

# **MANDATORY RECYCLING ORDINANCE**

**For**

**GREENFIELD,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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# **TOWN OF GREENFIELD MANDATORY RECYCLING ORDINANCE**

**AUTHORITY:** The Town of Greenfield Recycling Center (GRC) is a mandatory recycling facility. Pursuant to the Authority of RSA:31-39 and RSA 149 M, the Town of Greenfield hereby adopts the following ordinance for the operation of its public waste disposal facility known as the Greenfield Recycling Center.

**POLICY STATEMENT:** It is the policy of the Town of Greenfield to conserve financial and environmental resources through waste reduction and recycling. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the GRC to provide a means for disposal of trash (solid waste) generated by the residents of the Town of Greenfield, NH.

The GRC personnel are to carry out this ordinance per the direction of the Board of Selectmen (BOS). It is also the responsibility of the BOS and the GRC to ensure that all Federal, State and local regulations and policies are enforced and to ensure that the mandatory recycling policy is adhered to by all who use the facility. All Recycling Center personnel are required to be certified as New Hampshire Solid Waste Operators or Attendants. See Addendum "A".

Commercial trash haulers are NOT permitted to use this facility.

**NO HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE GREENFIELD RECYCLING CENTER.** ALL HAZARDOUS WASTES ARE TO REMAIN STORED WITH THE RESIDENT per zoning ordinance "TOWN OF GREENFIELD GROUNDWATER PROTECTION ORDINANCE" ENACTED IN 2012 and disposed of per Federal and State regulations. Greenfield residents can participate in the established hazardous waste collection days at a Hazardous Waste collection facility. The total cost resulting from a Hazardous Waste contamination will be charged to the offender. See section on penalties concerning hazardous waste violations.

**UTILIZATION OF GRC FACILITY:** The facility will accept only waste which has been generated within the Town of Greenfield.

**STICKER PERMITS:** Access to the GRC will be by yearly permit only. Stickers will be available at the town offices.

- A. Upon receipt of a completed permit application, which requires proof of residency or property ownership, the Town of Greenfield will issue a yearly numbered permit. The permit is valid for the year it is issued. The cost of the permit shall be \$2.00, or as determined by the BOS.
- B. Two proofs of residency are needed; a current driver's license or state ID, and one of the following with a Greenfield NH address: a car registration, tax bill, utility bill, mortgage document, deed, or lease contract.
- C. Each permit is for a specific vehicle and is nontransferable. The following regulations pertain to the GRC permit:
  - (1) The sticker shall be affixed to the lower RIGHT corner (passenger side) of the front windshield and be clearly visible to the Center's attendant.

- (2) Permits issued by the Town of Greenfield will be valid until the expiration date printed on the permit.

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** The facility will be open to any valid sticker permit holder during the public hours of operation. These hours shall be posted in a public place and may be modified by the BOS. In the event that a holiday shall fall on a normal day of operation, it shall be closed on that day.

**TRASH AND RECYCLING DISPOSAL RULES:**

- A. Trash and recyclables will be accepted only during scheduled facility hours.
- B. All household trash must be in a closed bag. No dumping from open containers will be allowed.
  - 1. All bags must be secured shut. Open bags will be rejected. Ripped or damaged bags will not be accepted. Littering caused by open or ripped bags is strictly prohibited.
- C. All recyclables must be deposited in designated containers or locations as the GRC personnel directs.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- 1. Anyone entering the facility, other than during open hours to the public, without proper authorization, is guilty of criminal trespass. Criminal trespassing will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law per RSA 635:2.
- 2. Permit stickers must be placed on the vehicle to which they are registered before use of the facility is granted. The stickers are to be affixed on the lower right (passenger side) of the windshield.
- 3. Anyone using the facility shall observe all posted rules and procedures and directions given by the GRC personnel. The facility personnel shall have the right to refuse the use of the facility to any person who violates the rules of the facility, or who physically or verbally abuses GRC personnel. The police will be notified if the user/visitor does not leave as directed and future use of the facility may be denied to such persons by the BOS.
- 4. All vehicles and drivers entering the facility do so at their own risk and are liable for any and all damages they may cause the facility or personnel.
- 5. The traffic flow is one way only around the center. Vehicles are not allowed to reverse direction or back up due to safety issues.
- 6. The GRC personnel reserve the right to inspect the contents of any materials brought to the facility to ensure compliance with the recycling mandate, Federal and State regulations, and local ordinances.
- 7. All materials not destined for recycling or disposal in the dumpster must be checked by an attendant prior to disposal.

8. Materials dropped off at the GRC which are considered revenue generating becomes the property of the Town of Greenfield. An example of this is metal such as copper wire. Any removal of these materials will be considered theft of town property and will be prosecuted by the Police.
9. All trash and recyclables shall be placed only in designated areas of the facility.
10. Any facility user losing material due to wind, unsecured load, or any other means shall be responsible for cleanup. Non-compliance will result in the loss of GRC privileges.
11. Town residents are free to take items from the Mini Mall and the Library buildings, for their personal "use at their own risk", with the permission of the Supervisor.
12. No Smoking, obscenities, or alcohol/drug use is allowed at the GRC.
13. Minor children must be under adult supervision and under control at all times.

**RECYCLABLES:** Recycling of designated materials in the Town of Greenfield is MANDATORY per this ordinance and applicable to all GRC users. New items can be introduced based upon market demand and at the discretion of the Recycling Center Supervisor.

