

**Charlestown Residential Collection Center  
Sand Hill Road, Charlestown, Rhode Island 364-1220**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS  
Revised FEB 2019**

The purpose of these rules and regulations is to provide for the orderly disposal of solid waste and recyclables at the Charlestown Residential Collection Center (CRCC). Use of the collection center is a privilege, which may be revoked for failure to observe any or all rules and regulations. The collection center is open for the deposit of solid waste and recyclables on **Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and at no other time**. The CRCC is closed Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and holidays.

**ANNUAL STICKERS ARE AVAILABLE AT A COST OF \$20.00 PER STICKER. IF YOU SELL YOUR VEHICLE OR DAMAGE THE BUMPER, THE STICKER WILL BE REPLACED IF YOU BRING PIECES OF THE STICKER IN. YOU MUST BRING PIECES OF THE STICKER BACK. THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN BAG TAGS.**

**USE OF CRCC**

Use of the CRCC is restricted to vehicles bearing a Vehicle Identification Sticker. Such ID stickers may only be obtained at the Charlestown Town Hall and will be provided at a fee set by the Town Council. Resident Identification Stickers shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. If a vehicle is being borrowed to move large loads, the vehicle **must have an Identification Sticker. \* Temporary Use Pass for a \$10.00 (ten) dollar cost, good for two continuous weeks (14 consecutive days of the applicant's choice, marked on the pass at the time of issuance) is available upon request.** If an out of Town contractor is used for yard clean up, remodeling, construction, etc. said vehicle **will not be allowed** to enter the CRCC. All vehicles shall be limited to a load capacity not exceeding one (1) ton.

**SOLID WASTE:** Solid waste may be disposed of by residents only, contained in plastic bags, each having a capacity of 39 gallons or 35 pounds and bearing a self adhesive "bag tag" issued by the Town or its authorized agents. An authorized agent may be a business, library, or other establishment located in the Town of Charlestown and willing to sell such stickers as a public service and on a not-for-profit basis. Solid waste identification stickers shall expire 30 days following a fee change, but may be traded in for new stickers at the original value. **The cost of bag tags is \$15.00 per sheet of 5 for Fiscal Year 2020/21. The bag-tags must be whole and must be firmly attached to each bag. Overweight bags will be charged one additional bag-tag. The Town Council may change the fees and cost of bag-tags.**

**WASTESTREAM REGULATIONS:** No person shall deposit any waste in the CRCC except when it is open for that purpose. The Town Council shall set days and hours of operation. No person shall dump or attempt to dump any waste material at any other site within the town or place any solid waste collected or gathered from any place outside the Town in or on the CRCC. No person shall mix or commingle waste collected from outside the town with that collected in town.

Solid waste materials mixed with recyclables will not be accepted at the CRCC.

No offal or human excreta shall be left or deposited in the CRCC

Stumps and boulders from land clearing operations shall not be left or deposited in the CRCC, the only exception being stumps and boulders from road maintenance or improvement work of the Charlestown Public Works Department.

**ALL PAYMENTS SHALL BE IN THE FORM OF A CHECK PAYABLE TO "CRCC"**

Yard waste will be accepted at the designated compost area only. Brush will be accepted at the CRCC (Not to exceed 4 feet in length and 12 inches in diameter). The cost is \$0.08 per pound, \$8.00 minimum. \*\*

No materials, which are identified as hazardous materials by the Rhode Island Waste Management Act, shall be left or deposited in the CRCC.

No parts of automobiles or junk automobiles shall be left or deposited in the CRCC.

A maximum of TWENTY (20) gallons of waste crankcase oil per year will be accepted from residents only at the CRCC. Private businesses, including garages and dealerships shall make their own provisions for storage and removal of crankcase oil.

Four (4) small empty (gas grill) propane tanks per year, per residential sticker will be accepted at the CRCC at a rate which reflects the Town's cost for disposal (\$3.00 per tank) set by the Town Council. \*\*

Four (4) light truck tires per year per residential sticker will be accepted at the CRCC at a rate, which reflects the Town's cost for disposal (\$5.00 per tire). The Town Council shall set this rate.

