

Residents should be encouraged to utilize disposal options offered wherever their new tires were purchased.

TRAILERS – are allowed to use transfer stations, but only single axel, (2 wheel) non-dumping style, **maximum size 5’ by 8’**. No exceptions. (All other larger trailers are considered commercial and owners must obtain a permit to use the Fulton County Land-fill if so desired.)

U-HAULS- Are NOT allowed at transfer stations. If a resident inquires about renting a U-Haul, have them call the DSW for approval and information on disposal rates and guidelines.

VEHICLE BATTERIES - Place in designated location. Stores that sell vehicle batteries will give a \$5 rebate when an old battery is brought in, so encourage residents to turn in their batteries for the rebate.

WHEN TO RECOMMEND HIRING A PRIVATE HAULER

If a resident intends to do a home improvement/remodeling project, or a huge clean out of a garage, attic, shed, etc., and the quantity will be more than the equivalent of five pick-up truck loads (three loads in Northampton), a private hauler should be recommended. Several small haulers are listed under “Rubbish & Garbage Removal” in the telephone book Yellow Pages, or call the Department of Solid Waste for a list of permitted haulers in your area.

WOOD WASTE/LIMBS/BRANCHES – Limbs are acceptable, but only 3 feet in length maximum, and 6 inches in diameter. If there is a large quantity, it is recommended that residents hire a private hauler, or call the DSW for rates and disposal at the Mud Road Facility.



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SOLICITATION AT TRANSFER STATIONS is **NOT** allowed, by political candidates, non-profit organizations, businesses, etc., due to liability issues. If a group or organization asks to sell something or distribute fliers or information at a station, the request is to be denied.

STUMPS – Should be disposed of on-site, and generally are not allowed at transfer stations due to size and quantity. Residents should hire a private hauler to dispose of stumps.

STYROFOAM PEANUTS – Are **NOT** recyclable in Fulton County’s recycling program. Suggest reusing them for mailing fragile packages or donating them to commercial mailing centers.

TELEVISIONS – Televisions can be dropped off at any transfer station, during their regular hours of operation, at no charge. Or use the Permanent Electronics Collection Trailer, at the Department of Solid Waste. On Jan. 1, 2015, all electronics will be banned from landfill disposal.

THERMOSTATS - Non-digital (mercury containing) thermostats can be dropped off year round at the Electronics Collection at the Solid Waste Department. There is no charge, and this program is open to residents, contractors and businesses. Thermostats are also accepted at the HHW Drop-Off.

TIRES - **TIRES MUST BE OFF THE RIM.** Residents can drop off tires only at the Fulton County Department of Solid Waste, 847 Mud Road, Johnstown.

The charge per tire is:

- \$2.50 each for tires 16” or less (a typical car or pick up truck tire. This includes motorcycle and donut tires.)
- \$5.00 each for tires over 16” and up to 24”
- Tires over 24” will be charged by weight.

Residents must report tires to the scalehouse attendant, and provide proof they are a Fulton County resident. Tires must be placed in a designated location at the Department of Solid Waste transfer station. The attendant will direct residents to the appropriate spot.

SCAVANGING PROHIBITED – Once deposited at a County-owned facility such as the transfer station, all materials become the property of the County. Residents are **NOT** allowed to take items from transfer stations, and are **NOT** allowed to climb into any container to retrieve anything. **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!!** County ownership is noted in the County’s local solid waste law, and there is liability on the part of the County if someone were to get hurt trying to retrieve an item out of any county container.

SHARPS (SYRINGE & NEEDLE DISPOSAL) – There are several safe, approved methods of disposal for used needles, syringes and lancets. Palmer’s Pharmacy in Johnstown participates in the “Project Needle Smart” program. A free 1 quart container or mini-holder is given on request, and the store has an anonymous drop-off kiosk to deposit the container when filled. (Sharps disposal containers can also be purchased at all pharmacies). Filled containers can be dropped off at the Fulton Center for Rehabilitation and Health Care, 847 County Highway 122, Johnstown. Call the facility at 773-3400 for drop-off information. An alternate method is to place needles in a rigid plastic container, (such as a liquid laundry detergent bottle) and tape the top closed with duct tape and **PUT IT IN THE GARBAGE.**

A PLASTIC JUG WITH NEEDLES SHOULD NEVER GO IN WITH RECYCLABLES!!

