

## USE OF THE TRANSFER STATION

Only waste generated from Columbia residences may be brought to the Transfer Station. No waste may be deposited at the Transfer Station by commercial or non-profit entities. All waste must be delivered to the Transfer Station by the occupants or noncommercial owners of such residences. All municipal solid waste (household waste) must be bagged prior to being disposed of in the Compactor. Recyclables are not dropped off in bags.

**FACILITY HOURS:** Set by the Board of Selectmen. They are subject to change, especially when a holiday falls on a day the Transfer Station is normally open.

**SOLICITING:** It is prohibited.

**SAFETY:** Shoes are required. Observe the 10 MPH speed limit. If you spill, break or drop something, clean it up or request assistance if necessary.

**CHILDREN & PETS:** Children under 12 and pets must remain inside vehicles.

**SCAVENGING:** It is prohibited.

**COLLECTION BOXES:** They are available for books, textiles (shoes, clothing) & returnable bottles and cans.

## PERMITS/STICKERS

To enter the Transfer Station, one must have a valid permit/sticker. Permits must be affixed to vehicle windshields. Stickers are valid for approximately one year. The initial sticker cost is \$40 for up to two stickers. Up to two additional stickers may be purchased for \$20 each. Purchasers age 62 years of age or older may be purchased for \$20. Stickers are sold at the Town Hall. Applications are available at the Town Hall, on the Town's website and at the Transfer Station.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

Hazardous waste is not accepted at the Columbia Transfer Station. The MidNEROC hazardous waste facility in Willington accepts hazardous waste from Columbia residents. The facility is open from mid-April to early November, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month. For details, call 860-684-3163 or pick up a Hazardous Waste pamphlet at the Columbia Town Hall or Columbia Transfer Station.

If you have any questions, please call the Town Administrator at 860-228-0110.



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# Town of Columbia, CT

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## *Information about the Municipal Transfer Station*

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Location: 89 Route 6

Open: Wed: 8 am – 4 pm  
Sat: 8 am – 4 pm

## ? WHAT DO I DO WITH...

**Plastic Grocery Bags:** return to a grocery store. Try not to treat as waste.

**Paint Cans** – return the can, including unused paint, to a local paint store. Try not to treat as waste.

**Boat Shrink Wrap** – may be brought to Williwaste facility in Willimantic. Try not to treat as waste.

**Medical Waste (including needles & syringes)** – place inside a sealed container and dispose of with household trash.

**Packing Peanuts** – may be brought to shipping stores such as UPS. Try not to treat as waste.

**Old Metal Wiring** (including holiday light wiring) – place in scrap metal bin at Transfer Station.

**Leaves:** drop off at Transfer Station at no cost to you.

**Animal waste:** Place in sealed container and place in trash. Or, try to compost at home.

**Mattresses:** As of the publication date of this pamphlet, the Transfer Station accepts mattresses and considers them bulky waste.

**Recycle! The items below are accepted. Bring them mixed together.**

- All plastics # 3 to #7
- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines/brochures
- Cardboard
- Paper bags
- Junk mail
- Phone books/catalogs
- Hard & soft cover books
- White & color paper
- Envelopes (window ok)
- File folders
- School paper
- Shredded paper
- Multi 3 ply paper
- White, green & brown glass
- Tin cans
- Aluminum cans
- Aluminum foil
- Aluminum pots & pans
- Juice & milk cartons
- Plastic milk jugs
- Plastic soda bottles
- Detergent bottles
- Small metals
- Empty aerosol cans
- Plastic buckets & crates
- Light iron
- Paperboard boxes (cereal cartons and egg cartons)

## Special fees levied at the Transfer Station

**General Debris -\$40 per cubic yard**  
Includes construction and landscape debris, carpeting, odd lots, picnic tables, wooden spools, misc. household items, etc.

*Note: Proof that the construction project took place at your own house is required in the form of an approved building permit. Demolition debris of a complete structure i.e. house, barn, garage, cottage will not be accepted.*

**Appliances**  
Requiring CFC removal.....**\$7.00**  
All other appliances.....**no charge**

**Furnishings**  
Sofas and love seats .....**\$10.00**  
Stuffed chairs, auto seats, mattresses, box springs.....**\$5.00**

**Scrap Metal**..... **no charge**

**Propane Tanks**  
Less than 20-lb. ....**\$1.00**  
20-lb. ....**\$3.00**  
More than 20-lb.....**\$20.00**

**Tires**  
Up to 19.5" .....**\$1.50**  
Truck tires up to 20" off rim.....**\$6.00**  
Truck tires up to 20" on rim.....**\$16.00**  
Larger than 12Wx48.....**call for pricing**

**Trees/Brush**  
Stumps under 1 foot trunk diameter .....**\$5.00**  
Stumps over 1 foot trunk diameter .....**\$25.00**  
Wood (i.e. cord wood/brush).....**\$5.00/cy**  
Leaves.....**free**

## Swap Area Guidelines

The Swap Area is for valuable items. Broken, dirty, obsolete items do not belong.

Transfer Station attendants have the right to reject and remove items they deem unsuitable for the Swap Area.

All swap items will be discarded on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month, at close.

The following items are not allowed:

1. Appliances containing CFCs
2. Mattress and box springs
3. Stuffed chairs
4. Carpets
5. Baby car seats
6. Tires
7. Municipal Solid Waste (Trash)
8. Animals
9. Food products
10. Broken furniture
11. Broken electronics
12. Items that pertain to human safety
13. Unwashed Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
14. Household chemicals
15. Weapons of any kind
16. Illicit material (i.e., pornography)
17. Broken lawn equipment
18. Lawn mowers

For more details, please refer to the Swap Area Guidelines handout available at both the Transfer Station & Town Hall.