

Waste Item	Disposal Method/Area
Aerosol cans, empty	Metal Container
<b>*Air conditioners</b>	<b>Freon removal area/hilltop</b>
Aluminum cans, foil	Recycle curbside or comingled roll off
Pie plates	Recycle curbside or comingled roll off
Aluminum lawn furniture	Scrap metal pile/top of hill
Antifreeze	Antifreeze container @ gate
Batteries, automotive	Behind waste oil container
Batteries, NiCad, button	Give to gate attendant
Batteries, dry cell, alkaline	Give to gate attendant
Bicycles in good condition	Swap Shop
Bicycles, broken or rusty	Scrap metal pile/hilltop
<b>*Boats under 17 feet</b>	<b>Smash pad/hilltop</b>
Books	Swap Shop
Books, telephone	Recycle curbside or comingled roll off
Brush, tree branches	Blacksmith Shop Farm
<b>*Carpets, rugs (whole)</b>	<b>C&amp;D container</b>
Carpets, rugs (cut less than 4')	C&D container
Grills	Scrap metal pile/hilltop
Chemicals	Hold for HHW collection day
Christmas trees	Blacksmith Shop Farm
Clothing, incl. shoes, purses	Clothing bins/recycling area
<b>*Computers</b>	<b>CRT container/hilltop</b>
<b>*Construction/demo</b>	<b>C&amp;D container/hilltop</b>
Corrugated cardboard	Cardboard compactor
Doors in good condition	Swap Shop
Eyeglasses	Give to optometrist for reuse
Furniture in good condition	Swap Shop
<b>*Furniture, not useable</b>	<b>Smash pad/hilltop</b>
Garbage	MSW container
Glass bottles, jars (rinsed)	Recycle curbside or comingled roll off
Glass windows, pyres, broken	C&D container
Glasses, drinking	Swap Shop
Grass clippings, leaves	Compost site/Blacksmith Shop Farm
Insecticides, herbicides	Hold for HHW collection day
Kitchen utensils	Swap Shop
Lawn mowers (working)	Swap Shop
Lawn mowers (broken)	Scrap metal container
Magazines, catalogues	Recycle curbside or in paper roll off
<b>*Mattresses, box springs</b>	<b>Mattress container/hilltop</b>
Metal cans (rinsed)	Recycle curbside or comingled roll off
Newspapers, other paper	Recycle curbside or in paper roll off
Oil, used motor	Recycle in oil tank at gate
Paint cans, empty	Metal container
Paint, oil based	Save for HHW collection day
Paint thinner, turpentine	Save for HHW collection day
Plastic bags, clean	Recycle at supermarket
Plastic food containers #1-7	Recycle curbside or comingled roll off
Plastic, other	MSW container
<b>*Propane tanks</b>	<b>Gas tank area/hilltop</b>
<b>*Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers</b>	<b>CFC removal area/hilltop</b>

Waste Item	Disposal Method/Area
<b>*Stoves, dishwashers</b>	<b>Scrap metal pile/hilltop</b>
<b>*Water heaters</b>	<b>Scrap metal pile/hilltop</b>
Thermostats, thermometers	Give to gate attendant
Tree stumps	Blacksmith Shop Farm
<b>*TV sets</b>	<b>CRT container/hilltop</b>
Tires	Tire pile/hilltop
Toys, broken	MSW container
Toys, in useable condition	Swap Shop
<b>*Indicates a disposal fee will be charged</b>	



### BLACKSMITH SHOP ROAD YARD WASTE & COMPOSTING FACILITY

Bourne ISWM does not accept yardwaste. Falmouth residents are encouraged to compost their leaves, pine needles, potted plants (without their pots), hedge clippings, vines and grass clippings in a composter in their own yards. If that is not possible, these yard wastes may be brought to the town composting area on Blacksmith Shop Road. If plastic bags have been used they must be emptied and disposed of properly. Woody branches, brush and tree stumps may be taken to Blacksmith Farms, a private facility with its own fee.



The price of permits and other user fees are listed in a separate **USER FEE SCHEDULE**



## Town of Falmouth Department of Public Works

### Rules and Regulations User Guide

#### Waste Management Facility

458 Thomas B. Landers Road

#### Hours of Operation

Tuesday-Saturday 7:45a.m. -3:00 p.m.  
Closed Sunday & Monday  
Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day

#### Pick of the Litter (Town Swap Shop)

458 Thomas B. Landers Road

#### Hours of Operation

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday  
7:45a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Closed Sunday & Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day  
Closed during inclement weather

#### Yardwaste & Composting Site

555 Blacksmith Shop Road

#### Hours of Operation

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday  
7:45a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Closed Sunday & Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day

**Phone: 508-457-9353**

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# RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Falmouth Waste Management Facility (WMF) is operated by the Department of Public Works for use by Falmouth residents only. All waste deposited there must have originated in the Town of Falmouth.

