

**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 (736-5501) 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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# A to Z Policy Guidebook

For  
Municipal Clerks  
&  
Transfer  
Station  
Attendants

*2015 Edition*

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**THERMOSTATS** - Non-digital (mercury containing) thermostats can be dropped off year round at the Electronics Collection at the Department of Solid Waste. 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 up to 16” (a typical car or pick up truck tire. This includes motorcycle and donut tires.)
- \$5.00 each for tires over 16.5” 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.

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** - Accepted at all stations (no permit needed). 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.

**SHINGLES cont.**

“Rubbish & Garbage Removal” in the phone book or call the Department of Solid Waste for a list of local permitted haulers. Station attendants are within their job duties to request the loads be spaced out and not be brought on the same day, so the garbage hoppers do not become overfull.

**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 will 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 (no permit needed). Small businesses and non-profits can use the Electronics Collection Trailer at the Department of Solid Waste. On Jan. 1, 2015, all electronics will be banned from landfill disposal.

**TEXTILES** – Containers are located at all transfer stations. These are for clothing, shoes, belts, hats, curtains, linens, blankets, towels and stuffed animals. 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, or other second-hand stores, if they have miscellaneous household items such as lamps, small appliances, vases, knickknacks. These items **SHOULD NOT** be placed in the textile boxes.

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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** – Classified as an appliance: Stove, furnace/wood stoves, dishwasher, washer, dryer, hot water tanks.

Town of Caroga and Town of Johnstown residents both have a \$5 appliance disposal charge. Tickets can be purchased from the town clerk. (Town of Johnstown residents can also purchase tickets from the transfer station attendant). All other stations accept appliances at no charge.

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 no charge, but residents must report 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.

**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.

direct residents to the appropriate spot to leave freezers, refrigerators, dehumidifiers and air conditioners.

**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.)

**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 11), 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

**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 container should be 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, Styrofoam, pool chemical bottles, pill bottles or motor oil bottles should be put into recycling.

**Tin & Aluminum Cans** – 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 with 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 is no charge.

Residents must report Freon units to the scalehouse attendant, and provide proof they are a Fulton County resident. The attendant will

**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.

## **BULK METAL, cont.**

### **Unacceptable items include:**

- 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 no 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, as specified in the County’s Local Solid Waste Management Law, as well as contracts between municipalities and the County. Business and commercial entities should arrange for garbage disposal on their own, through a permit to use the Fulton County Landfill, or by hiring a private hauler, listed in the phone book under Rubbish & Garbage Removal. Call the DSW at 736-5501 about the Small Business Recycling Program, which offers drop-off disposal of recyclables at no cost.

**CELLPHONES** - Cell phones may be dropped off at any Electronics Drop-off, located at all transfer stations.

**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.

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

**Bulk Metals** – Stoves, dishwashers, dryers, etc. (see page 3). A transfer station permit is needed for metal disposal. Residents in the Towns of Johnstown and Caroga must purchase a coupon from municipal clerk to dispose of an appliance (see page 1).

**Textiles & Shoes** - Put in textile collection 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 are accepted. (Put in with electronics). Small, empty 1-lb propane tanks are garbage.

**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. Or encourage residents to turn in their batteries for the rebate at stores that sell vehicle batteries.

*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.*

All Transfer Stations EXCEPT the East Fulton St. Ext. Station have drop-off facilities for **Cardboard, Paper and Containers** (glass, plastic & metal).

**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.

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

partment 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 use the *Prescription Drug Drop Box*, located in the lobby of the Fulton County Sheriff's Department on Rt. 29, Johnstown. It is no cost and available 24 hours a day. (Controlled substances and veterinary medicine are also accepted. No liquids or sharps). 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

**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.”

**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** – As of Jan. 1, 2015, all electronics are banned from landfill disposal, as per New York state law. The Department of Solid Waste offers Electronics Collection to all Fulton County residents, with drop-offs at all transfer stations (during the station's regular hours). There is no cost, and no transfer station sticker is needed to drop off: computer towers, monitors, keyboards, printers, computer peripherals, fax machines, cell phones and televisions. (Small businesses and non-profits can use the Electronics Collection at the Department of Solid Waste, 847 Mud Road, Johnstown).

Fluorescent bulbs are accepted from residents only (no businesses) at the Department of Solid Waste Electronics Collection site only. Call the DSW at 736-5501 for more information.

**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 pick up schedule. **All** transfer stations have drop off of the following recyclable items: used motor oil; vehicle batteries; rechargeable batteries; bulk metal items (excluding Freon units); electronics; and textile boxes for clothes, linens, curtains, towels, shoes; hats, and stuffed animals.

**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 2015 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 \$10.00/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 refill those that are refillable. Empty fire extinguishers (with all contents discharged) can go in the bulk metal bin at transfer stations.

**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)

**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 assists 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.

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 De-

**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.

**PAINT – LATEX & OIL BASED OPTIONS** – Residents are encouraged to use the Latex Paint Exchange to dispose of good, re-useable 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.

**FREON UNITS** - Refrigerator, freezer, dehumidifier, or air conditioner go directly to the DSW, 847 Mud Rd., Johnstown, for disposal. There is no charge, (residents only). See Appliances (pg. 1)

**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 sponsors household hazardous wastes drop off on alternating years. 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 type of items are accepted at the **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off** event:

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| ➤ Pool Chemicals & Pool Chemical Bottles | ➤ Lawn Care Products (Pesticides, Fertilizers, Herbicides, Insecticides) |
| ➤ Oil Paint, Stains                      | ➤ Household Cleaning Products  |
| ➤ Solvents, Degreasers                   | ➤ Driveway Sealer  |
| ➤ Automotive Fluids (anti-freeze         | ➤ Home Maintenance Products (Thinner, Strippers, Varnish, )              |
| ➤ Roofing Tar                            | ➤ Photographic Chemicals   |

**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, (7:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) One, two, 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 (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, (pg. 9).

**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).

**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, Tires
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.	Paint cans
Appliances (See “Appliance Fees”)	Freon containing units
Metal 55-gallon drums w/tops & bottoms removed & crushed	Cloth covered box springs
Lawn mower engines with all fluids drained	Propane Tanks