SHINGLES – Can be disposed of at transfer stations, but refer to **QUANTITY AND LIMITATIONS** (page 12), for the equivalent of 5 pick-up truck loads for a home improvement project. If the quantity will be greater than five loads worth, resident should be advised to hire a private hauler. Small haulers are listed under “Rubbish & Garbage Removal” in the telephone book Yellow Pages or call the Department of Solid Waste for a list of permitted haulers in your area. Station attendants are within their job duties to request the loads be spaced out and not be brought on the same day so that the garbage hoppers do not become overfull, and out of consideration for other residents.

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ANTIFREEZE – Cannot be disposed of at the transfer station, as it is liquid waste. If an automotive shop will not take it back, the only other options are:

- 1) Bring it to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, time and date to be announced, **by appointment**.
- 2) Dry it up with cat litter, sand/dirt, sawdust or wood shavings, then throw away as garbage.

APPLIANCES – The following residents must pay for appliance disposal by obtaining a ticket from the town clerk:

Caroga - \$5 Johnstown Town - \$5

All other transfer stations accept appliances at no charge.

The following items are considered to be an appliance: Stove, furnace/wood stoves, dishwasher, washer, dryer, hot water tanks.

As of January 1, 2005, residents must bring **Freon containing units** (refrigerator, freezer, dehumidifier, or air conditioner) directly to the Fulton County Landfill, 847 Mud Rd., Johnstown, for disposal.

There is a charge of \$5.00 per unit. Residents must report Freon units to the scalehouse attendant, and show proof of county residency.

ASBESTOS – Is **NOT** accepted at transfer stations, but small quantities are accepted **by appointment** at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, time and date to be announced.

ASHES – **No** hot ashes from fireplaces or wood stoves or pellet stoves are accepted.

AUTOMOBILES, CAR PARTS – Whole automobiles or automobile frames are **NOT** allowed in the metal bin. Car doors or bumpers can go in the metal bin. Automotive and truck engines and transmissions are **NOT** allowed at the transfer stations. Residents should be encouraged to call a junk car disposal company, listed in the phone book.

Tin & Aluminum Cans – remove lid, rinse can, put lid inside can. Labels **DO NOT** have to be removed. Take aluminum deposit bottles back to the store for 5-cent refund.

RECYCLING LAW – “Source Separation” or recycling, has been mandatory in Fulton County since 1992. This means that recyclables previously noted, **CANNOT** be included in your garbage. It is a Transfer Station Attendant’s job to look at both garbage bags and bags of recyclables to ensure adherence to both recycling and garbage disposal guidelines. The more residents recycle, the less they pay through their local taxes, and it lengthens the life of the Fulton County Landfill.

REFRIGERATORS/FREEZERS – Freon containing units (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers) are not accepted at transfer stations. They may be disposed of at the **Fulton County Department of Solid Waste, 847 Mud Road, Johnstown**. There will be a \$5.00 charge per unit.

Residents must report Freon units to the scalehouse attendant, and provide proof they are a Fulton County resident. Freezers, refrigerators, dehumidifiers and air conditioners must be placed in a designated location at the Department of Solid Waste transfer station. The attendant will direct residents to the appropriate spot.

RESIDENCY – Out of County waste is **NOT** permitted to come to the transfer stations. Municipalities selling permit stickers should make every effort to ascertain that a permit applicant is a resident of their municipality (meaning they have a residence in that municipality, not just land with no structure on it.)

SALVATION ARMY – Containers are located at all transfer stations. These are for clothing and paired shoes **ONLY**. Items should be placed inside a clear plastic bag that is tied. Residents should be directed to the Salvation Army Thrift Store, 43 West Fulton Street, Gloversville, if they have miscellaneous household items such as lamps, small appliances, vases, knickknacks. These items **SHOULD NOT** be placed in the Salvation Army boxes.

Perth residents are allowed use of the Broadalbin Transfer Station, Union Mills Road, to drop off clothing and paired shoes in the Salvation Army containers.

Perth residents are allowed use of the Broadalbin Transfer Station, 221 Union Mills Road, to drop off used motor oil, rechargeable batteries and vehicle batteries at no charge.

