Town of Middleton Rules and Regulations – Town Code Chapter 323 – Solid Waste

Article I: Transfer Station
[Adopted 7-2-1997]

§ 323-1 Authority; definition; severability.

A. In accordance with MGL c. 111, §§ 31A and 31B, the Middleton Board of Health adopts the following rules and regulations governing access to and use of the Middleton Transfer Station.

B. The term "Transfer Station" shall be taken to include all facilities within the fenced-in area at the landfill site off Natsue Way, including the building housing the trash compactors, the recycling area, any other containers the Town wishes to put on this site, and the access road to this facility.

C. If any section of these regulations shall be deemed illegal, invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such action shall not affect any other section of the regulations.

§ 323-2 Stickers.

A. Transfer Station stickers will be sold at the Treasurer-Collector's office at Memorial Hall, South Main Street. Stickers will also be available by mail. They will not be available at the Transfer Station, the Board of Health office or the Department of Public Works office.

B. In order to purchase a sticker, a resident must show a valid Massachusetts registration for a noncommercial vehicle registered in Middleton. Exceptions to this rule may be made at the Treasurer-Collector's discretion.

C. The sticker is only valid for the vehicle for which it was issued.

D. Sharing of a sticker among multiple households is prohibited and is unfair to other taxpayers since the price of the sticker is set to cover the cost of disposing of the trash from a single household. Each unit of a multiunit residential building must purchase a separate sticker. An exception will be made for in-law apartments. If a landlord has agreed to collect the trash from his building as part of the rental agreement, he will be charged an amount which reflects the number of units he is servicing.

E. Stickers must be permanently attached to the passenger-side window in such a way as to be easily visible to the attendant. Stickers may not be taped to the window or laminated and kept in the vehicle. If you need to transfer the sticker to a different vehicle, you must remove the sticker from the old vehicle and bring it and your new registration to the Treasurer-Collector's office for a replacement sticker.

F. The price of the sticker will be set by the Board of Selectmen and will be subject to change as the costs of trash disposal increase. Stickers will be valid for one year or whatever length of time is determined appropriate by the Board of Selectmen.

§ 323-3 Use of Transfer Station.

A. Transfer Station hours will be posted at the entrance to the site. Unauthorized entry either by foot or by vehicle at any other time is prohibited and will be considered trespassing. Transfer Station users must allow sufficient time to dispose of their trash and leave the area by the posted closing time.

B. The speed limit within the Transfer Station area is five miles per hour. The speed limit on the access road is 15 miles per hour.

C. All vehicles are to stay on the paved roadway only. No one is allowed to drive on the capped landfill area.

D. Parking or stopping on the access road is not permitted.

E. No smoking is allowed within the Transfer Station area.

F. No hot loads (as indicated by the presence of smoke or steam) will be allowed within the Transfer Station area.

G. Children must be supervised at all times.

H. Only vehicles displaying a valid Transfer Station sticker or a "recycling only" sticker will be admitted to the Transfer Station. The attendant may stop a vehicle at any time to confirm that the registration on the sticker matches the registration on the vehicle. Only vehicles displaying a valid Transfer Station sticker will be allowed to proceed to the building housing the trash compactors.

I. Only residential refuse generated within the Town of Middleton will be accepted at the Transfer Station. The attendant has the right to randomly inspect loads in a reasonable and responsible manner and turn away any material that seems to be obviously commercial or contain hazardous or other unacceptable material as listed below. The attendant may also turn away loads that seem too large to come from a single residence.

J. Salvaging of materials from the Transfer Station area (with the exception of the Swap Shed) is prohibited.

K. Any individual who accidentally or intentionally creates litter will have the responsibility of cleaning it up. All trash must be bagged.

L. No trash is to be left outside of the Transfer Station area, along the access road or outside the lower gate. Violators will be subject to prosecution.

M. Transfer Station users should make every effort to dispose of their trash and recyclables quickly so as not to create traffic tie-ups.

N. Unauthorized persons are not allowed on or within the walled area housing the compactors. Only the Transfer Station operator may to operate the compactor.

O. Instructions of the Transfer Station operator and posted signage concerning traffic flow and proper use of the facility are to be followed.

§ 323-4 Unacceptable materials.

The following materials will not be accepted at the Transfer Station. These cannot be accepted at the Transfer Station because they will not be accepted at the facility which takes the Town's trash.

A. Hazardous materials, including but not limited to motor oil, gasoline, pesticides and herbicides, chemicals, oil-based paint and mercury-containing products such as thermostats, thermometers and fluorescent bulbs. Motor oil is collected at the Department of Public Works garage on a regular basis. Many of the other materials can be disposed of at hazardous waste days.

B. Car batteries.

C. Infectious or medical wastes.

D. Ammunition or other explosives.

E. Sewage waste or sludge.

F. Sealed containers, including gas cylinders.

G. Animal carcasses.

H. Radioactive material.

I. Liquid or slurry waste of any kind regardless of packaging or labeling.

J. Tree stumps.

K. Boulders, rocks, stones, dirt or other noncombustible material.

L. Any barrels or other containers that hold or once held hazardous material unless inspected by the Transfer Station operator to ensure that they are empty.

M. Any recyclable material as defined below.

§ 323-5 Recyclable materials.

The following materials will not be accepted at the trash compactor but have designated containers or areas within the Transfer Station. Please ask the attendant for assistance if you are in doubt.

A. Paper, including newspapers, magazines, phone books, junk mail, paperboard boxes and cardboard.

B. Container glass separated into clear, green and brown items. Note: Window glass, drinking glasses, dishes, and light bulbs must go in the compactor.

C. Tin and aluminum cans.

D. Clear HDPE and PETE plastics.

E. Scrap metal and white goods (appliances).

F. Rechargeable batteries.

G. Construction and demolition waste (C&D) from residential do-it-yourself projects will be accepted on scheduled collection dates. A permit may be required.

H. Passenger car and light truck tires (limit of two per month).

I. Leaves.

J. Brush will be accepted on scheduled collection dates.

§ 323-6 Violations and penalties.

Violators of these regulations may have their Transfer Station sticker revoked or have other enforcement action taken against them.