

Recycling Policy

Town of Brookline, Vermont

Section 1: Title and Authority

This policy shall be known as the Town of Brookline Recycling Policy. It has been adopted by the Town of Brookline Selectboard pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2203b, which states in part: "... (a) Whether or not a municipality provides for the operation and maintenance of a recycling center or intermediate processing facility pursuant to section 2203a of this title, the municipality may establish requirements for the management of such a center or facility..."

The Selectboard reserves the right to amend any of the provisions of this recycling policy for any reason and at any time, with or without notice.

This recycling policy will be administered by the Selectboard.

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the residents, taxpayers, and renters of the Town of Brookline are provided recycling capabilities as voted on at the 2017 Town Meeting. The Town of Brookline has commissioned large recycling containers (bins) for this purpose, of which one will appear onsite at a time. It is the intent of this policy to ensure that all decisions made by municipal officials are based on the best interest of the public community at large.

Section 3: Definitions

For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

- **Recycling Containers (Bins)**
 - One large recycling bin located at the corner of Grassy Brook Road and Hill Road for the purpose of depositing recyclable material.
- **Municipality** means the Town of Brookline; 734 Grassy Brook Road, Brookline, Vermont 05345
- **Littering** means throwing, depositing, burning, or dumping refuse of whatever nature in or on lands or waters of the State outside a solid waste management facility certified by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

Section 4: Eligibility

- Recycling bins are for the residential (non-commercial) use of Town of Brookline residents, taxpayers, and renters only.
- Recycling bins are not for commercial use. Commercial enterprises shall create a contract with a company that handles recycling at their own cost.

Section 5: Recycling Bin Procedure

- Recycling bins are to be used by Town of Brookline residents, taxpayers, and renters for the purpose of recycling all eligible and accepted residential (non-commercial) materials
- Recycling bins are restricted to residential recycling and are not for commercial use
- The Town of Brookline, Vermont, has a contract with a private vendor to remove materials
- All boxes and cardboard items should be broken down and flattened so that the materials in the bin are as condensed as possible
- Town of Brookline residents, taxpayers, and renters are asked to identify individuals using the recycling bins to determine if said individuals are residents of Brookline, Vermont
 - If said individuals using the recycling bins are not residents of Brookline, Vermont, please report those individuals to the Town of Brookline
- Town of Brookline residents, taxpayers, and renters are asked to identify and report any individuals who are dumping trash at the recycling bins or littering in other locations in town, as this is a state violation

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Section 6: Littering

A person shall not throw, dump or deposit, and/or cause and/or permit to be thrown, dumped, or deposited any solid waste as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6602 at the recycling site or other areas in town. This could constitute a civil violation as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 2201(b).

Section 7: Disclosure

If a Town of Brookline resident, taxpayer, or renter encounters someone using the bins who is not a town of Brookline resident, taxpayer, or renter or are dumping trash at the recycling site and/or at other areas in town, identify the vehicle (ex. license plate number, description, and/or photograph) and inform the Town Clerk and/or the Selectboard.

Section 8: Enforcement

The municipality may take progressive action to contact the person(s) who are not Town of Brookline residents, taxpayers, or renters and are determined to be using the Town of Brookline recycling facility. The Town of Brookline, at its discretion, may issue a municipal ticket and/or assess a fine of \$100.00 for the first infraction and up to \$500.00 for each thereafter.

Section 9: Exception

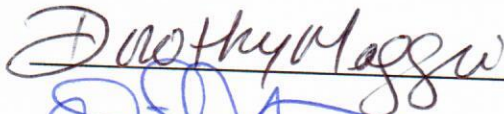
The use of said recycling bins may be used by individuals other than Town of Brookline residents, taxpayers, or renters if the legislative body of the municipality determines that special circumstances exist.

Article 10: Effective Date

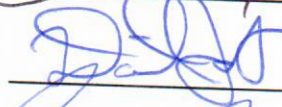
This policy shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Town of Brookline Selectboard.

ADOPTED this 19th day of December, 2018.

SIGNATURES of TOWN OF BROOKLINE SELECTBOARD:



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