



October 23, 2024

NOTICE: NEW disposal fees and important information on facility access.

Dear Ridgefield Transfer Station and Recycling Center Permit Holder,

The Ridgefield Transfer Station is a service offered to Ridgefield residents and non-residents, as well as local small businesses, to conveniently and properly dispose of solid waste locally. The solid waste from Ridgefield is transported to the WIN Waste Innovations waste-to-energy plant in Bridgeport, CT. Construction and Demolition debris is transported to Danbury and then railed to out-of-state landfill. Brush and Leaves are processed on site at the Ridgefield transfer station by the Town of Ridgefield.

Ridgefield has not increased the transfer station permit fee for Ridgefield residents, nor the disposal fees charged to either residents or non-residents for several years, thus absorbing the increased operating costs of the facility.

Your \$20/\$50 annual permit fee covers only a small portion of the cost to operate the Transfer Station and Recycling Center. The fees you pay at the scale house cover only the expense for the disposal of the waste you bring and do not cover all the operating costs.

In an effort to cover the increased operating costs of new services as well as increased disposal rates, new fees will be implemented effective November 15, 2024

New Bulky Waste / Construction and Demolition Debris Disposal Rates – Effective Nov. 15, 2024

Historically large quantities of bulky waste and construction and demolition (C&D) were prohibited in the municipal solid waste (MSW) pit. This rule often created an inconvenience to permit holders. In an effort to accommodate and create disposal convenience for users the HRRRA and the Town of Ridgefield have placed designated containers outside the MSW building. This new collection system is an added cost to the Town of Ridgefield.

Therefore, effective November 15th the fee to dispose of **bulky waste and C&D** materials will increase to \$.10/lb. to cover the cost for this service. This rate change applies to **all** permit holders, both R (resident) and NR (non-resident) alike.

New Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) rate for NON-resident (NR) permit holders – Effective Nov. 15, 2024

The rate for household garbage (MSW) will increase to \$.10/lb. for NR (non-resident) permit holders. NOTE: The rate for Ridgefield resident permit holders (R) *will remain the same* at \$.051/lb. for MSW.

New Brush rate for Resident (R) permit holders – Effective Nov. 15, 2024

Town leadership has heard resident feedback and will reduce the brush disposal fee, **for residents only** to \$.08/lb. NOTE: NR (non-resident) permittees will continue to pay the regular brush rate of \$.10/lb.

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IMPORTANT NOTE regarding mixed loads: If you are bringing a mixed load of waste (household garbage + bulky + C&D + brush; or any combination thereof) **ALL PERMIT** holders will be charged at the highest material **rate of \$.10/lb. on the entire load.**

NOTE: R (resident) permit holders can save by bringing in MSW separately from other materials.

Please read the enclosed page for what constitutes household garbage, bulky waste and C&D. These definitions can also be found at www.HRRA.org. From the homepage, go to Drop Off Centers > Ridgefield. Each material type has its own drop-down menu.

USING THE KIOSK

ONLY **passenger vehicles** may use the kiosk. (NO Trucks, Vans or Trailers) Use the kiosk when dropping off bags of garbage. (1-10 bags) Drive to the right side of the scale house. Your permit must be hanging from the rearview mirror. Use a credit or debit card and follow the prompts at the gate control box. Wait approximately 30 seconds for your transaction to register and the gate will lift.

- **Resident Permit Holders:** Pay \$5.00 for 1 – 5 13-gallon bags of garbage, or \$10 for 6-10 bags of garbage. Anything over 10 bags must be weighed.
- **Non-resident Permit Holders:** Pay \$10 for 1 – 10 13-gallon bags of garbage. Anything over 10 bags must be weighed.

Changes to the Kiosk are coming soon. These fees are subject to change. Please be on the lookout for more information.

USING THE SCALE

Use the scale when dropping off more than 10 bags of household garbage. All trucks, vans and vehicles towing trailers must use the scale. Enter the transfer station on the left side of the scale house. Please remain in the vehicle and hold your permit up to the window. Once you are waved through proceed to the back of the disposal building. After dropping off your items, return to the scale house to be weighed out. Pay using a credit or debit card.

Fees as of November 15th, 2024

Non-Resident Permit holders will pay .10 cents per lb. for all material types.

- MSW .10 cents per lb.
- Scrap Metal .10 cents per lb.
- Brush .10 cents per lb.
- C&D .10 cents per lb.
- Tires \$5-\$10 per tire

Ridgefield Resident Permit holders will pay the following fees per material type.

- MSW .05 cents per lb.
- Scrap Metal .05 cents per lb.
- Brush (reduced) .08 cents per lb.
- C&D .10 cents per lb.

Have any questions? Please contact: [HRRA 203-775-4539](tel:203-775-4539) or info@HRRA.org or the [Ridgefield Recycling Coordinator, 203-431-2748 X 1505](mailto:recyclingcoordinator@ridgefieldct.gov) or recyclingcoordinator@ridgefieldct.gov. All feedback is welcomed!



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DEFINITIONS

The HRRRA contract definition of “**Acceptable Solid Waste**” means all Solid Waste, including without limitation household garbage and home remodeling waste and debris not exceeding four (4) feet in any of its dimensions, Recyclable Material, Other Acceptable Waste (as hereinafter defined), trash, rubbish, refuse, combustible agricultural, commercial, governmental and light industrial waste, but excluding hazardous waste.

The reason for the (4) feet in any of its dimension's limitation has to do with the hopper at the waste-to-energy plant and why we collect bulky separately from MSW. See below.

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) typically is stuff that comes from our homes that is in our household garbage bins, it's material that can't be recycled but it can also include other trash items that don't fit in your bin that you no longer want such as broken toys, a broken laundry basket, etc. We allow items under 4' in the MSW stream. So, it can also include area rugs, small chairs, small desk, pet beds, etc. MSW collected at the Ridgefield Transfer Station is loaded onto a 100-yard trucks and transported directly to the WIN Waste Innovations waste-to-energy plant where it is incinerated.

Bulky MSW are large items over 4' in any dimension such as broken furniture, i.e. couch, desk, dresser, piano, a wet mattresses that cannot be recycled. These items are taken to the Danbury transfer station AND then processed and broken down into smaller pieces with equipment so that it can then be aggregated with regular MSW and loaded onto 100-yard trucks and transported to the waste-to-energy plant where it is incinerated. Large items over 4' can clog the hopper inside the waste-to-energy plant creating operational issues. The plant can reject loads that have large items or charge a contamination fee increasing the cost of disposal.

C&D (Construction and Demolition Debris) is material from construction projects such as scrap wood, decking, sheet rock, shingles, cabinets, sinks, tubs, pipes, windows. This material is sent to the Danbury Transfer Station where it is sorted and processed and any material that can be reclaimed and recycled is removed. The rest is put on rail cars and shipped to out of state landfills.

Brush and Storm Debris is just yard debris that consist of small branches and brush from land clearing. There should be no MSW or C&D mixed with this material. This material should not be mixed into Bulky MSW or C&D. Co-mingling material is a violation of the Master Transfer Station General Permit as well as Interstate Waste Service's permit to accept and process material.

Appliances of all sizes should not go in bulky waste. Appliances will continue to be dropped near scrap metal.