

# Transfer Station Kibbles 'n Bits

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Our town transfer station, affectionately known as “The Dump”, sees approximately 800 to 1,200 residents each week on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The transfer station can be very busy at times, but please remember that traffic is one way going through the station. We ask that people have patience and wait for their fellow residents to unload their vehicles and not back out or try to drive around others. This is a very huge safety concern and will be enforced going forward.

Please remember to save the insert in the newsletter which outlines the items we do and do not accept. The same information is also posted on the town website under the Garbage/Recycling link. We are still seeing residents bringing their garbage in black bags. It has been a few years since clear/opaque bags have been required for garbage. If you bring your garbage to the transfer station in black bags, you will be asked to bring it back home with you to re-bag. The same goes for any garbage that contains recyclables. It is state law that we recycle so if your garbage is found to contain recyclables, you will be asked to bring it back home with you to sort it. Recyclables can be brought to the transfer station in any color bag since they need to be emptied from the bag and placed into the recycling compactor. More and more residents are utilizing plastic totes for their recyclables instead of having to tear open sticky bags. It makes it very easy and quick to dump the items into the compactor, and you can simply rinse the tote out if it becomes dirty. Please remember that recyclables need to be rinsed out before being brought to the transfer station.

If we experience inclement weather or mechanical breakdowns that would force us to close the transfer station, please keep an eye on the town website or WHBL closings and cancellations for notice. We try our hardest to keep the transfer station safely open, but if weather threatens the safety of employees or residents, we may delay opening, close early, or close completely. If unsure that we are open, please call ahead before venturing out in less than ideal weather.

The transfer station is open every Tuesday and Saturday unless either day is an observed holiday. This year, both Christmas Eve and New Years Eve fall on Tuesdays so the transfer station will be closed. The holidays are always a very busy time for us so plan ahead for those Saturdays at the end of December and expect long lines and delays.

If you have any questions about where to place items or if something is accepted, you can always ask the attendant. For disposal of items we do not accept such as TV's, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, electronics, or microwaves, a great local business that takes them is called Redemption Recycling. They are located at 3417 Weeden Creek Road. They accept a lot of items at no charge and some items for a nominal fee. We ask that all residents review the insert in the newsletter to make sure nothing has changed and that guidelines are followed. It helps the town keep costs down and still provide the services that we do.

**Thank you and see you at The Dump!**

