

Garbage, Refuse and Recycling Regulations

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Section 414 of the Municipalities Act, Chapter M-24, SN 1999 and in accordance with the Waste Materials (Disposal) Act, 1973, the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor has made the following Garbage and Refuse Regulations.

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor Garbage, Refuse and Recycling Regulations.
2. Interpretations: In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires;-
 - (a) "Act" means the Municipal Act, 1999.
 - (b) "Town" means the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor as defined by Order-in-Council, dated the first of January 1991.
 - (c) "Council" means the Town Council of the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland and Labrador.
 - (d) "Sanitary Inspector" means any person appointed as such by Council.
 - (e) "Garbage" means all kitchen and table waste of animal or vegetable origin resulting from the preparation of food.
 - (f) "Garden Waste" means the waste materials from garden consisting of grass clippings, leaves, dead branches, bushes, weeds, plants, stones and other small materials.
 - (g) "Bulk Items" means heavy or bulky items such as stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers, furnaces, boilers, bed springs, furniture and similar items.
 - (h) "Nuisance" means anything or any conditions of things which is or may become injurious or dangerous or presents an obstruction to pedestrians or vehicular traffic or anything or any condition of things, that in the opinion of Council has an unpleasant effect on the senses or adversely affects the amenities of the surrounding property.
 - (i) "Garbage, Refuse and Recycling Bins" means storage facilities for the purpose of storing garbage / recycling containers during periods between collection.

- (j) "Garbage, Refuse and Recycling Container" means:
 - (1) Clear or blue transparent polyethylene plastic bag of 1 1/2 mil (1.5 gauge) thickness fastened at the top and minimum size of 66 cm x 82.5 cm (26" x 32.5") and not weigh more than 22kgs (50 pounds).
 - (2) a securely tied compact parcel of, cardboard not exceeding 1m x 0.6m x 0.6m in dimension and 22kgs (50 pounds) in weight.
- (k) "Refuse" means all other miscellaneous waste materials not specifically defined as garbage or recyclables.
- (l) "Construction Waste" means any used building materials, packaging or debris discarded during construction, demolition or after alterations or renovations.
- (m) "Recyclables" means all waste that can be processed through the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) and as listed by Central Newfoundland Waste Management Authority as recyclable.

3. Days and Times of Collection

- (1) Collection of garbage, refuse and recyclables shall be at least once every seven (7) days commencing at 8:30 A.M., except on some public or statutory holidays. On collection days that are the same as the public holidays listed below, garbage, refuse and recyclables collection shall be made on the next following working day, unless advertised on the Town website. Public and statutory holidays observed by the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor are as follows:
 - 1. New Year's Day
 - 2. Good Friday
 - 3. Queen's Birthday
 - 4. Memorial Day
 - 5. Grand Falls-Windsor Day
 - 6. Labour Day
 - 7. Remembrance Day
 - 8. Christmas Day
 - 9. Boxing Day
- (2) Collection of bulk items shall be by special collection only at such times and upon such terms and conditions as the Sanitary Inspector may determine having due regard to the availability of manpower and equipment and to the requirements of regularly scheduled collections.
- (3) All garbage, refuse and recyclables being placed for collection shall not be so placed earlier than 10:00 p.m. on the evening before the day designated for collection in the area.

- (4) All materials refused for collection and/or containers must be removed from the streets by the householder before 11:59 p.m., on the same day as the garbage, recyclables were placed for collection.
- (5) All garbage and refuse placed for collection must be placed in a clear transparent bag. Two small non-transparent privacy bags for sensitive materials are permitted in each clear bag.
- (6) All recyclables placed for collection must be in a blue transparent bag. All items placed for recycling must be empty, rinsed or wiped clean.
- (7) Portable garbage, refuse and recycling bins are permitted provided garbage, refuse and recyclables are in proper containers.
- (8) Permanent rigid garbage, refuse and recycling bins are not permitted in front of the residential building line.
- (9) Material placed out for collection must be placed within 2M (6 feet) of the edge of asphalt.

4. Restrictions

- (1) Garbage, refuse and recyclables shall not be put out for collection except on the day designated for collection in the area.
- (2) No person or persons shall permit any animal owned by him or under his control to pick over, interfere, disturb, remove or scatter any materials placed out for collection.
- (3) No Person is permitted to pick over, interfere, disturb, remove or scatter any materials placed out for collection.
- (4) The resident is responsible for the protection of all garbage refuse, and recyclables from the time it is placed at the curb until it is picked up by the Town Staff. All garbage, refuse and recyclables placed at the curb for pickup will have to be placed in suitable rigid garbage or recyclable containers or covered with appropriate materials such as netting, blankets, tarpaulins, etc. These covers must be highly visible and weighted so they remain in place. Covers must also be removed from the curb no later than 11:59p.m. of collection day. Covering of garbage or recyclables will be mandatory and residents that do not will be issued a ticket, under the Towns Municipal Enforcement By-laws. The resident will also be responsible for any and all cleanup.
- (5) No household hazardous waste shall be deposited or placed in a polyethylene garbage or recyclable bag for collection.
- (6) No person, firm or corporation shall deposit, throw, sweep or place any garbage, refuse or recyclables upon any street, lane, drive, public place or private property outside buildings within the Town unless the same is enclosed in a proper container in such a manner as to in no way constitute a nuisance or annoyance to others.

- (7) No caustic substance such as bleach, etc., is to be used on garbage or recyclables containers.

5. Storage and Disposal

Every owner or operator of a building containing four (4) or more apartment units, shall be responsible for removal of garbage, refuse and recyclables from their premises on a weekly basis to an approved Waste Disposal Facility.

