertight, covered container by 7:00 AM on your scheduled pickup day. A watertight, covered container is defined as a receptacle made of plastic, metal or fiberglass with a capacity not to exceed thirty (30) gallons and a loaded weight of not more than fifty (50) pounds. It shall have a tight fitting lid and handles of adequate strength for lifting. The Town will not be responsible for picking up waste deposited onto the ground (i.e. bag opened by animals, can knocked over, etc.) or to make return trips for containers which are placed out later than 7:00 AM.

Recyclables are to be placed out in the "Blue Box" by 7:00 AM on scheduled pickup day (same day as refuse collection).

Waste and recyclables will be picked up by two separate vehicles. Containers are to be placed apart so the operators of the vehicles can differentiate between the two.

All containers and "blue boxes" are to be retrieved from the curb/street by 7:00 AM on the day following collection.

No container or watertight bag shall exceed fifty (50) pounds in weight. Those exceeding fifty (50) pounds will not be picked up.

ITEMS NOT COLLECTED DURING WEEKLY REFUSE AND RECYCLING ROUTES:

These items shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Fireplace ash;
- (2) Waste oil;
- (3) Antifreeze;
- (4) Building demolition material;
- (5) Tires;
- (6) Scrap metal items;
- (7) Leaves, yard waste, brush;
- (8) Furniture/stuffed goods;

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- (9) Rocks, dirt, sand, asphalt, etc;
- (10) Medical Waste; and
- (11) Household Hazardous Waste.

These items may be brought to the Solid Waste Management Facility Tuesday and Saturday, 7:30 AM - 3:15 PM, with a permit.

WINTER OPERATIONS:

Material will be collected even during inclement weather and **MUST BE VISIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE FROM THE ROAD.**

PRIVATE WAYS:

Collection of material will only occur on Town roads. Town vehicles will not travel on private ways.

DISPOSAL OF USED NEEDLES, SYRINGES, BROKEN GLASS OR OTHER SHARP OBJECTS:

For the safety of the refuse vehicle operator, it is required that the following guidelines be followed in placing used needles, syringes, broken glass or other sharp objects out for pickup.

- (1) Place needles and other sharp objects in a hard, opaque plastic container or coffee can (i.e. liquid laundry detergent, laundry softener bottle, etc.). The cap that is supplied with the syringe isn't sufficient to contain the needle.
- (2) Tightly secure the lid on the container and reinforce the top with heavy duty tape.
- (3) Place the container on the top of your trash in the barrel before securing the trash barrel lid. If you are using plastic bags, put the container on top of your regular trash before tying the bag.