

CHAPTER 18. LANDFILL, TRANSFER STATION, RECYCLING

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Article 18.1 Authority

This chapter is adopted pursuant to Home Rule powers as granted in Article VIII-A of the Maine Constitution and Title 30, M.R.S.A., Section 1917.

Article 18.2 Citation & Effective Date

This chapter shall be known as the Landfill, Transfer Station, Recycling Chapter of the Rangeley Town Code adopted and effective by vote of the town meeting on December 16, 1991.

Article 18.3 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to encourage the recycling of newspaper, corrugated paper, high grade white paper, number 2 plastics, three colors of glass, aluminum, tin, and any other recyclable goods that the Sandy River Waste Recycling Association (that the Town of Rangeley has joined), might deem recyclable due to market flexibility, in order to reduce landfill costs and preserve valuable landfill space.

Article 18.4 Administration

The Selectmen of the Town of Rangeley will administer and enforce the provisions of this Chapter.

Article 18.5 Applicability

This Chapter shall apply to all users of the Rangeley Landfill, Transfer Station including residents/non-residents, other townships/plantations that have contracts with the Town of Rangeley concerning the Rangeley Landfill, Transfer Station, commercial/industrial establishments and commercial haulers.

Article 18.6 Separation

All newspapers, corrugated paper, high grade white paper, number 2 plastics, three colors of glass, aluminum and tin shall be separated individually from other wastes and deposited at the recycling depot.

Article 18.7 Separation Order

The Town is aware that some people and businesses will find it difficult to separate the recyclable wastes described above in Article 18.6. Taking this fact into consideration, together with the evidence that unrecycled wastes described above in Article 18.6 will create additional expense for the Town in landfilling or transferring such material and/or reduce the life of the landfill, a fee may be imposed by the Board of Selectmen for UNSEPARATED recyclable waste as described in Article 18.6 for the following items.

- .1 per bag or trash can for any vehicle.
- .2 per cubic yard for bulk loads.

Article 18.8 Collection of Separation Option Fees

Section 18.8.1 The Landfill-Recycling Attendant may collect fees as described in Article 18.7.1 and .2 and Article 18.9.

Section 18.8.2 The Landfill-Recycling Attendant shall report weekly the amount of fees collected and deposit such fees to the Town Manager.

Article 18.9 User Fees

Fees may be charged for disposal of tires, so-called “white goods” demolition debris/landfill material and O.B.W. (oversized bulky waste), according to the following identification:

Section 18.9.1 Each passenger car tire (no rims); each truck tire 16-inch diameter and larger (no rims); each tractor/skidder tire or similar tire (no rims).

Section 18.9.2 Each washer, dryer, stove or similarly-sized appliance; each refrigerator/freezer.

Section 18.9.3 Per cubic yard or less, for demolition debris/landfill material.

Section 18.9.4 Per cubic yard for oversized bulky waste (O.B.W.) or O.B.W. (couches, chairs, mattresses, etc...)

Article 18.10 Wastes Prohibited

No commercial hauler shall dispose of any wastes at the Rangeley Landfill/Transfer Station that were collected outside the Township/Plantations that contract with the Town of Rangeley for use of its landfill/transfer station.

18.11 Enforcement

The Landfill/Transfer Station - Recycling Attendant shall have the authority to refuse the use of the facility to any person, corporation, or other user who does not conform to the

provisions of this Chapter and the guidelines set forth in the D.E.P. permit dated July 5, 1989.

Article 18.12 Penalties

Any person or corporation convicted of violating any provision of this chapter by UNAUTHORIZED DISPOSAL shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each violation.

Article 18.13 Power to Grant Variances and Waivers

Where the Board of Selectmen finds that extraordinary and unnecessary hardship may result from the strict compliance with the provisions of this Chapter, the Board of Selectmen may grant an appeal, variance, or waiver.

Article 18.14 Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Chapter is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Article 18.15 Appeals

An appeal may be taken within 30 days from the Board of Selectmen's decision by any party to Superior Court in accordance with Rule 80B of the Maine Rule's of Civil Procedure.