White goods/bulky waste will be accepted at the CRCC at a rate which reflects the Town's costs for disposal. The Town Council shall set this rate. \*\* White goods containing CFC's will be accepted at \$25.00 per unit. All other bulky waste shall be weighed and charged \$0.12 per pound, \$12.00 minimum. Mattresses and box springs will be accepted for free through the Mattress Recycling Council, as long as they remain in recyclable condition. If mattresses or box springs are unacceptable for recycling, the fee will be \$70 per item.

**SHREDDED PAPER IS NO LONGER CONSIDERED RECYCLABLE. SHREDDED PAPER NOW GOES IN WITH REGULAR TRASH.**

Construction waste shall be accepted at the CRCC at a rate which reflects the Town's costs for disposal. The cost shall be \$0.12 per pound, \$12.00 minimum for Fiscal Year 2018-19.\*\* The Town Council shall set this rate.

**\*\* PAYABLE AT THE CRCC WITH A CHECK**

**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE ASK ATTENDANTS**

**IF NOT SURE ABOUT A CHARGE, PLEASE BRING A CHECK**

## **RECYCLING**

Mandatory recycling. A mandatory recycling program is hereby implemented in the Town of Charlestown pursuant to Chapters 23-18.8, 23-18.9 and 23-19 of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Municipal Recycling Regulations, as amended. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**MIXED RECYCLABLES** – Those materials required to be removed from municipal solid waste at the source and delivered directly to the town recycling facility or placed in or on top of the setout container provided by the Solid Waste Management Corporation for collection by a privately contracted hauler.

**MIXED STREAM RECYCLABLES** – Aluminum; steel/tin cans; aluminum foil and scrap (e.g., pie plates); metal lids; EMPTY aerosol cans; glass bottles and jars; plastic jugs; paper milk cartons and juice boxes; NO AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS (Added 8-13-1996 by Ord. No. 205).

**PAPER STREAM RECYCLABLES** – Mail, magazines and catalogs; writing paper; corrugated cardboard; paperboard (e.g., cereal boxes); newspaper; brown paper bags; telephone directories are recyclable (Added 8-13-1996 by Ord. No. 205). NO sanitary items (Kleenex, used paper towels), OR used paper plates OR cups accepted. Clothing Bin is available for all clean, usable clothing and shoes only, shoes must be paired.

**RECYCLABLE MATERIALS** – Those separated from municipal solid waste for processing for reuse as specified by the Director of the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) and listed in Section 4 of the Municipal Recycling Regulations and within this ordinance. The materials to be included may change from time to time depending upon new technologies, economic conditions, waste stream characteristics, environmental efforts or mutual agreement between the state and municipalities. Should the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management determine any items to be non-recyclable or define recyclable materials during the term of contract, the municipality and RISWMC will delete or add those items. (Added 8-13-1996 by Ord. No. 205).

**RESIDENT** – Anyone residing in the Town of Charlestown *for any period of time* that generates solid waste for which the town accepts disposal responsibility.

**SCRAP METAL** - GOES INTO A SEPARATE CONTAINER

**WOOD**- GOES INTO CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION BIN

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## **NO HAZARDOUS MATERIAL ACCEPTED**

**SOURCE SEPARATION** – The removal by the generator of recyclable materials, including mixed recyclables, from all other solid waste generated by the household and conveyance of the recyclable materials to the town recycling facility or to the curbside for collection by a private hauler.

All residents are required to separate recyclable materials from residential solid waste and to deliver those materials directly to the town recycling facility or to have them delivered to the Town or state recycling facility by a private hauler. This ordinance does not, however, bar any resident from giving recycling materials to a nonprofit organization.

The following materials, as defined above are required to be separated from residential solid waste and delivered in a condition, as defined to a town or state recycling facility: paper stream recyclables; mixed stream

recyclables; other materials determined by the DEM to be recyclable in its Municipal Recycling Regulations, Section 4-1.

The Director of Public Works with the approval of the Town Administrator may make, publish, and enforce such rules and regulations as are consistent with and necessary to accomplish the purpose and intent of Chapter 181, Charlestown Residential Collection Center of the Charlestown Code of Ordinances. The Town Council, by resolution, shall establish or amend a fee schedule for disposal of material at the CRCC.