The following stations accept paper products and containers:
Broadalbin - Caroga - Ephratah - Oppenheim - Northampton - Stratford and the Landfill Transfer Station.

Paper Products – Newspapers, color inserts, magazines, glossy ads, junk mail, phone books and soft cover books, shredded paper, and “grayboard” (one-layer cardboard, like cereal boxes or paper egg cartons). Place all paper recycling into a clear plastic bag. (Paper can also be tied into bundles or put in brown paper bags). **NO** hardcover books, carbon paper, or tissues or paper napkins should be recycled.

Corrugated Cardboard – (three layers with wavy inner layer). Flatten and tie in bundles no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet. **NO** pizza boxes, or hardcover books. “Grayboard” (one-layer cardboard, like cereal boxes or paper egg cartons), should be included in with Paper Products (see above).

Glass, Plastic, Tin & Aluminum Containers – After preparing per the following guidelines, place these types of containers **together** inside the same clear plastic bag.

Glass – Clear, brown & green bottles and jars – remove caps, rinse clean. Labels **DO NOT** have to be removed. Food and beverage containers only. Take deposit bottles back for 5-cent refund.

Plastic – Containers that resemble a bottle (screw top), milk jugs, and containers such as margarine tubs, yogurt cups (flexible plastics). Caps and labels **DO NOT** have to be removed, but material must be emptied and container rinsed. Plastic grocery bags can be deposited at grocery and retail stores. “Bags of plastic bags” (including empty wood pellet bags) can also be included with container recycling. (No loose bags). Take plastic deposit bottles back to the store for 5-cent refund. **NO** flowerpots, toys, Styro-foam, pill bottles or motor oil bottles should be put into recycling.

BACKING UP AT STATIONS – Vehicles should keep back a **minimum of five** feet if backing up to disposal hoppers as a personal safety precaution to residents during unloading of materials.

BARRELS/DRUMS – Barrels/55-gallon drums (metal or plastic) should be rinsed clean. They should be cut in half, or tops and bottoms **MUST** be removed to show that there is nothing inside. 55-gallon **metal** drums with tops and bottoms removed can be placed in the metal bin, as long as they are **NOT** rusted out. Plastic drums should be disposed of as garbage.

BATTERIES-RECHARGEABLE - (Rechargeable batteries) Residents can bring rechargeable batteries to any transfer station, where there is a special container to collect them.

BATTERIES – VEHICLE – Are **NOT** allowed to be disposed of as garbage. A designated location is available at the transfer station, as these items are recycled. Residents should be encouraged to trade in their old battery, for a \$5 rebate on the purchase of a new battery, wherever vehicle batteries are sold.

BEDSPRINGS - Metal bed springs go in the metal bin. Fabric covered box springs go in the garbage hopper.

BOATS – Boats are **NOT** allowed in the garbage hoppers or metal bins at the transfer stations. Residents should be encouraged to sell or give away an unwanted boat. If it is in total disrepair, call the DSW to arrange for direct disposal and to get information on the current commercial refuse rate, (which will be charged by weight). The rate is set yearly by the Board of Supervisors.

BOOKS – Soft cover books can be placed in recycling with newspapers, junk mail, and office paper at stations with recycling containers. Hardcover books are **NOT** acceptable with recyclables. Either cut the pages from the binding and recycle the paper, share books with others, or check with your local library to see if they want it as a donation, or throw the entire book in the garbage.

BULK METALS - Stoves, furnace/wood stoves, dishwashers, washers, dryers, hot water tanks, automobile doors, mufflers, aluminum chair frames, old pipe, etc.

Unacceptable items are:

- Tires
- Gas tanks
- Large Propane Tanks
- Car frames
- Transmissions
- Cloth covered box springs
- Engine parts
- Paint cans
- Freon units

Residents must bring all Freon containing units (refrigerator, freezer, dehumidifier, air conditioner) directly to the Dept. of Solid Waste, 847 Mud Road, Johnstown. There is a \$5.00 per unit charge.

Residents must report Freon units to the scalehouse attendant and show proof of residency. See also: “Appliances” and “Metal bin.”