All vehicles entering the WMF are required to have a valid WMF sticker permanently affixed to the vehicle on the lower left side of the windshield so as to be clearly and easily seen by the gate attendant. Falmouth residents may purchase stickers by mail or, upon showing the vehicle registration, at Town Hall. For vehicles registered elsewhere, proof of residency, such as a property tax bill, or a lease may be required. Stickers are valid for two years beginning on January 1st, and are not transferable. Anyone who attempts to remove a sticker and place it on another vehicle will be subject to revocation of permit. When you sell a vehicle with a valid sticker or replace a car windshield, however you must remove the sticker and present it at Town Hall in order to receive a replacement sticker for a small fee.

A WMF sticker is a PERMIT. This permit may be revoked or suspended by the Department of Public Works or its agents, for misuse or cause. This permit does not allow unlimited or unregulated dumping. There are additional fees to dispose of certain items. The list of chargeable items may change from time to time, as may the fees charged.

All loads coming into the WMF **MUST BE COVERED.**

All materials brought to the WMF must be sorted for eventual removal for incineration, recycling, reuse or special handling. To reduce costs for the town, residents who use the facility are expected to sort their loads into the proper containers and follow any instructions given them by WMF personnel. Please use your curbside collection service for trash and recycling whenever possible. It saves the town money.

Anyone who trespasses on WMF grounds when the facility is closed, or tampers with or damages the gate or any of the WMF structures, or deposits any trash at the gate or in contiguous areas, will be subject to prosecution in accordance with the by-laws of the Town of Falmouth.

All materials delivered and deposited at the WMF shall remain the property of the Department of Public Works. No person shall separate, collect, or carry off such materials unless authorized to do so by the Director of Public Works. Any person caught "picking" through the metal pile or other containers shall be subject to revocation of their WMF permit, Items at the Swap Shop are an exception to this rule.

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Substances regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection or deemed by the town Board of Health to be a danger to the public, town employees, or to town property are considered Hazardous Materials. They include many substances and items in common use and **MUST BE DISPOSED OF APPROPRIATELY** (see below under Waste Oil., Refrigerators....., TVs..., etc.) Some are recyclable.

# USER GUIDE: WHAT GOES WHERE

## GATEHOUSE AREA

### Waste oil, antifreeze, batteries, and fluorescent light bulbs

Collection receptacles for these materials are located opposite the gatehouse. Antifreeze. Do NOT mix with used motor oil. Check with gate attendant before depositing antifreeze in the antifreeze container. Used motor oil should not be mixed with any other liquids. Check with gate attendant before depositing in waste oil container. Batteries which contain toxic metals are car batteries (lead), button batteries (mercury), and rechargeable batteries. Fluorescent light bulbs and ballasts, thermostats and thermometers contain mercury. All are classed as hazardous materials, should not be incinerated or landfilled, and should be deposited here.

### Refundable Bottles and Cans

The Falmouth Service Center maintains several collection boxes. The deposit money helps support their programs.

## RECYCLING AREA

### Corrugated Cardboard

There are many kinds of cardboard but the compactor at the WMF recycling area is for recycling ONLY corrugated cardboard.

Corrugated cardboard is made up of three layers, the middle one folded into parallel furrows. Other kinds of cardboard such as cereal boxes and six pack holders should be recycled with paper and magazines. Remove styrofoam from boxes. No waxed boxes.

### Recyclable Paper, Glass, Plastic, and Metal

Two roll off containers are provided for recyclables. One holds newsprint, mixed paper, and cardboard of the type found in cereal boxes. The other is for recyclable food containers made of glass, plastic (1-T, exclusive of styrofoam), metal and aluminum. No plastic bags, no plastic toys, no egg cartons or pizza boxes. No milk or juice boxes. Please put recyclables in the appropriate container. "Contaminated" loads incur financial penalties to be paid by the town.

### Clothing, Textiles, and Fabrics

Used clothing including shoes, belts, hats and purses may be placed in the red Salvation Army, white Planet Aid and Red Cross bins. This is also the place for other textiles, bedding, towels, curtains and slipcovers. It is important that all fabrics be completely dry clean and in bags.

### PICK OF THE LITTER. THE TOWN SWAP SHOP

The Swap Shop was built by volunteers. Its purpose is to provide a place where people can leave useful things they no longer want so they may be taken, free, by anyone who wants them. The town benefits through avoided disposal costs.