Any violation by the person or any of his agents or servants may result in a hearing before the Town Council at which the Town Council may revoke said sticker or license after a hearing affording due process.

## **NO COMMERCIAL HAULERS ALLOWED**

All qualified persons engaged in the business of collecting and hauling refuse and operating transfer stations for refuse generated within the boundaries of the Town of Charlestown (shall be licensed by the Town of Charlestown) pursuant to Section 23-18.9-1(b)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws.

## **DEFINITIONS:**

**CONSTRUCTION WASTE** shall mean waste building material and refuse resulting from construction, remodeling and repair operations on buildings located within the Town of Charlestown.

**CRCC** shall mean Charlestown Residential Collection Center.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE** shall mean any waste as defined in the Rhode Island Hazardous Waste Management Act or in regulations adopted pursuant thereto, as they may be amended. Hazardous waste is waste, which would pose a hazard to human health and the environment if improperly managed.

**HUMAN EXCRETA** shall mean waste matter, urine or feces excreted from the body.

**LICENSE** shall mean proof of permission as in the form of a document.

**OFFAL** shall mean waste parts or leavings, especially of a butchered animal.

**PERSON** shall mean any individual, firm, institution, partnership, association or corporation, public or private, organized or existing under the laws of the state or other states including federal corporations.

**RECYCLABLES** shall mean any items, commonly regarded as wastes, which are designated by this regulation or by the Town Council to be presorted for separate handling.

**RESIDENT** shall mean a person who is the owner or lessee of a legal, permanent dwelling unit located in the Town of Charlestown.

**SOLID WASTE** shall mean garbage, refuse and other discarded solid materials generated by residential sources within the Town of Charlestown but not including recyclable materials, hazardous waste as defined by regulations or law, or material derived from sewage or seepage.

**VEHICLE** shall mean a residentially owned vehicle with a carrying or load capacity not exceeding one ton, except for vehicles necessary for the operation and supervision of the CRCC.

**WASTE OIL** shall mean crankcase oil that has been utilized in internal combustion engines.

**WHITE GOODS** shall mean major kitchen or laundry appliances including but not limited to stoves, washers, dryers and refrigerators. Nothing in this definition shall waive compliance with the rules and regulations for the generation, transportation, storage and disposal of hazardous waste.

## **NEW RULES**

### **GUIDELINES FOR MIXED RIGID PLASTIC**

#### **ACCEPTABLE**

Plastic drums, totes & empty garbage cans- all sizes  
Plastic milk crates, laundry baskets, lawn furniture, pet carriers (without metal)  
Plastic toys & playhouses (with no metal)  
Plastic pallets, shelving

#### **NON ACCEPTABLE COMPONENTS**

##### **NOTHING WITH METAL ACCEPTED**

**NO PLANT POTS, TRAYS, ETC**

**NO KITTY LITTER BUCKETS**

**NOTHING WITH ANY METAL**

**NO PLASTIC THAT SHATTERS OR TEARS**

**NO WATER COOLER JUGS**

**NO PLASTIC HOSES**

**NO PLASTIC BUILDING MATERIALS**

**NO COAT HANGERS**

NO Glass, Metal, Wood, Paper, Clothes, Styrofoam or fabric  
NO Poly-coated paper (Orange juice and milk cartons)  
NO PVC Pipe/Tubing, Vinyl Siding  
NO Plastic Film (Grocery bags & Stretch film)  
NO Flexible Water Hose, Hazardous material, Medical waste  
NO Narrow-neck liquid containers – used small-mouth container  
NO Small plastic containers (yogurt cups, PET/HDPE bottles, etc.)

## **E-WASTE AUTHORIZED WASTES**

Computers: personal computers, mainframes, mid-range computers, laptops

Networking Equipment: Hubs, switches, control cards, etc

Computer monitors, televisions, printers, keyboards, mice, adaptors, stereos, speakers, VCR's, scanners, fax machines, copiers, telephones and telephone systems, computer wire and cable, computer drives and storage devices (floppy drives, CD ROMs, hard drives, tape drives, etc.), power supplies, circuit boards, scrap aluminum (machines and machine parts, cable extrusions, cast, etc.), scrap copper (cable, pipe, etc.), UPS (uninterrupted power surge), batteries, laptop batteries, and related computer and electronic equipment

