

Transfer Station/Recycling Center Policy for use of the “Mall of New Hampton”

Purpose and Intent

This swap shop or otherwise known as the “Mall of New Hampton” will allow for residents to drop off items that are still useable but no longer needed by the homeowner. These items would then be available to any resident who would like to reuse these items. The idea is to reduce the disposal of good items such as bikes and other household goods that otherwise would be thrown away.

The facility will not accept any couches, mattresses, stuffed chairs, televisions, computers, computer accessories, clothes, linens or propane tanks. Clothes can be placed in the Planet Aid receptacle on site. The “Mall of New Hampton” will be open during normal periods of operation for the Transfer Station/Recycling Center.

Operational and General Guidelines

Persons using the “Mall” must display a Town of New Hampton transfer station sticker on their vehicle. Only Residents or qualifying property owners with Transfer Station stickers may take from, or donate to, the “Mall”.

Items may be left or taken during the normal hours of facility operation.

Items for re-use must be separated and placed in storage area under the supervision of the attendant on duty. Items placed in the “Mall” shall be placed in an orderly fashion as to ensure there are no safety and/or tripping hazards created.

Items taken from the “Mall” are intended for personal use only and are not to be resold, as this is for all residents to benefit from equally. The intent is to make items available to all eligible persons and not allow one or a few people to monopolize the facility for personal gain.

The “Mall” is not intended to be a resource for dealers, metal salvagers, or other type of recycle business.

Acceptable items may vary depending on space and other considerations.

This facility is not to be used to avoid disposal fees, so it shall be the discretion of the Public Works Director and/or attendants to refuse items and require payment of fees if necessary.

Public Works/Transfer Station attendants have discretion to refuse items and require they be disposed of in the open top container, which will require payment.

Users of the “Mall” are encouraged to remain at the “Mall” for no longer than **15-20** minutes during any one visit to allow other residents an opportunity to view and take items.

When users are visiting the “Mall”, at no time can vehicles be parked that block any part of the transfer station operation.

First come, first serve and no items shall be held or reserved.

No employee shall take or reserve items for themselves or others.

The Public Works Department reserves the right to keep any items that may be useful to the Public Works Department.

Items left at the “Mall” for more than 7 days may be disposed of.

Items Allowed or Restricted

The “Mall” is open to donation of items that are safe, hygienic, and not broken. Items must still be functional, contain all necessary parts, and in working order.

Specific areas will be available for storage and re-use of items that have been discarded, but might have a second life. Items for re-use will include: Books, toys, household items and small appliances, with the exception of those requiring payment of disposal fees. Also accepted are bicycles, lawn mowers, yard tools and other useful metal or small engine items.

No televisions, computers and accessories accepted. DVD’s and CD’s are accepted.

No clothing or non-working appliances will be accepted.

No hazardous and/or restricted materials accepted.

Disclaimers

Items in the “Mall” carry no warranty or guarantee, will be taken at one’s own risk, and the Town assumes no liability for any items removed.

Persons removing any material or device do so at their own risk and cannot hold the Town liable for any problems that might occur as a result of removing or reusing discarded material or devices.

Residents are encouraged to submit ideas or suggestions relative to the “Mall” to the Selectmen’s Office.

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