## PLEASE DO YOUR SHARE TO KEEP THIS FACILITY IN ORDER:

- **Unpack your boxes onto shelves.**
- **Recycle empty corrugated boxes in the cardboard compactor.**
- **Leave notes on electrical appliances to indicate their working order.**
- **Leave things which are in useful condition: No broken furniture. No trash!**

Use of this facility is reserved for the residents of the town of Falmouth only. The gate attendant has the right to reject an item as unsuitable for the Swap Shop.

**Visits are limited to one per day for no longer than one half hour.** Please watch your children! Be especially careful of backing vehicles. No bare feet. Danger of nails and broken glass. Do not park vehicles in front of the entrance. Leave that area for loading and unloading only. These rules will be strictly enforced by WMF personnel.

## TOP OF THE HILL AREA

### Household Trash Going to Bourne ISWM

Any rubbish, refuse, or garbage that is normally generated within a residential dwelling and which would fit into a plastic bag or a curbside trash barrel not exceeding 32gallons.This does NOT include hazardous wastes, household appliances, demolition, mattresses, furniture, yard waste or any object not accepted at Bourne ISWM. Several roll off containers are provided for household trash.

### Construction and Demolition (C&D)

This is building materials and waste resulting from new construction, remodeling, repair and minor demolition operations. This includes, but is not limited to scrap wood, shingles, windows, doors, cabinets, hardware, insulation, sheetrock, wallboard, plaster, electrical wiring material, and plumbing. All C & D must go into the designated roll off next to household waste. Fees will be charged.

### Televisions and Computer Monitors

These are now defined as Hazardous Waste (they contain lead). They are banned from the regular waste stream by state law and must be taken to the designated area for special handling. Fees are charged to cover costs.

### Air Conditioners and Dehumidifiers

Fees are charged. For an explanation see below under refrigerators.

### Bulky Wastes

Bulky waste is defined as any material greater than 2 cubic feet in volume, any material greater than 4 feet in length, any rolls of material greater than 12 inches in diameter, or carpet larger than 4 feet x 4 feet. Bulky waste includes but is not limited to: sofas, rugs, large furniture, and long stringy material such as rope, hoses, and netting. All bulky waste must be placed in the area or container provided for that waste as it requires special handling. Additional fees will be charged for Bulky Wastes to cover additional disposal and handling costs. Some fees can be avoided by breaking furniture into pieces smaller than 4 feet, or cutting long things into short lengths. They can then be disposed of as household waste at curbside or in the C&D roll off container.

### Tires

Take the tires off the rims and put them in the WMF tire pile. Put the rims in the scrap metal pile. A fee will be charge for all tires beyond the allowance.

### Propane Tanks

Empty bottled gas containers should be bled off-site and placed in a specially marked area. Fee for disposal.

### Refrigerators, Freezers, Soda Machines

All cooling appliances with pipes containing Freon or any other gases containing CFCs must be carefully placed in the designated area for these items so as not to damage component parts containing CFCs in accordance with Title VI of the Clean Air Act, Amendment of 1990. Fees will be charged.

### Scrap Metal/White Goods

Scrap metal/white goods includes steel, aluminum, copper and other metal items like aluminum storm doors and windows, water heaters, tire rims, metal toys, bicycles, metal lawn furniture, lawn mowers, toasters and large household appliances, suitable for scrap metal recovery, such as stoves, washing machines, dryers, water heaters, and dishwashers. These items must be taken to the metal pile. Fees will be charged where applicable.

### Mattresses and Box Springs

These go in the designated roll off. Fees are charged where applicable.

### Other Hazardous Household Wastes (HHW)

Other HHW like unwanted oil paint, household cleaners, gasoline, etc. may be disposed of at one of the regional HHW collections held between April and October. Dates, hours, and locations to be announced.



## UNACCEPTABLE SOLID WASTE

The following wastes are not acceptable for disposal at the WMF: Whole trees, tree stumps, branches, and brush. These may be taken to Blacksmith Shop Farm, Inc. on nearby Blacksmith Shop Rd. A fee will be charged. Dead animals and road kill. Call the Animal Control Officer 457-2552. Asbestos including shingles, tile and insulating materials. Call DEP Asbestos Removal Program at (508)946-2714. Boat hulls over 17ft. Ammunition or explosives call Falmouth Police Dept. at 457-2257.

Paint, stains and solvents may not be brought to the WMF at all. If the paint is usable and there is a reasonable quantity, try to donate it to someone who can use it up. Latex paint can be disposed of as trash if dry. For small amounts, remove lid and let dry in can. For larger amounts, pour out onto a thick layer of paper or cardboard and let dry. Pour paint into box with kitty litter or sawdust, then deposit in trash. Oil based paint and paint thinners and solvents should be held for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days conducted by the Health Department.

Avoid buying excess pesticides, herbicides, wood preservatives and photographic chemicals. Try to use them up. Save unwanted amounts for the HHW Collection Day.