

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 of your garbage. It also requires separating, sorting, rinsing and removing all caps or lids from recyclables prior to collection. 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 or online under Schedules on the Transfer Station page. Schedules include street listings and indicate the bi-weekly pick-up of recyclables and 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. Plastic bottles #2 PET - these include milk jugs, water bottles, detergent, juice, and liquid dishwasher containers.

Don't include: Peanut butter, yogurt, cottage cheese & ice cream containers, 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, 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 & tinfoil. 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 Work Garage Transfer Station.

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.

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, tree 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 AVRDD 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, newspaper, magazines, North Shore Paper Mix (ledger paper, soda/beer cartons, cereal/cracker boxes), SMOW (office paper shredded & bagged or loose).

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.

The Public Works Department/Transfer Station is located at 24 Main Street.