

STATE OF WISCONSIN
TOWN OF WASHINGTON, VILAS COUNTY
CODE OF ORDINANCES

**CHAPTER 13: ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TRANSFER STATION
REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES**

13.01 Title and Purpose

This ordinance is entitled the Town of Washington Ordinance to Establish Transfer Station Regulations and Procedures. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish regulations and procedures to regulate the disposal of waste, garbage, refuse and recyclables at the Town Transfer Station in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town of Washington.

13.02 Authority

This chapter is adopted as authorized under § 287.09(3)(b) Wis. Stats. and § 60.22 Wis. Stats.

13.03 Definitions

1. Disposal - Includes, but not limited to, unloading, throwing away, discarding, emptying, abandoning, or depositing in dumpsters, waste at the Town of Washington Transfer Station.
2. Waste - Includes, but is not limited to, any item or items allowed to be discarded at the Town of Washington Transfer Station under current Transfer Station Regulations.
3. Transfer Station Permit - A permit issued by the Town of Washington that allows those owning or renting a dwelling within the boundaries of the Town of Washington to gain access to the Transfer Station for the purpose of disposing of waste.
4. Replacement Permit - A Transfer Station permit that may be issued by the Town of Washington to replace the original permit issued to a specific dwelling and property owner.
5. Rental Property - A dwelling rented to others on a continual basis of one month or longer.
6. Tax Exempt Property - A property owned by a tax exempt organization which appears on the tax roll, but for which no real estate tax bill is produced.
7. Household Waste - Household waste means any waste material, including garbage, trash, and refuse, produced as a result of occupying a dwelling.

13.04 Regulations Governing Application for and Issuing of Permits

1. Numbered Transfer Station permits are assigned to a specific dwelling as well as specific owner(s). A master list of assigned permits is retained by the Town Treasurer.
2. The Town will issue one Transfer Station permit per occupied dwelling in the Township. Additional permits for more than one vehicle or for multiple owners will not be issued.
3. Permits are not issued for vacant land.
4. Transfer Station permit may be withheld for delinquent taxes.
5. Should a Transfer Station permit become lost, stolen, or damaged to the extent it can no longer be used, application may be made to the Town Treasurer for a replacement permit. If a replacement permit is issued, the original permit will be invalid.
6. Transfer Station permits issued to those who own rental property within the Town are intended for use by the tenant.
7. The Town shall hold property owners who rent properties to tenants responsible for the Transfer Station permit.
8. One Transfer Station permit will be mailed with the real estate tax bills in December of each year to each owner of a dwelling listed in the real estate tax roll of the Town.
9. For those with more than one dwelling, rental units, tax exempt property, or a mobile home subject only to personal property tax, application for these permits must be made each year to the Town Treasurer.
10. Application for a Transfer Station permit may be made for vacant land upon completion of construction of a dwelling and presentation of the Final Inspection Report.
11. All applications for a Transfer Station permit should be directed to the Town Treasurer.
12. Replacement permit fee is determined and set by the Town Board and placed in the Town of Washington Fee Schedule which may be revised from time to time by the Town board.

13.05 Regulations Governing Use of the Transfer Station

1. Transfer Station permit must be shown to transfer station attendant each time the transfer station is used.
2. No scavenging on the premises.
3. Use of the Transfer Station is limited to Town of Washington residents for disposal of household waste and recyclable materials.
4. Transfer Station attendant on duty shall make the final decision on who will be permitted to use the facility and what items may be disposed of.
5. Transfer Station permit may be revoked for verbal or physical abuse to the transfer station attendant.

6. Transfer station/recycling regulations as stated in the annual town newsletter must be followed.
7. It is unlawful to dump or move onto any public road or right of way in the Town of Washington any refuse, debris, garbage, litter, or yard waste unless authorized by the Town.

