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TO: Companies Transporting and Disposing of Solid Waste/Recycling  
Companies providing Dumpster Services within the Town of Sharon

On January 18, 2023, the Board of Health voted to amend Article 3 and to clarify the Health Departments regulations on Dumpsters.

On March 22, 2023, the Board of Health voted to establish a regulation for the Transport and Disposal of Solid Waste or Recyclables. As outlined in this regulation, the goal is to protect public health and the environment and ensure that all Permitted Haulers collecting Solid Waste and Recyclables in the Town of Sharon adhere to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Waste Bans and uniformly comply with waste hauling **and** permit requirements established by the Town of Sharon and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

On March 22, 2023, the Board of Health voted on Mandatory Recycling within the Town.

Permitted providers and haulers must come into compliance January 1, 2024

## Key Points of Dumpster Regulation

- All individuals, entities or businesses providing dumpster service in the Town of Sharon must have a valid permit issued by the Sharon Health Department
  - A dumpster is any receptacle of 75-gallon capacity or more which is used for the collection, storage or transportation of trash, rubbish, garbage, offal, scrap or other materials for discard, disposal or recycling. This includes Compactors, Containers, Dumpsters, Roll-offs, etc....
- Dumpster Permits run on a calendar year, January 1 through December 31
- Only one permit per individual, entity or business providing dumpster service is required.
- All dumpsters **must** have the name, address, and telephone number of the business/person providing the dumpster service conspicuously displayed on the dumpster.

## Key Points of Transport/Disposal of Solid Waste and Recycling Regulations

- ALL private haulers of Solid Waste and/or Recyclables must have a valid permit issued by the Sharon Health Department
- Hauler permits run on a calendar year, January 1 through December 31
- Upon renewal of permit, applicant **must** complete the Annual Solid Waste and Recyclables Reporting Form (Attached)
- Bundled Service to Commercial Customers/Generators for Solid Waste/Recyclables collection is required, unless:
  - The Customer can provide proof to the Permitted Hauler that separate Recycling services are provided by another Permitted Hauler **OR**
  - Via one of the methods listed on the Recycling Service Exemption Form (Attached)
  - The names and addresses of Solid Waste **only** Commercial Customers must be provided to the Sharon Health Department so the Town can follow up to ensure that those Customers are complying with the Waste Bans.
- Haulers shall provide information to the Health Department on how they intend to ensure Customers prevent Waste Ban materials from being disposed of with Solid Waste,
- Permitted Haulers must be in compliance with the following general permit requirements:
  - Name of the company on each vehicle operating in the Town of Sharon must be clearly displayed.
  - Each vehicle must meet all Department of Transportation safety requirements at all times.
  - All materials must be securely contained in the vehicle.
  - Recyclables shall not be commingled with Solid Waste
  - Permitted Haulers shall only collect for disposal of Solid Waste which is not banned from disposal.
    - It is the responsibility of the Permitted Hauler to educate the Customer about the Waste Bans and inform them that they will refuse to collect Solid Waste mixed with Waste Ban items that are visible to the driver/collector from any of their customers (there is no requirement to open bags). (Wasteban info attached)
- In the event the Permitted Hauler refuses to collect any materials, the Permitted Hauler will notify such Customers in writing of the reason(s) for refusal to collect Solid Waste or Recyclables.
  - Permitted Hauler will advise the Health Department about Customers who have received rejection notices. The Health Department will, where possible, assist the Permitted Hauler with enforcement of the Mandatory Recycling provision and/or Waste Ban requirement.

### Partnership between Permitted Haulers and Municipality

This regulation is designed to ensure that the Massachusetts Waste Bans are uniformly adhered to in the Town of Sharon and relies on a partnership between the Town and all Permitted Haulers to ensure the requirements of Mandatory Recycling and separation of Recyclables from the Solid Waste stream

are followed by all Residential Customers/Generators and Commercial Customers/Generators in the Town of Sharon.

The Town of Sharon will support Permitted Haulers by providing the following:

- (1) Educational information on the municipal website about the Mandatory Recycling requirement for all Residential Customers/Generators and Commercial Customers/Generators
- (2) Educational materials that Private Haulers can use with new and existing Customers, e.g., Waste Ban Fact Sheet; OOPS Tags to hang on rejected Solid Waste and Recyclables container.
- (3) Enforcement of the bylaw/ordinance and/or regulation for Residential Customers/Generators and Commercial Customers/Generators who do not comply with the Mandatory Recycling and separation requirements.

Permitted Haulers will support the Town of Sharon's goals by providing the following:

- (1) Instructions on proper management of Solid Waste and Recyclables to new Customers when service commences and to all Customers on an annual basis at a minimum.
- (2) Permitted Haulers shall not dispose of banned Recyclables that are properly prepared and set out for collection.
- (3) No Permitted Hauler shall knowingly collect for disposal Solid Waste that contains visible Waste Ban Materials. Any such Solid Waste must be left behind/rejected by the Permitted Hauler, who shall notify the Customer generating such Solid Waste of the reason for rejection, e.g., via sticker affixed to non-compliant set-out, including Town of Sharon contact information for follow-up regarding the Mandatory Recycling requirement.
- (4) The Permitted Hauler shall notify the appropriate Town of Sharon contact regarding any Customer whose Solid Waste is so rejected. If notified, the Town will follow up to enforce the Mandatory Recycling requirement.

Please note that this letter is only a summarization of the Dumpster and Hauler Regulations. Both regulations have been attached for you to fully review.

Sincerely,

Linda Callan  
Assistant Health Administrator

Attachments:

Regulations: [Townofsharon.net/health-department/pages/trash-and-recycling-commercial](http://Townofsharon.net/health-department/pages/trash-and-recycling-commercial).

Annual Reporting Form

Recycling Service Exemption

Guidance Brief: Haulers & Waste Ban Compliance

Fact Sheet, Your Business and the Waste Bans: What you need to know

Fact Sheet, What are Massachusetts Waste Bans

Sample Waste Ban Notification Letter