BUSINESSES/COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/INSTITUTIONAL

– Are **NOT** allowed to use the transfer stations. Transfer stations are for **RESIDENTIAL** use only!! This is specified through the County’s Local Solid Waste Management law, as well as contracts between each municipality and the County. Business, commercial/industrial/institutional entities should arrange for garbage disposal on their own, either through a permit to use the Fulton County Landfill, or by hiring a private hauler, listed in the phone book under Rubbish & Garbage Removal.

CELLPHONES - Cell phones may be dropped off year round at the Electronics Drop-off located at the Solid Waste Department.

CEMENT (BLOCKS) – Small quantities (under 100 lbs.- four blocks or less) may be accepted, however, it is preferred that residents find a clean-fill location to dispose of cement blocks. This department does not make recommendations of any particular clean fill area, as residents must find these locations on their own. Or they can call the DSW for rates and disposal at the Mud Road Facility.

CLEAR BAGS – A policy since 1993. All bagged material must be in a clear (or see-through colored) plastic bag. This is to allow for visual inspection to make sure there are no recyclables in the garbage, and no garbage in bags intended for recycling bins.

PROPANE TANKS - 20-lb propane tanks (barbeque grill size) are accepted at all transfer stations for recycling. Small 1-lb propane tanks (size for a Coleman portable stove) can be disposed of as garbage as long as they are **EMPTY**.

QUANTITIES & LIMITATIONS – The transfer stations are designed to accept weekly generated household refuse, and **SMALL QUANTITIES** of remodeling debris. Rule of thumb, is any one project is allowed the equivalent of five pick up truck loads. (except Northampton, which allows only three loads). If more than that quantity will be generated, residents should be advised to hire a hauler. Small haulers are listed in the Yellow Pages under “Rubbish & Garbage Removal.”

RECYCLABLES – Are outlined in the Department of Solid Waste brochures. Additional brochures will be provided upon request by calling the DSW at 736-5501. **All** transfer stations accept the following recyclables:

Bulk Metals – Stoves, furnace/wood stoves, dishwashers, washers, dryers, hot water tanks, etc. A transfer station permit is needed for metal disposal. Residents in the Town of Johnstown and the Town of Caroga must purchase a coupon from their municipal clerk to dispose of an appliance (see page 1).

Clothing and Paired Shoes - Put in Salvation Army boxes.

Motor Oil – Put used motor oil in a translucent jug with a tight cap, hand to station attendant (Residents **DO NOT** pour the oil into the 55-gallon drums themselves!)

Propane Tanks - 20-lb propane tanks (barbeque grill size) are accepted at all transfer stations for recycling. Put them in with electronics. (Small 1-lb propane tanks, such as used for a camping stove, can be disposed of as garbage. They must be **EMPTY**.)

Rechargeable Batteries - Residents can bring rechargeable batteries and button batteries and dispose of them in special containers at each transfer station.

Vehicle Batteries – Place in designated location. Stores that sell vehicle batteries will give a \$5 rebate when an old battery is brought in, so encourage residents to turn in their batteries for the rebate.

Transfer station attendants are advised to write down the permit sticker number, license plate number, make and model of the vehicle in case of a problem, so this department can match the permit sticker with the individual. Municipal clerks, who sell the stickers and keep records of permit numbers, are extremely helpful in identifying an abuser. Depending on the infraction, the Director may issue a warning, or revoke the permit immediately. Revocation is done via letter, with carbon copy to municipal clerks and transfer station attendants.

Revocation may be permanent, or for the remainder of the year. If someone whose permit has been revoked attempts to use a station, they are turned away. In extreme circumstances, the Sheriff's Department may be called to escort a revokee out of the station, which is County property. Anyone whose permit is revoked should hire a private hauler or utilize curbside garbage pick up if offered in the municipality.

PHARMACEUTICALS - Leftover or outdated prescription and over-the-counter medicines should not be flushed down the toilet. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the pharmaceutical collections sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), where local law enforcement agencies accept all prescription and OTC medicines, including controlled substances. Check for the next National Drug Take-back Day on the DEA website: http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/. Most pharmacies in Fulton County have mailback programs for old medicines. An alternate disposal method is to mix the medicine with dirt, used kitty litter, or coffee grounds and put it into the regular garbage. The empty pill bottles are also garbage (not recycling).