Every householder and every operator of a business establishment, shall at their own expense, make adequate arrangements for:

- (1) The storage of garbage, refuse and recyclable bins that are impervious to animals.
- (2) Every owner or operator of a business shall be responsible for the removal of garbage, refuse and recyclables from their premises on a weekly basis to an approved waste disposal facility.
- (3) Construction waste, garbage, refuse or recyclables left by any builder or contractor, or owner upon any street, lane, drive, public or private property outside of a building or buildings within the Town as a result of the construction, demolition, alteration or repair of such building or buildings, shall be removed from the site by the builder, contractor or owner, as promptly as possible and dispose of in accordance with Central Waste Management Guidelines.
- (4) No householder or owner of a residential property shall store garbage, refuse or recyclables in a bin or container other than as specified in the Regulations and the container or bin must be located at the rear of the residential building between collection periods.
- (5) Burning, burying or disposal of construction waste from the result of any construction, demolition, alteration, or renovation is not permitted other than those approved in accordance with Central Waste Management guidelines.

6. Suitable Bins

- (1) Bins which are used for storage between collection events shall be maintained in a good state of repair and in a sanitary condition.

7. Disposal of Paper

All paper, newspaper, magazines, cardboard or cartons, shall;

- (a) be flattened out and securely tied with strong twine or rope in convenient bundles.
- (b) weigh not more than 22kgs (50 lbs.).

8. Place for Containers

Garbage, refuse and recyclable containers and proper bundles shall be placed for collection in front of the premises at the curb or street line.

9. Materials not Collected

The Town shall not collect the following waste at curbside.

(1) Household hazardous waste

- Household hazardous waste (HHW) is accepted at the Central Regional Waste Management site in Norris Arm during regular hours of operation.

(2) Highly combustible materials such as oil, gasoline, soaked rags, gas containers, ammunition, chemicals, acids or their residue derivative.

- Most of these items are considered household hazardous waste.

(3) Grass and leaves

- Grass and leaves are accepted at the Recreation Depot compost facility on Scott Avenue at any time.

(4) Garbage, refuse or recyclables which has been placed for collection in a manner contrary to these regulations.

(5) Tree Branches and roots

- Tree branches and roots can be dropped can be dropped at the Drop Off facility on Whitmore Street at any time.

(6) Sheet metal, iron, scrap steel, etc.

- Street metal, iron, scrap steel is accepted at the Drop Off Facility on Whitmore Street on scheduled Saturday Drop Off dates.

(7) Carcass of any animal or animal waste.

(8) Garbage, refuse, or recyclables left by any builder, contractor or owner on any street, lane public or private property.

(9) Ashes

- Ashes can be dropped off at the Drop Off Facility on Whitmore Street at any time. Please ensure ashes are sufficiently cold.

(10) Paint

- Household paint products and containers, paint aerosols of all types, which includes automotive, craft, and industrial products are accepted at the Central regional Waste Management facility in Norris Arm during regular hours of operation.
- Empty paint cans with covers removed are acceptable with regular garbage in the clear transparent bag.

(11) Used tires

- Highway passenger, light truck and motorcycle tires, commercial truck tires used on heavy truck, busses and large recreation vehicles are accepted at the Regional Waste Management facility in Norris Arm during regular hours of operation.

(12) Electronic Waste

- Electronic waste including, display devices (such as televisions and monitors), desktop printers, computers and peripherals (such as keyboards), home theater in a box system, non-cellular telephones as well as audio and video systems are accepted at the Regional Waste Management facility in Norris Arm during regular hours of operation.

(13) Concrete, bricks, rocks and gravel

- Concrete, bricks, rocks and gravel can be dropped off at the Whitmore Street facility at any time.

(14) Construction Waste

- Construction waste is accepted at the Drop Off Facility on Whitmore Street on scheduled Saturday Drop Off dates.

10. Vehicles Carrying Garbage, Refuse and Recyclables

- (1) No person, firm or corporation shall transport garbage, refuse or recyclables of any kind on any street within the Town, unless such garbage, refuse or recyclables are transported in an enclosed truck or container or is otherwise secured so that it shall not fall from the vehicle or other means of transportation unto the street.
- (2) All vehicles and containers used for the transportation of garbage, refuse, recyclables or swill, shall be kept in a sanitary condition at all times.
- (3) The Sanitary Inspector may inspect vehicles used for garbage, refuse and recyclables collection at all reasonable times to ensure compliance with these regulations.

11. (a) Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations, the Sanitary Inspector may at any time, order the owner to clean up and remove any accumulation of garbage, refuse or recyclables outside any building or buildings or on any other private property within the Town; and

(b) If the owner neglects or refuses when ordered by the Sanitary Inspector to clean up and remove any accumulation of garbage, refuse or recyclables from his premises, the Sanitary Inspector may cause the clean up and removal of such accumulation at the expense of the owner.
12. The Sanitary Inspector shall make periodic inspections of properties within the town for the purpose of enforcing these regulations.
13. Pursuant to Section 420 of the Act, any person who is guilty of an offence against these Regulations or who acts in contravention of or fails to comply with any provision thereof, or neglects or refuse to do so, shall be liable on summary conviction;

(a) for a first offence to a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 or to a term of imprisonment of not more than one month or both the fine and imprisonment;

(b) for a subsequent offence to a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 or to a term of imprisonment of not more than 3 months or both the fine and imprisonment.
14. These Regulations shall come into effect on the 28th day of April 2015 A.D., and may be cited as the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor (Garbage and Refuse) Regulations, 2015.

Jeff Saunders
Town Manager/Clerk

Amendments Approved by Council at meeting #477
on April 18th, 2017.