

# MANDATORY SOURCE SEPARATION ORDINANCE

## TOWN OF SEBEC

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WHEREAS the Sebec landfill is not in compliance with State regulations and must be closed permanently as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS after the current Sebec landfill closes the Town plans to operate a transfer/recycling center which will require that separation of some goods take place; and

WHEREAS recycling is a wise and prudent solid waste management technique that saves tipping fees. Saves energy, reduces pollution and environmental degradation, keeps usable manufacturing material in economy, and signifies a developing sense of waste awareness; therefore, the Town of Sebec wishes to encourage recycling to the maximum extent possible;

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Town Selectmen, the following regulations for the placement and/or recycling of certain waste generated in Sebec:

- 1.) All rules for maintaining and operating the transfer station may be found in the Transfer Station Operating Manual.
- 2.) All rules for the adjacent recycling center may be set forth in this ordinance.

### ARTICLE I. APPLICABILITY

This ordinance applies to all waste generators in the towns of Sebec, Bowerbank, and Barnard found in the State of Maine. It applies to household waste generators, commercial trash removal operators, and any business and industry.

### ARTICLE II. SEPARATION

The following commodities must be delivered to the Sebec Transfer Station in separated form as follows:

- A.) Glass. All glass, beverage glass, bottles, jars, or other forms shall be separated and delivered to the Transfer Station and shall be deposited into bins according to color- green, brown, and clear.

- B.) Aluminum Beverage Cans. All aluminum can shall be separated and delivered to the Transfer Station in an easily handleable form.
- C.) Newspaper. Color printed as well as black and white shall be securely bundled in bundles not to exceed 40 pounds in weight.
- D.) Magazines. Not recycled at this time. To be placed in the roll-off containers.
- E.) Corrugated Cardboard. All cardboard shall be securely bundled in bundles not to exceed 40 pounds in weight. Boxes must be broken down flat and bundled.
- F.) Tree trunks, limbs, and branches. All shall be placed in the designated site.
- G.) Refrigerators, freezers, white good. See transfer station disposal of white good.
- H.) Furniture. Shall be disassembled. All metal plates, arms, supports, levers, etc. shall be removed and wooden members will be placed with demolition lumber.
- I.) Water heaters, stoves, sheet metal, etc. Need not be disassembled.
- J.) Demolition lumber. Shall be cut into manageable lengths and placed in the proper area.
- K.) Mattresses, bedsprings. Shall be disassembled and springs removed for separate placement and placed in the proper accumulation area.
- L.) Portable radios, televisions. Shall be placed in the roll-off containers.
- M.) Floor model or console radios, televisions, sound systems, etc. Shall be disassembled. Electrical/acoustical components shall be placed in the roll-off containers. Housing/cabinets shall be considered furniture and shall be placed with the demolition lumber.
- N.) Steel, aluminum, copper, brass. Items shall be separated by material type and placed in proper accumulation area.
- O.) Tires. Shall be placed in the appropriate area.

### ARTICLE III. UNACCEPTABLE WASTE

The following types of waste shall not be acceptable at the Sebec Transfer/Recycling Station:

- A.) Hazardous waste of any kind including, but not limited to, pathological wastes, chemicals, explosives, and radioactive materials.
- B.) Sewage treatment plant and septic tank residues.
- C.) Animal and agricultural wastes such as manure and crop residues.
- D.) Stumps and construction demolition debris, asphalt shingles, and insulation.

#### ARTICLE IV. COMPLIANCE

The transfer station attendant(s) may examine any material brought to the Transfer Station to ensure that rules and regulations are complied with. The transfer station attendant(s) may refuse to accept any solid waste that is hazardous or that is not separated in accordance to these rules and regulations.

#### ARTICLE V. HOME STORAGE AND ELIMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Storage shall be the responsibility of all dwelling, commercial, and industrial facility owners or primary occupants. Storage shall be in closed containers or by other similar methods to preclude odors, rodents, insects, etc. to become a nuisance.

#### ARTICLE VI. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

The Transfer/Recycling Station Attendant shall inform the Selectmen of any violation of this ordinance. If trash is not sufficiently separated into the above categories, Selectmen have the option to impose these fines:

1st Offense - warning to violator

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - \$10.00 fine to violator

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - \$25.00 fine to violator

4<sup>th</sup> Offense – unlimited fine and suspension of use of transfer/recycling center to violator.

#### ARTICLE VII. AVAILABILITY OF CENTER

The Transfer/Recycling Center shall be open as follows:

Wednesdays 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturdays 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Center will be open at other times with specific agreement by the vote of the Selectmen.

#### ARTICLE VIII. NONCOMPLIANCE

Those who prefer to go against the recycling ordinance by creating illegal dumping sites will be punished to the maximum limit in a court of law.