Don’t Trash That!
In the North Country of New Hampshire

Some things should not go in your trash because they are a **safety hazard** to workers and others at the transfer station. **Please do not put these in the trash:**

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<td>These materials can create a safety hazard for workers at the transfer station.</td>
<td>Store carefully at home and bring to a HHW event; visit: <a href="http://www.des.nh.gov">www.des.nh.gov</a>, click on “A-Z List”, choose “H” and click on “Household Hazardous Waste”</td>
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<td>AMMUNITION, FLARES, FIREWORKS</td>
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<td>Contact your local police or fire department and follow their instructions</td>
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<td>METAL OBJECTS</td>
<td>Propane tanks of all sizes, even when empty present a safety hazard. The transfer station generates income from selling scrap metal in bulk for recycling</td>
<td>Ask the transfer station attendant where to put propane tanks. Put metal objects in the designated scrap metal collection area. Put metal food &amp; drink cans in their regular recycling bins</td>
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<td>LIQUIDS</td>
<td>Liquids make a mess at the transfer station; attract bees, rats, and other pests; and cause odors.</td>
<td>If the liquid is from food/beverage, simply empty containers before disposal. If the liquid is from chemicals, pesticides, used oil, paint, or other HHW — don’t empty! Follow the HHW instructions above</td>
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Some things should not go in the trash because there are better things to do with them. **Please do not put these in the trash:**

### RECYCLABLES
Including: paper, some plastics, and containers made of aluminum, steel, and glass

**Why Not?**
- Towns pay for disposal by weight — any needless disposal costs your town money
- Some towns have ordinances that require recycling (see below)

**Instead:**
- Bring to the recycling center

### FOOD WASTE

**Why Not?**
- Food waste is nutrient rich and can be composted to make a natural fertilizer for farms and gardens
- Food waste is heavy so it is expensive to dispose of

**Instead:**
- Consider backyard composting at home
- Investigate if there is a farm or other organization that collects food waste in your area
- Some transfer stations collect food waste - ask the attendant

### RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS
Although New Hampshire does not have any state-wide recycling laws, many municipalities have adopted recycling ordinances, including the following communities that are part of the North Country Council (NCC): Berlin, Colebrook, Conway, Franconia, Gorham, Jefferson, Lancaster, Littleton, Northumberland, Pittsburg, and Plymouth.

**Before discarding something — consider whether someone else you know can use it. For example, your local school may be able to use your leftover paint to make sets for their next play.**

### DISPOSAL BANS
New Hampshire bans the following materials from solid waste disposal. These items should be managed as universal waste (UW), recycled (R), or composted (C).

- Wet-cell batteries (UW)
- Electronics (R)
- Leaf and yard waste (C)
- Mercury-added products (e.g., thermostats, fluorescent lamps, and mercury thermometers) (UW)

In addition, construction and demolition (C&D) wastes are banned from disposal in incinerators, but can go to landfills.

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**This handout is focused on Don’t Trash That, or what not to put in your trash. It is one in a series developed for rural transfer stations to improve safety and promote waste reduction. For additional documents visit:**
[www.newmoa.org/solidwaste/projects/transferstations/publications.cfm](http://www.newmoa.org/solidwaste/projects/transferstations/publications.cfm)

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