**ACCEPTED MATERIALS WITH NO FEE:** Materials shall be placed in areas designated by the GRC personnel.

Batteries, household	Mini Mall items
Batteries, vehicle	Mixed Paper
Box tops for education	Needles/sharps
Brush & untreated lumber	Oil filters (waste)
Cans, aluminum	Oil, vegetable
Cans, steel/tin	Oil, waste (uncontaminated)
Cell phones	Old American flags
Clothing and bedding	Petroleum products (uncontaminated)
Corrugated cardboard	Packing material
Egg cartons	Plastics
Eye glasses	Printer ink and toner cartridges
Fire extinguishers	Propane tanks
Glass	Scrap metal
Mercury devices ( <b>must see attendant</b> )	Yard waste/ashes

**ACCEPTED MATERIALS THAT HAVE A FEE:** All waste fees shall be paid to the Recycling Center personnel.

Antifreeze	Electronics*
Appliances	Fluorescent lamps
Appliances containing Freon	Furniture & bulky items
Carpets/padding	Scrap metal (certain items)
Demolition/construction debris	Tires

\*These include such items as TV's, CD players, printers, computer monitors etc. The attendant must be consulted prior to disposal of such items.

**NO HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE GREENFIELD RECYCLING CENTER EXCEPT AS DELINIATED ABOVE.** ALL HAZARDOUS WASTES ARE TO REMAIN STORED WITH THE RESIDENT per zoning ordinance "TOWN OF GREENFIELD GROUNDWATER PROTECTION ORDINANCE" enacted in 2012 and disposed of per Federal and State regulations. Greenfield residents can participate in the established hazardous waste collection days at a Hazardous Waste collection facility. The total cost resulting from the Hazardous Waste contamination will be charged to the offender. See section on penalties concerning hazardous waste violations.

**SPECIAL WASTE FEES:** Due to the extra costs associated with the processing or removal of certain items, special fees will be assessed. All special waste fees shall be paid to the Recycling Center personnel.

- 1) As provided for by RSA 41:9-a, the BOS is authorized to set fees to defray the cost of items that are an expense to the town.
- 2) As authorized by RSA 149:M:13 (II), such unique items as tires and bulk items (appliances, furniture, demolition/construction debris etc.), will require payment of a fee for each item prior to depositing them at the GRC.
- 3) Failure to pay the required fee shall result in a fine of fifty dollars (\$50) for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense. See PENALTIES below for continuing violations.

**PENALTIES:** Failure to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, other than delineated under Special Waste Fees shall result in penalties. Notice of violation will be a written statement.

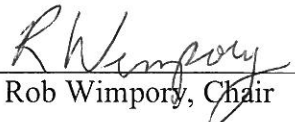
- a. The Greenfield Police Department will issue a Notice of Violation. Such notice shall impose upon the person a forfeiture of One hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) which must be paid to the Town Clerk within ten (10) days of the date and time notice is given, in full satisfaction of assessed penalty. In the event such penalty is not paid to the Town within the time limitations specified, a summons shall be issued for appearance in district court and any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined Two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).
- b. The total cost resulting from a hazardous waste contamination event at the GRC will be charged to the offender.

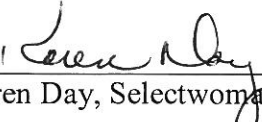
**RETURNED CHECKS:** Any checks which are returned to the Town due to insufficient funds shall result in the loss of the right to use the facility by any person whose name appears on the check until the matter is resolved. The signer of any check returned for insufficient funds will be assessed any costs incurred by the Town as a result of receiving such a check. Final determination of the penalty and charges in such cases will rest with the BOS.

Original Mandatory Recycling Ordinance 1993  
Revised November, 29 2012  
Revised and re-adopted April, 18 2013

This ordinance is final when approved and signed by the Board of Selectmen.

Date: 04/18/2013

  
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Rob Wimpory, Chair

  
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Karen Day, Selectwoman

  
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Debra Davidson, Selectwoman

# ADDENDUM A

## SOLID WASTE OPERATOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

The State of New Hampshire requires one of the following certifications for employment at the Greenfield Recycling Center (GRC), one of which must be a Level IV Manager/Operator.

**Level IV: Manager/Operator** – Must have a high school diploma or GED and a minimum of five years experience in a related field. Facilities that require a Level IV Manager/Operator in responsible charge are: all landfills with a liner system (regardless of size); landfills, transfer stations, composting facilities and recycling centers which are permitted to accept more than 30 tons of waste per day annually.

**Level III: Advanced Operator** – Must have a high school diploma or GED and three years experience in a related field. Facilities requiring a Level III Advanced Operator in responsible charge are: landfills, transfer stations, recycling centers and composting facilities permitted to accept up to 30 tons of waste per day; or a mono fill that only receives scrap metal, demolition debris or asbestos.

**Level II: Operator** – Must have completed eighth grade and have two years work experience in a related field. An individual certified at this level is eligible to be responsible at mono fills which only accept brush and/or stumps.

**Level I: Attendant** – Must have one year experience in a related field, and may not be responsible at any type of solid waste facility without supervision.

**Level I: Attendant in Training** – This level allows a person to work at the Level I level until sufficient experience is acquired.

## DEFINITIONS:

**BAGS** – Sealable bags.

**BOS:** Board of Selectmen

**COMMERCIAL HAULER** – Commercial trash hauler

**GRC** – Greenfield Recycling Center

**DUMPSTERS** - A commercially designed large metal container for containment of materials.

**TRASH** - Any non-recyclable material which has no other disposal option outlined in this ordinance and is designated as acceptable for disposal at the Greenfield Recycling Center.

**OPERATOR** – Personnel who are certified as Solid Waste Operators. See Addendum “A”

**RECYCLABLES** – Any recyclable material that is recovered from the solid waste stream and is in the accepted materials list.

**RECYCLING** - This is the activity by which discarded materials are collected, sorted, and processed. They are then converted into raw material..