PROHIBITED MATERIALS - The following materials are prohibited from disposal at all transfer stations:

- COMMERCIAL WASTE
- DEAD ANIMALS
- EXPLOSIVE WASTE
- FREON UNITS (*refrigerators, freezers, A.C. and dehumidifiers*)
- HAZARDOUS WASTE
- HOT ASHES
- INFECTIOUS WASTE
- LIQUID WASTE
- MEDICAL WASTE
- SEPTAGE & SLUDGE
- TIRES

CLOSING TIME - Residents must be unloaded and out of the station by closing time. This means they should allow enough time to unload their vehicles to exit at the scheduled closing time. The attendant has the right to refuse to allow a resident to unload if it will prevent the station from closing at the assigned time.

COMPUTERS/ELECTRONICS – The Department of Solid Waste Electronics Collection Trailer is open to all Fulton County residents, small businesses and non-profits. There is no cost, and no transfer station sticker is needed). Computer towers, monitors, keyboards, printers, computer peripherals, and televisions can be dropped off at the Dept. of Solid Waste, 847 Mud Road, Johnstown, during regular hours (7:15 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays; 7:15-11:30 a.m. Saturdays.) Also accepted, at no cost, are fax machines, cell phones, copy machines, circuit boards, microwaves, rechargeable batteries, and other electronics. Fluorescent bulbs are accepted from residents only (no businesses) at the Solid Waste Department site.

All Transfer Stations - residents may bring any electronics listed above (no fluorescent bulbs) to any county transfer station, during regular hours of operation. There is no cost and no transfer station permit sticker is needed (for electronics only). Call the DSW at 736-5501 for more information.

Private and municipal haulers are no longer allowed to dispose of electronics in the landfill. As of Jan. 1, 2015, all electronics will be banned from landfill disposal.

COOKING OIL – Should **NOT** be disposed of at a transfer station; it is liquid and NO liquid waste is accepted. If this comes up for a business, direct them to contact the DSW directly at 736-5501 for a listing of businesses that handle cooking oil disposal.

COVERED LOADS – Waste and recyclables must be contained when being brought to a transfer station. Garbage and recyclables must be contained so that they do not create litter while being transported from a residence to the station. Contained garbage is a state Department of Transportation Law!! This can be accomplished in several ways – a tarp over loose garbage, or covers on containers such as garbage cans, or weighted down bags.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICE – Is available in 11 municipalities. Check the recycling brochure for the schedule where you live. **All** transfer stations have drop off of the following recyclable items: Used motor oil; vehicle batteries; rechargeable batteries; bulk metal items (excluding Freon units); Salvation Army boxes for clothes and paired shoes; and electronics.

DEAD ANIMALS – Are **NOT** allowed to be put in containers at transfer stations. Medium to large animal carcasses (such as dead deer), are classified as Special Waste and can be disposed of directly at the Department of Solid Waste – **call ahead for an appointment and a nominal fee will be assessed at the commercial rate.**

DIRT & ROCKS – Should **NOT** be coming into a transfer station. Residents should dispose of them on their own property, or bring that material to a clean fill area. This department does not make recommendations of any particular clean fill area.

DISPOSAL FEES – Year 2014 rates are \$53/ton for the garbage containers hauled by the Department of Solid Waste to the landfill, which is charged back to the municipality. Recycling rates are \$12.50/ton at transfer stations, **so the more residents recycle, the more money they save.**

DONUT TIRES - Can be disposed as a tire (with or without rim), at the Solid Waste Department. There is a \$2.50 charge for donut tires.

DUMP TRUCKS - Dump Trucks are **NOT** allowed at transfer stations, under any circumstance.

ELECTRONICS - see Computers, page 4.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS – Residents should be encouraged to re-fill those that are refillable. Empty fire extinguishers (with all contents discharged) can go in the bulk metal bin at transfer stations.

PAINT – LATEX & OIL BASED OPTIONS – Residents are encouraged to use the Latex Paint Exchange to dispose of good, reusable latex paint. See Page 8 for details of this environmentally friendly, no-cost reuse program.

