



# WASTE COLLECTION CENTER USEAGE POLICY

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### Purpose of waste collection center

1. Afford individuals a pleasant area in which to dispose of limited quantities of household garbage, bulk items such as furniture and minor home improvement project debris, metal and recyclables.

Household garbage is loosely defined as the waste generated within a family household such as kitchen waste, newspaper or trash from within the home.

“Limited” is defined as **twelve trash bags**. *(amended 3/9/10 by Board of Spvrs)*

2. It is a customer service center.
3. Control the type and amount of waste being disposed at public centers
4. Provide a center for recycling

### Hours of operation

The waste collection center is open from 7:30 am until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. The center is closed on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Who may use the site: Residential persons only!

### Who may **not** use the site

- The center is not for the use of commercial, business or industrial activities (other than for recycling)

### Unauthorized items

- Commercial solid waste – solid waste generated by stores, offices, restaurants, businesses and all other non-residential uses
- Industrial waste – waste materials from processing plants, factories or manufacturing operations

- Large quantities of construction materials or debris such as timbers, brick, metal, shingles, and concrete. Also known as construction and demolition debris (C&D), it includes waste building materials, packaging, and rubble resulting from construction, remodeling, repair, and demolition operations on pavements, houses, commercial buildings and other structures. “Large quantity” is defined as enough to fill a high-sided pickup or a trailer which is larger than a pick-up bed (4’ x 8’).
- Dead animals
- Trees, brush, stumps, dirt and other debris from land clearing, road building and similar activities
- Yard waste – waste consisting of leaves, limbs, and grass trimmings, unless bagged.
- Hazardous waste – a waste which may cause, or contribute to, an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible, or incapacitating reversible illness
- Liquids of any kind
- Pressurized containers such as propane tanks
- Tires

### Recycling

Recycling is the separating, collecting, processing and marketing of a waste material for manufacturing to create a useful product. Recycling saves landfill space, natural resources and energy. Northampton County encourages recycling.

### **Materials accepted for recycling**

Newspapers, cardboard, chip board (i.e., Cereal boxes, drink cartons, etc.), glass containers, magazines and certain plastic.

- boxes should be flattened for storage in the recycling containers.

- plastic: We recycle only Number 1 (PETE) and Number 2 (HDPE) plastics that contained liquids. Color of the plastic is not important, only the type of plastic.

Rule of thumb – the container opening is smaller than the container (if it's got a "neck")

Waste oil: a waste oil container is provided for the use of individuals.

Lead acid batteries: a storage area is provided for storage of lead acid batteries.

### **Materials not accepted for recycling**

- waxed cardboard containers such as that used to package wholesale vegetables and seafood products.

- unacceptable glass: window glass, light bulbs, crystal, cookware, ceramics or any glass that is not a container.

- plastic grocery bags or plastics that contained food products such as peanut butter jars, frozen dinner trays, etc.