

**RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE
FOR THE
TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN**

1. **TITLE AND PURPOSE:** This ordinance shall be known as the Recycling & Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance for the Town of North Haven. This ordinance has several purposes: to preserve and protect environmental resources, to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, to enhance the quality and character of life in the Town, to improve efforts to recover and reuse valuable resources currently being wasted and to the greatest extent practicable, to charge user fees to cover the cost of the operation of the Transfer Station.
2. **SCOPE:** This ordinance applies to all domestic, commercial, and industrial producers of solid waste in the Town of North Haven.
3. **AUTHORITY:** This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the Home Rule powers granted in the Maine Constitution, 30-A M.R.S.A. §3001 *et seq.*, and 38 M.R.S.A. §1301 *et seq.*
4. **DEFINITIONS:** The definitions set forth in 38 M.R.S.A. §1303 shall apply to this ordinance and are incorporated herein. any word not otherwise defined shall have its ordinary meaning.
5. **RECYCLING REQUIREMENT:** All solid waste brought to the Transfer Station shall have the following items separated out in a readily manageable form when delivered to the Transfer Station:
 - a. Newspapers
 - b. Tires
 - c. Paper
 - d. Glass (non-returnable)
 - e. Metal cans (non-returnable)
 - f. Returnable Bottles & Cans
 - g. Cardboard
 - h. #2 HDPE plastic
 - i. Burnable Wood and Brush
 - j. Demolition Materials
6. **HOUSEHOLD WASTE:** All other materials, not otherwise deemed “Universal Waste” or “Hazardous” shall be disposed off in bags not exceeding 30 gallons in size.
7. **DEMOLITION MATERIALS:** The Municipal Officials shall be empowered from time to time to issue regulations on the quantity of demolition materials which may be disposed of in the demolition dumpster. The demolition dumpster is provided as a common good. The Municipal Officers may decide on a case by

case basis that a homeowner or contractor will be required to hire their own demolition dumpster.

The Municipal Officers or their agents shall determine how materials disposed of in the dumpster shall be bundled or separated so as to make the most efficient use of the dumpster. Materials which may be burned or recycled may not be disposed of in the Demolition Dumpster.

- 8. DUMPING OR DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE OR DEMOLITION MATERIALS IN LOCATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE DESIGNATED BY THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:** All solid waste shall be disposed of at the Transfer Station and Recycling Facility, except for solid waste disposed of in containers or dumpsters provided for that purpose by private contractors.

The burial or disposal of demolition debris on private or public property is expressly prohibited and is subject to a fine of \$10,000.

- 9. DUMPING OR DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE:** All solid household waste shall be disposed of at the Transfer Station and Recycling Facility unless transported off the island by private individuals or contractors.

The burial or disposal of Household Waste on private or public property is expressly prohibited and subject to a fine of \$10,000.

Littering the roadside of the Town of North Haven is expressly prohibited and subject to a fine of no less than \$100 and up to \$1,000.

- 10. TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING FACILITY:** The Town shall provide a facility for the collection and storage of recyclable materials and solid waste, located at a place or places to be designated by the Municipal Officers.

- 11. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT:** The Municipal Officers or their duly-appointed agents shall administer and enforce this ordinance. The Municipal Officers shall adopt written regulations governing operation of the recycling facility and transfer station, including hours, fees, inspection of materials, and other matters pertaining to the operation of the facility.

The Municipal Officers further have the authority to negotiate and contract with any person, corporation, agency, partnership, or other entity for the disposal of recyclable materials. The Municipal Officers may appoint one or more persons to assist them in determining how to best dispose of recyclable material or solid waste.