**ELECTRONIC WASTE IS NO LONGER ACCEPTED AT THE CHARLESTOWN  
RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION CENTER. PLEASE FIND ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION REGARDING E-WASTE ON THE RIRRC WEBSITE AT**

[www.rirrc.org/ewaste](http://www.rirrc.org/ewaste)



# mixed recycling



paper, cardboard (flattened) and cartons only



metal cans, lids and foil only



glass bottles and jars only



plastic containers only

empty at a minimum, rinsed whenever possible

NOT FOR USE AS A LABEL: These items' official recycling symbols have been copyright and trademarked either by Recycle America Network, Public and Private entities, or other non-Recycle America Network entities.

## These items do not belong in your recycling bin or cart



no plastic bags, bags of bags, or recycling inside of bags



no more than a trace of food or beverage residue



no fiber that isn't paper, cardboard or cartons (e.g. textiles or wood)



no paper shreds, napkins, tissues, or paper towels



no metal that isn't a can, lid, or foil (e.g. pans)



no glass that isn't a bottle or jar (e.g. drinking glasses)



no plastic that isn't a container (e.g. hangers)



no foam containers



no containers from flammable materials or oily chemicals

## Put these items in the trash as well, and your recycling will be SUPERB!



### NO wet-strength paper or cardboard:

- fridge or freezer boxes (e.g. six-pack carriers, frozen pizza boxes)
- paper cups (e.g. coffee, soup)
- powdered detergent boxes
- kitty litter boxes
- parchment or wax paper

### NO sticker, contact, photo or carbon paper

### NO rigid cardboard tubes (i.e. those you can't flatten)

### NO paper pieces smaller than a 3" x 5" index card

### NO coated foil (e.g. yogurt lids, juice pouches, candy wrappers)

### NO plastic containers ≤ 2" in diameter and height, or ≥ 5 gallons

### NO plastic containers that crinkle or tear (e.g. seedling trays)

### NO plastic containers that shatter or splinter (e.g. CD cases)

### NO plastic containers labeled "compostable" or "biodegradable"

### NO items made of equal amounts of different materials

## Follow these tips and your recycling will be SUPERB!



YES, keep recycling covered to protect from rain/snow

YES, keep recycling loose in bins/carts (i.e. not inside of bags)

YES, flatten boxes and cut down pieces to ≤ 3' x 5' x 1'

YES, keep paper flat (i.e. don't bunch up into balls)

YES, keep paper sheets intact (i.e. don't rip up into tiny pieces)

YES, rinse containers whenever possible

YES, scrape out as much peanut butter as you can

YES, store containers like detergent upside down to empty fully

YES, snip tail end off plastic tube containers to empty fully

YES, put plastic caps back on plastic containers before recycling

YES, take metal tops off of glass first, then recycle separately

YES, keep containers shapely (i.e. don't crush flat)

YES, bunch up clean aluminum foil to give it shape

YES, keep broken glass out of recycling that's emptied by hand



Containers for mixed recycling in Rhode Island vary in color and size. If you're unsure of which container to use, ask your city or town's Department of Public Works, property owner, or property manager.

Follow these guidelines and you'll be a SUPER recycler! Too much information? Download our basic guidelines at [RecycleTogetherRI.org](http://RecycleTogetherRI.org).

For information on recycling, composting, or disposal of other items, visit [RIRRC.org](http://RIRRC.org).

## **Directions to the Charlestown Residential Collection Center**

### **From Route 1 North:**

Take turn around to Route 1 South (just past Dunkin Donuts) and take first exit onto Narrow Lane.

Follow Narrow Lane for approximately one mile.

Take right onto Old Coach Road and continue on this road for approximately two miles.

Take right onto Sand Hill Road, CRCC is located at the end of this road adjacent to the Animal Shelter.

### **From Charlestown Town Hall:**

Take left out of Town Hall exit onto Route 2.

Follow Route 2 South for approximately one mile.

Take left onto Narrow Lane.

Follow Narrow Lane for approximately 1 ½ miles.

Take left onto Old Coach Road and continue on this road for approximately two miles.

Take right onto Sand Hill Road, CRCC is located at the end of this road adjacent to the Animal Shelter.