



Gilford Solid Waste Center

FAQs

What materials do you take at the Gilford Solid Waste Center (GSWC)?

- ✓ The following items can be brought to the GSWC free by residents:
Separated recyclables, household trash, brush, leaves, grass clippings, asphalt, concrete without rebar, appliances without refrigerant, bulky metals, propane tanks, logs
- ✓ <6" diameter and 6' length, and some universal waste products.
- ✓ The following items can be brought to the GSWC for a fee by residents:
Residential construction and demolition, tires, electronics, appliances with refrigerant, stumps, and concrete with rebar.

Does it cost money to dispose of my trash at the Gilford Solid Waste Center?

- ✓ No. Trash disposal by residents of Gilford is free.

Is Recycling mandatory and why?

- ✓ Yes recycling per the Town's rules is required by residents who want to utilize the Gilford Solid Waste Center for disposal of their household trash. This allows the Town to keep costs down by reducing the amount of municipal solid waste (household trash) that must be processed and disposed of versus all the recyclable material that can be reused and repurposed by vendor companies. Think of it as a win-win, you're helping reduce your footprint on the environment and saving costs thereby reducing the impact to taxes.

How will the Town get info about this new facility out to the public?

- ✓ Gilford DPW will be providing info and answers to your questions on numerous platforms; flyers, Town website, DPW Facebook page, local newspaper, message boards, in person, on the phone, and on the local TV station.

I don't know how to recycle correctly? Will I be charged a fee if I make a mistake?

- ✓ NO. There are no fees associated with recycle violations.
- ✓ DPW understands this is a new facility with new rules and processes and that it will take time to educate the public. DPW staff is here to help. All residents are encouraged to pick up flyers on how to properly recycle. Flyers are located at Town Hall, DPW, Library and GSWC or can be found on the new website at www.gilfordnh.org/recycleright. Residents can also email/call DPW with any questions at recycle@gilfordnh.org or 293-0220.
- ✓ Please note, if a resident refuses to cooperate with GSWC staff or continues to have violations after repeated public education, than usage of the GSWC may be revoked.

Do I need coupons to go to the Gilford Solid Waste Center (GSWC)?

- ✓ No, coupons are not needed nor do you need to come to the Department of Public Works for any paperwork in advance of your visit. All transactions and payments can be handled at the Gilford Solid Waste Center on the day of your visit. Residents will need town vehicle stick or proof of residency if using someone else's vehicle.

Can commercial businesses bring materials to the Gilford Solid Waste Center (GSWC)?

- ✓ Commercial businesses can ONLY bring items that do not cost the Town money to process or are able to be reused by the Town on construction projects, such as brush, leaves, grass clippings, asphalt and concrete without rebar. All other materials can be handled at the Laconia Transfer Station or by another private company.

Can a contractor/company doing work at my house use the Gilford Solid Waste Center for any construction demo resulting from our project?

- ✓ No the Gilford Solid Waste Center is only for residential use unless it is a material listed above in the previous question such as brush, leaves, grass clippings, asphalt and concrete without rebar.

What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and how do I get rid of it?

- ✓ Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) consists of unwanted homeowner products that have the same qualities as a hazardous waste such as paint (solvent based), cleaners, pesticides, lubricants, drain cleaners and fertilizers.
- ✓ HHW should not go in your municipal solid waste (trash). It must be handled separately.
- ✓ The Lakes Region Planning Commission holds two events in the summer, typically the last Saturday in July (in Gilford) and first Saturday in August (in Laconia) where you can dispose of your HHW for free.
- ✓ The Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility accepts HHW for a fee and is open 8:30-12:00 from May – October. They are located at 404 Beach Pond Road in Wolfboro, NH and their phone number is 603-569-5826.
- ✓ The Town of Goffstown, NH runs a year round HHW program at their Transfer Station where you can dispose of your HHW for a fee. Call (603) 497-4824, Tues – Sat 7:30-3:00, to make an appointment.

Remember:

1. **Educate yourself on the new rules.** *Print flyers for your fridge.*
2. **“When in doubt, throw it out.”** *Wishful recycling often leads to contaminated recycling, which effects the entire load of baled material and impacts costs of moving these products.*
3. **Ask us questions – we are here to help!** *Call, email or stop in to see us and use the new facility after 1/2/2020.*

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OPEN Tues – Saturday, 8am – 3:45pm

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