

Guidelines for Drop-Off at Public Works Garage

Sorting of Material-The sorting of material prior to arriving at the Transfer Station is not required but highly recommended. This facility is set up so as to keep all recyclables separate from bulky waste as it arrives at the site. These disposed items will have to be sorted and placed in the proper location as directed by the attendant. The corresponding sorting categories are noted below and in the next column.

Burn Pit-Untreated wood such as timber, board or lumber which has not been treated, coated or preserved and has nothing attached to it (sheetrock, asphalt shingles). This also includes brush, tree-tops, limbs, saplings & tree cuttings which are five inches in diameter or less.

Wood Truck-All treated wood (pressure treated, painted/stained, plywood & pressboard) in small quantities. Gorham's Transfer Station reserves the right to refuse large amounts of treated wood. A permit will be issued to the resident for delivery at the AVRRDD Transfer Station in Berlin.

Metal Pile-Stoves, washers, dryers, car parts (excluding gas tanks), refrigerators & air conditioners, metal lawn chairs, hot water tanks, tire rims, bicycles, iron pipes, wire fencing & other metal items.

Compost Pile-All yard & garden waste that can be composted (no plastic bags or boxes & no brush larger than 1/4" in diameter).

Tire Trailer-Tires without rims. Each resident is allowed two tires per valid registration. There is a fee for any additional tires dropped off at the facility.

Textiles-Clothes, blankets, pocketbooks, curtains, jackets, etc. that are in decent condition. Items should be bagged & shoes paired.

Cardboard Bay-All corrugated cardboard which water or other residues have not damaged.

Paper Bay-Junk mail, newspapers, magazines, North Shore Paper Mix (ledger paper, soda/beer cartons, cereal/cracker boxes), SMOW (office paper shredded & bagged or loose).

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Other-Used motor oil, batteries (car, truck, etc.).

Unacceptable Items-Hazardous waste, infectious medical waste, Asbestos, paint (latex or oil based), varnishes & stains, thinners, tree stumps, mixed demolition debris.

AVRRDD

Where is it Located?

AVRRDD is located at 100 West Milan Road, Berlin, NH 03570
(603) 752-7259

What is AVRRDD?

Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuse Disposal District is a regional facility that serves the member communities of Berlin, Dummer, Errol, Gorham, Jefferson, Milan, Northumberland, Randolph, Stark and Unincorporated Places in Coos County. The facility is a Recycling Center as well as a Transfer Station. A residential permit (issued by your municipality) is required to enter the Transfer Station. No permit is required to use the Recycling Center.

What is accepted at the Transfer Station?

Bulky Waste Items-Furniture, mattresses & box springs, rungs, foam pads, televisions, computers, VCR's, living room sets, non-recyclable plastics, rubber items, plumbing fixtures, treated wood, non-asbestos roofing shingles & flooring, porcelain sinks, bathtubs & toilets.

What is accepted at the Recycle Center?

Magazines, newspaper, corrugated cardboard, aluminum & tin cans, Plastics #1 and #2 PET, glass, North Shore Paper Mix, textiles, SMOW (office paper mix), used motor oil & batteries.

A detailed brochure for AVRRDD may be obtained at the Public Works Garage or at the District Office, 15 Mt. Forest St., 1st Floor, Federal Building Berlin, NH 752-3342

Residential Permit-

Permits may be obtained at the Public Works Garage and allows a resident three, one day passes with unlimited trips each day for drop-off of bulky waste items.

Household Hazardous Waste Day-

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is held at AVRRDD on the first Saturday in June. The service is offered to residents of member communities ONLY. Proof of residency (drivers license or tax bill) is required. The District advertises in local newspapers (approximately one month in advance) to notify residents of the actual date and time, along with a comprehensive list of Household Hazardous Wastes accepted.

For your convenience.....

Household trash and recyclables may be dropped off at the Public Works Garage Transfer Station if you miss or forget your trash/recyclable pickup day. Please stop in the office or check with the attendant prior to dumping.

WASTE NOT, WANT NOT!

