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Transfer Station: (Update #3)

We all have been dealing with Covid-19 for a couple of months now and our regular routines have been disrupted, I am happy to inform you we are planning for a safe and methodical reopening of <u>some</u> of the previously closed Transfer Station services. We're working to bring this function back to normal but this means we will have new rules and procedures to follow. These are to protect our transfer station workers and the public. Outlined below are updates for Transfer Station.

PUNCH CARDS:

- All cards that expired in March, April or May of this year (2020) have been **extended by three months.**
- Punch cards are still required to use some services of the transfer station.
- Punch cards are available by mail so please plan to purchase cards ahead of the time.
 - Denominations available are \$5, \$10, and \$25 (payable only by check or money order)
 Check the Town Website to see what has a fee and what does not.
 - <u>https://www.harvard.ma.us/sites/harvardma/files/uploads/accepted_items_032819.pdf</u>
 The fee charged for items can be found here:
 - https://www.harvard.ma.us/sites/harvardma/files/uploads/harvard_transfer_station_rule s_and_regulations_fy20_2.pdf

PHASED OPENING:

- The **Residential Bulky Waste** (see second link above) dumpsters will <u>open on Wednesday</u>, <u>May 20, 2020</u>.
- The **Recycling** areas where you recycle tires, batteries, refrigerators, air conditioners, televisions...etc. will reopen on <u>Wednesday, May 27, 2020.</u>
- **Take-It or Leave-It** will <u>not</u> be reopening at this time due to social distancing requirements and the inability to monitor this area due to the increased time it will take to assist people with punch card items.

TRANSFER STATION COVID-19 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

1. Everyone who uses the transfer station must maintain social distancing and keep at least 6 feet away from others at all times. If unable to social distance then you must wear a mask or face covering when disposing of household trash and recycling.

- Residents who are disposing of Bulky Waste items or Recycling tires batteries, refrigerators, air conditioners, televisions...etc. <u>will be required to wear a mask</u> and if you do not you will be denied the ability to dispose of your items.
- 3. If the bulky waste dumpsters are full you will not be able to dispose of your items/materials. Anyone caught dumping items near the dumpsters will be fined.
- 4. There will be no loitering at the transfer station.
- 5. Any fundraisers, campaigning, or other non-transfer station activity will not be allowed.
- 6. Metal picking rules will be enforced.
- 7. You are asked to place your trash, recycling, or debris in the proper containers and go.

Thank you all for understanding the difficult times we are in and our attempts to slow the spread of the virus.