Article 18.16 Amendments

This Chapter may be amended by a majority vote of those present and registered to vote at a Town Meeting. Amendments may be initiated by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen or on petition of 10% of the votes cast in the last gubernatorial election in the Town of Rangeley. The Board of Selectmen shall conduct a public hearing on any proposed amendment.

Article 18.17 Definitions

In general, words and terms used in this chapter shall have their customary dictionary meaning. More specifically, certain words and terms used herein are defined as follows:

Section 18.17.1 Commercial Hauler: Any user, either an individual or a company, which hauls materials to the landfill site for others for a fee.

Section 18.17.2 Landfill Attendant: The Selectmen of the Town of Rangeley or the town employees or agents authorized by said Selectmen to act in their stead at the Landfill/Transfer Station site.

Section 18.17.3 Newspaper: Dry, clean newspaper deposited loose, not bundled, they may include inserts that come with the newspaper, but keep all foreign material, such as strings, rope or plastic, staples, etc., out of the load.

Section 18.17.4 Corrugated paper: Corrugated paper boxes should be broken down flat and deposited into the correct roll-off container compartment, it must be dry and clean material. The light-colored Japanese-made cardboard or the waxy coated vegetable boxes, cereal boxes, shoeboxes, and cartons or materials of that kind are not acceptable. Staples and tape should be removed. Brown paper bags can be included with corrugated cardboard.

Section 18.17.5 HDPE (#2) Plastics: Look for the recycling logo on the base of the container encircling the number 2. HDPE plastics include: plastic milk containers, some oil and antifreeze bottles, some margarine or other tubs, laundry detergent and some shampoo bottles. All the number 2 plastics must be rinsed clean. Paper labels on the plastic do not have to be removed. Oil and anti-freeze bottles must be completely drained. Any HDPE plastic bottles or containers must be crushed flat or cut in half to save space.

Section 18.17.6 Glass: Glass jars and bottles must all be rinsed and clean. Clear glass should be collected separately from colored glass, but the different colored glass (green and amber) can be mixed together. Any metal caps or rings must be removed. If the label can be removed without too much difficulty, then citizens should remove them, but glass containers at this time can be accepted with labels. Window glass, plastic, car windshields, light bulbs, and ceramic glass cannot be accepted.

Section 18.17.7 Steel (tin) cans: Steel cans or “tin cans” should be rinsed out and labels must be removed. The top and bottom of the cans should be cut off and the can crushed flat. Paint cans, spray cans, and aerosol cans cannot be accepted. Some cans are made with aluminum tops. Any easy way to distinguish between the two is to check the material with a magnet - only steel will be attracted.

Section 18.17.8 Aluminum: The aluminum should be separated from any non-aluminum parts. There are many sources of recyclable aluminum, including foil (clean), pie plates, law furniture, window frames, etc...

Section 18.17.9 High Grade White Paper: This paper includes computer paper, stationary, copy paper, mail envelopes (without the plastic or cellophane windows), notebook paper, etc...Do not include paper bags, glossy paper, tape, post-it notes, magazines, carbon paper, construction paper, newspapers, or any staples or other non-paper objects.

Section 18.17.10 Unauthorized Disposal: Dumping your waste in any area that is not designated as a “dump/transfer station/landfill” and/or dumping at a designated “dump/transfer station/landfill” without the permission of the town’s authorized attendant, employee, or Selectmen. Also, no dumping after hours at the designated area, or at the gate of the designated area.

Section 18.17.11 Oversized Bulky Waste (O.B.W.): i.e., couch, chair, mattresses, pressure-treated wood, particle board, and p.v.c. pipe.

Section 18.17.12 Demolition Debris/Landfill Material: asphalt roofing, sheetrock, masonry debris, porcelain - i.e., toilets, asbestos material.

Section 18.17.13 Ordinance Board of Appeals: An appeal board to review grievances with any chapter of this code.

Article 18.18 Definitions of Changes

The definitions of the recyclable wastes in sections 18.17.3 through .9 described above in Article 18.17 may change at any time, in the way they must be prepared, as the markets that the recyclable wastes are sold to, may change their requirements.