

CHAPTER 12

HAULING REFUSE

12.1 AUTHORITY

These regulations are issued by the Board of Health pursuant to its authority under Chapter 111 § 31 of the Massachusetts General Laws. In order to promote the health and safety of the Town of Norton, all commercial carriers of refuse and recyclables over public ways of Norton shall be required to have a license from the Board of Health for each vehicle. Said license shall be renewed each year and shall expire December 31st.

12.2 APPLICATION

Application for licenses to carry refuse and recyclables on the public ways of Norton shall stipulate and/or be accompanied by:

- A. A properly filled out and signed application accompanied by a check made payable to the Town of Norton for payment of the license, fee as established in the fee schedule.
- B. Estimated amount (tons) of rubbish and recyclables carried weekly, and the number of households, commercial, or institutional customers.
- C. The type and number of vehicles ordinarily to be used.
- D. Verification in acceptable written form that a licensed State approved landfill or incinerator will be used for the disposal of solid waste.
- E. Verification or a statement that the following recyclables are being and/or will be marketed and not disposed of otherwise:

Glass food & beverage containers

Aluminum cans, foil & pie plates

Plastic containers labeled #1 (PETE) & #2 (HDPE)

Cardboard boxes

Cereal boxes

Steel cans & tin coated steel cans

Newspaper, including inserts

Magazines

Junk mail

Yard waste

*(This list is taken from Mandatory Recycling By-Law a copy is available.)

- F. Written and attested assurance that the licensee will adhere to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Waste Bans (copy is available).
- G. A protocol or system for informing clients when their solid wastes or recyclable may be rejected.
- H. Certificate of liability insurance, \$1,000,000 minimum; Worker's Compensation, and motor vehicle insurance.

12.3 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

All licensed haulers shall provide the following minimum services to their customers:

- A. Weekly solid waste pick up by established routes on established days, which are scheduled with customers;
- B. Bi-weekly pickup of recyclables, at a minimum;
- C. A program for the pick up of bulky waste, residential debris, and white goods (with and without freon);
- D. Regular distribution of materials to educate customers about the benefits and requirements of recycling;
- E. A local telephone number for customers to call for information or complaints
- F. A clear statement of all fees related to the various services provided.

12.4 TONNAGE REPORTS

All licensed haulers must report quarterly, on or before the first day of the months of January, April, July and October, the tonnage of rubbish and recyclables transported by month from the Town of Norton.

12.5 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the requirements herein, all haulers of refuse and recyclables shall abide by additional stipulations on their license as set by the Board of Health. All trash haulers shall not materially change or alter their operation without written permission from the Board of Health.

Any company providing dumpsters in the Town of Norton shall clearly label each dumpster with the company's name and phone number. In addition, each dumpster shall display a unique identification number.

All solid waste dumpsters shall be maintained in a nuisance free manner and of sufficient size to contain the garbage and/or rubbish accumulated between collections

Dumpsters shall be tightly closed, secured at all times, leak proof and enclosed by fencing. Refuse on the ground will not be allowed.

12.6 VEHICLES

Each individual vehicle carrying refuse and recyclables on public highways in the Town of Norton shall carry at all times when within the Town, a copy of its owner's or operator's license to haul refuse and recyclables.

12.7 INSPECTIONS

Each vehicle hauling refuse in the Town of Norton and the load therein shall be made available to the Board's Agent or designee for inspection upon request during said vehicle's operation within the Town.

12.8 COMPLIANCE

Any refuse collection license may be suspended or revoked by the Board of Health following a finding by the Board that the licensee has not conformed to these Regulations or such further Regulations as may be adopted by the Board relating to the hauling or refuse.

12.9 VIOLATIONS

Violations of any one of these regulations shall be punished by a fine of up to \$50.00/day for each violation or reoccurrence of such violation.