To dispose of small quantities of any kind of paint – either store these products until the Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day (see page 6) **OR**, completely dry up the liquid paint (in the can) and dispose of it with regular household garbage. Dry the paint by removing the lid and letting the can sit until it is hardened, then throw in the garbage **WITH THE LID REMOVED**. You can also bulk up liquid paint with cat litter, sand, or sawdust, let it harden, then throw away in regular garbage, **WITH THE LID REMOVED**. Do not recycle paint cans in household, curbside recycling.

PERMIT SALES – Are the responsibility of the municipality served by the transfer station, per the contract between the municipality and the County. The color of the permit sticker, timing of renewal and cost of sticker are determined by the municipality, which should notify this department of the new color, price, etc. Municipalities are encouraged to ensure the permittee is the owner of a residence in that municipality, (meaning they have a residence, not just land with no structure on it,) and obtain their name, license plate number, make and model of vehicle, address and phone number. This information assists this department in identifying anyone who abuses the station rules.

It is Department of Solid Waste policy that transfer station permit stickers must be **permanently affixed to the vehicle listed on the application**. Residents are **NOT** allowed to loan their sticker privileges to others. Proper display of a valid sticker assist the station attendant to ensure the station is not being abused; assists them in performing their job, and assures the municipality isn't paying for waste that doesn't come from within their area or from businesses.

PERMIT STICKERS, REVOCATION – The Director of the Department of Solid Waste through local solid waste management law, has the authority to revoke a user's permit to utilize a transfer station for just cause. Typically, an attendant brings a problem of noncompliance, unauthorized business use, or non-resident use of a station to this department's attention.

METAL BIN – The following items may be deposited in the bulk metal bin at transfer stations for recycling:

ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE
Mufflers	Gas tanks
Car doors, hoods , license plates	Car frames
Old pipe, Old wire	Car/Truck Engine parts
Aluminum doors, aluminum chair frames	Transmissions
Oil tanks (for furnaces) See Oil Tanks, page 9, for preparation instructions.	Tires
Appliances (See “Appliance Fees”)	Paint cans
Metal 55-gallon drums w/tops & bottoms removed & crushed	Cloth covered box springs
Lawn mower engines with all fluids drained	Propane Tanks

MOTOR OIL – Motor oil from lawn mowers and vehicles is acceptable for recycling at all transfer stations at no charge. Oil must be placed in a translucent jug (See-through, such as a windshield washer container) with a screw-on cap, to keep it from spilling. Used oil jugs should be handed to the attendant, who pours it into a 55-gallon drum. It is the attendant’s responsibility to hold the oil for at least 24 hours to ensure that no contaminants are in the oil, before pouring it into the drum. Residents are **NOT** allowed to pour oil directly into the drums! Do **NOT** mix thinners, antifreeze or any other automotive fluids in with the oil.

NO SMOKING – There is no smoking allowed at the transfer stations, by the attendants, who are county employees. Residents are discouraged from smoking while they dispose of garbage and recyclables and lit cigarette butts should **NOT** be thrown into the garbage hoppers, as there is danger of fire.

OIL TANKS - Oil tanks (fuel oil tanks for furnaces) must be empty and cut in half and flattened; **or** they can be drilled with numerous holes on all sides. An alternative method of disposal is to take the tank to Bornt Waste & Metal, call 725-6227 for information on their hours and disposal requirements.

FLUORESCENT BULBS – Fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent light bulbs can be dropped off at the DSW Permanent Electronics Collection Trailer during regular hours (7:15 am-3 pm weekdays; 7:15-11:30 am Saturday), or they can be disposed of at the Household Hazardous Waste Day, time and date to be announced. They can also be disposed of as garbage by residents. Business disposal of fluorescent bulbs is handled differently; businesses should call the Department of Solid Waste direct at 736-5501 for alternate disposal options, as business fluorescent bulbs are **NOT** accepted in the landfill or Electronics Collection Trailer.

HELIUM TANKS / OXYGEN TANKS - Helium tanks and oxygen tanks are **NOT** to be disposed of at transfer stations, either in the garbage or recyclable metal. Attendants will advise residents to find alternate disposal options, such as returning them to the original place of purchase or to call Bornt Waste & Metal at 725-6227 for information on disposal requirements.

HOURS OF OPERATION – Station hours are posted on large signs at the front of each station. Holiday closings are announced in the local newspapers, in the Recycling Calendar, and at the stations where a flier is posted. Municipal clerks and officials are notified by letter through the Department of Solid Waste.

HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES - Only rechargeable batteries can be dropped off at the DSW Electronics Collection or transfer stations. AAA, AA, C and D-cells, are considered as garbage.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF DAY – The Department of Solid Waste has sponsored a 1-day drop off of household hazardous wastes since 2000. It is for residents only, **by appointment**, time and date to be announced. There is no charge.

Advertisements and notification to public officials announce the date in the local newspapers and fliers and posters are distributed. Information is available at transfer stations prior to the event. See page 7 for list of acceptable items.

The following items are accepted at the **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off** event:

- Pool Chemicals & Pool Chemical Bottles
- Rechargeable Batteries*
- Paint
- Solvents, Degreasers
- Automotive Fluids (Except Used Motor Oil)
- Roofing Tar
- Thermometers
- Lawn Care Products (Pesticides, Fertilizers, Herbicides, Insecticides)
- Fluorescent Bulbs,*
- Driveway Sealer
- Household Cleaning Products
- Home Maintenance Products (Thinners Strippers, Varnish)
- Photographic Chemicals
- Propane tanks (20-pound)

* Computer Equipment and monitors—will be accepted at the HHW event, or they can be dropped off year round at any county transfer station. (See Computers, page 4).

INTENDED USE OF TRANSFER STATION – Transfer stations are open only to residents of the municipality for their regularly generated household garbage and **small quantities of remodeling waste**. This is specified in both local County law and the contract between the municipality and County for the use of each station. The rule of thumb for quantity allowed for remodeling waste is the equivalent of five pick up truckloads for any one project (except Northampton, which accepts only 3 loads of remodeling debris). If a resident says they will have more than this quantity, they should be advised to hire a private hauler to handle the job. Small haulers are listed in the Yellow Pages under “Rubbish & Garbage Removal,” or call the Department of Solid Waste for a list of permitted haulers in your area.

LANDLORDS - Are NOT allowed to use transfer stations to dispose of garbage from their tenants’ apartments; for clean-out of a dwelling when a tenant leaves; or in renovating an apartment house. Landlords are considered to be businesses, since they earn revenue from renters. Therefore, a landlord should be advised to tell his or her tenants to utilize existing curbside garbage collection services in the municipality where they live. The Landlord may hire a hauler to bring refuse directly to the Fulton County Landfill, or may open an account with the Department of Solid Waste.

LATEX PAINT EXCHANGE – Runs at the Department of Solid Waste, 847 Mud Road, Johnstown, on Saturday mornings during June through August, from 7:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. One, two and five-gallon and quart containers of good latex paint can be dropped off (at no charge). Cans must be at least half full, rust free, with legible labels, and paint must be free of lumps (never frozen). Paint will be sorted by color and given out, at no cost, to the public.

Fulton County residents can take up to five gallons weekly during the summer (on a first come, first serve basis). No transfer station permit is needed for the Latex Paint Exchange.

This program is for good, re-useable Latex Paint only – **NO** thinners, oil based paint, lacquers, aerosols, stains or drums of paint will be accepted. To dispose of small quantities of bad latex, stain, oil, enamel, or any other kind of paint – see Paint, page 10.

LICENSE PLATES – Can be recycled in the metal bin, or in the container group of recyclables at those transfer stations with drop off recyclable containers (see page 12). License plates are also accepted in curbside pick up programs.

LIQUID WASTE – Of any kind is **NOT** allowed to be disposed of at any Fulton County solid waste facility, including the transfer stations. (Used motor oil is considered a recyclable.) Paint must be dried up by putting cat litter, dirt, sand or sawdust in the paint until it is no longer in liquid form. Any good, reusable latex paint can be brought to the Latex Paint Exchange at the Department of Solid Waste, 847 Mud Road, Johnstown, from June through August, by appointment. See Latex Paint Exchange, page 7.

MANURE – Manure may not be disposed of at any Fulton County solid waste facility. Manure generated by farm animals should be disposed of on site as a farm is considered a business and is not allowed the use of transfer stations. Small quantities of animal waste can be disposed of at the transfer station, but it must be contained in a bag, or sealed in some manner.

MATTRESS - Mattresses (and cloth-covered box springs) can be disposed of as garbage. (Metal bedsprings go into metal bin).