A Recycling Guide for the Town of Gorham



Public Works Department/
Transfer Station
24 Main Street
Gorham, NH 03581

Hours of Operation

Monday	7am-3:30 pm
Tuesday	7 am-3:30 pm
Wednesday	7 am-3:30 pm
Thursday	7 am-3:30 pm
Friday	7 am-3 pm

Phone: 603-466-5025
Fax: 603-466-3115
Email: info@gorhamnh.org

What's the Problem & Why Recycle?

The problem? In 2001, U.S. residents and businesses produced more than 229 million tons of garbage (Municipal Solid Waste) for the year, which figures out to approximately 4.4 pounds of waste per person, per day!!

MSW-Municipal Solid Waste-known as garbage or trash-includes every day items like product packaging clothes, furniture, paper bottles, food, scraps, appliances, and batteries. Every items purchased or on hand, when discarded, has to go somewhere. That somewhere is in landfills and incinerators across the country. Landfills eventually becomes full, creating a need for more landfills. In some area, sites for new landfills are running out.

SPREAD THE WORD!

Now, more than ever, preventing or diverting materials from the waste-stream is essential to conserve our natural resources for future generations, save energy, reduce green house emissions and reduce the need for new landfills.

The best way to manage solid waste within your community is by following what's known as the Three R's-REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE.

"Recycling diverted 68 million tons of material away from landfills & incinerators in 2001, up from 34 million tons in 1990...Curbside programs, along with drop-off sites, resulted in a diversion of about 30 percent of the nation's solid waste." 1

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REDUCE-Also referred to as "Source Reduction" or "Waste Prevention", it ranks as the most preferable method in solid waste management. The best approach in eliminating waste is to avoid creating it in the first place. Reduce the amount of trash you throw away by purchasing long-lasting, durable items, or items that can be used again after its original use is completed.



REUSE-Use products more than once if possible. Reuse items by repairing them or by donating them to charity. Reuse packing boxes or containers instead of throwing them away. Items that are reused don't end up in landfills and is also cost effective in households, offices and businesses alike.

RECYCLE-Items are collected and sorted, then are turned into materials or products that would otherwise end up in the waste-stream. Recycling includes composting and buying recycled products. Common items collected for recycling include bottles, aluminum cans, paper (newspaper, paper board, cardboard) batteries, and plastics.

Guidelines for curbside collection of recyclables is noted in detail below & in the next column. Guidelines must be met for recyclables to be collected.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION

The Town of Gorham provides curbside collection of household trash and recyclables for its' residents. Recycling is mandatory in the Town of Gorham (October 7 1991, Chapter 156, Article IV "Code of the Town of Gorham NH"). This requires separating those items deemed "recyclable" from the solid waste stream-your garbage. It also requires separating, sorting, rinsing and removing all caps or lids from recyclables prior to collection.

Curbside Collection Continued....

Failure to follow recycling guidelines will result in the **NON-COLLECTION** of recyclables. They will stay in the bin and not get collected.

Yearly Recycling/Solid Waste schedules may be obtained at the Public Works Garage. Schedules include street listings and indicated the bi-weekly pick-up of recyclables & weekly pick-up of solid waste. Holidays observed by the Town are highlighted and alternate pick-up days are noted.

SORT IT OUT BEFORE YOU SET IT OUT!

RED BIN: Plastic bottles #1 PET-these include clear or colored soda bottles, salad dressings, peanut butter jars, coffee containers, ketchup bottles & mayonnaise. Plastic bottles #2 PET-these include milk jugs, water bottles, detergent, juice, ice cream & liquid dishwasher containers.

DON'T INCLUDE-yogurt, cottage cheese & plastic bags, Styrofoam, packing pellets, food trays, coffee cups & saran wrap. These items go into the trash.

BLUE BIN: Glass bottles & jars, clear or colored, ceramics, coffee mugs, plates,, all aluminum & tin cans-food and beverage only.

DON'T INCLUDE-Cans larger than 1 gallon in size, aerosol cans, aluminum trays, plates, pie pans & tin foil. These items go into the trash.

GREEN BIN: Dry, clean newspapers and magazines **ONLY!**

DON'T INCLUDE-junk mail, North Shore Paper Mix (white & colored ledger paper, soda/beer cartons, cereal/cracker boxes) nor any SMOW paper (office paper mix). These items may be dropped off at the Public Works Garage Transfer Station.