13.06 Enforcement

1. All Transfer Station permits remain the property of the Town of Washington.
2. The Town of Washington reserves the right to revoke or suspend Transfer Station permits for any violation of this ordinance.

13.07 Severability

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

13.08 Adoption of Ordinance

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, formally adopts the Town of Washington Ordinance to Establish Transfer Station Regulations and Procedures.

This ordinance repeals and replaces all transfer station ordinances previously adopted by the Town of Washington.

13.09 Effective Date

This ordinance is effective upon adoption and publication or posting. The Town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance under § 60.80, Wis. Stats.

Adopted this 01 day of February 2021.


Jim Egan, Town Chairperson

Attest:

Michele Sanborn

Michele Sanborn, Clerk

Published/Posted: 2/10/21

STATE OF WISCONSIN

TOWN OF WASHINGTON, VILAS COUNTY

CODE OF ORDINANCES

CHAPTER 13: AMENDMENT #1 OF ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TRANSFER STATION REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington operates a transfer station for the purpose of collecting garbage, refuse and recyclables at the Town transfer station; and

WHEREAS, the waste, garbage, refuse and recyclables that are collected at the Town transfer station are subsequently removed by private haulers at the direction and by contract with the Town of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Transfer Station Ordinance is in need of amendment due to the increasing number of short-term rentals in the Town of Washington and the amount of garbage, waste, refuse and recyclables that these properties generate in the Town of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Washington does hereby ordain to amend Chapter 13 as follows:

1. Section 13.03(3) is hereby amended to state as follows:

“3. Transfer Station Permit – A permit issued by the Town of Washington that allows those owning or renting a dwelling within the boundaries of the Town of Washington to gain access to the Transfer Station for the purpose of disposing of waste. This does not include addresses holding a Short Term Rental License from the Town of Washington.”

2. Section 13.03(5) is hereby amended to state as follows:

“5. Rental Property – A dwelling rented to others on a continual basis of a period of thirty (30) days or longer. This does not include addresses holding a Short Term Rental License.”

3. Section 13.04(7) is hereby amended to state as follows:

“7. Any rental property in the Town of Washington that is rented for a period of longer than thirty (30) consecutive days and not holding a Short Term Rental License from the Town of Washington shall be eligible to receive a transfer station permit.”

4. Section 13.04(8) is hereby amended to state as follows:

“8. One Transfer Station permit will be mailed with the real estate tax bills in December of each year to each owner of a dwelling except for those properties that hold a Short Term Rental License with the Town of Washington.”

5. Section 13.05(3) is hereby amended to read as follows:

“3. Use of the Transfer Station is limited to Town of Washington residents for disposal of household waste and recyclable materials. This does not include waste from a property holding a Short Term Rental License with the Town of Washington.”

That all other aspects of Chapter 13 other than those which are amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

Adopted this 8th day of September, 2025.



Jim Egan, Town Chairperson

Attest:



Nancy Sobralski, Town Clerk

Effective Date: September 9, 2025

Publication/Posting Date: September 9, 2025

Town of Washington Ordinance Amendment Record

Chapter 13: Ordinance establishing transfer station regulations and Procedures. Adopted February 1, 2021

Date	Article	Section	Amendment Summary
09-08-25	13.03	(3)	<p>Section 13.03(3) is hereby amended to state as follows: Transfer Station Permit- A permit issued by the Town of Washington that allows those owning or renting a dwelling within the boundaries of the Town of Washington to gain access to the Transfer Station for the purpose of disposing of waste. This does not include addresses holding a Short Term Rental License from the Town of Washington.</p>
09-08-25	13.03	(5)	<p>Section 13.03(5) is hereby amended to state as follows: Rental Property – A dwelling rented to others on a continual basis of a period of thirty (30) days or longer. This does not include addresses holding a Short-Term Rental License.</p>
09-08-25	13.04	(7)	<p>Section 13.04(7) is hereby amended to state as follows: Any rental property in the Town of Washington that is rented for a period of longer than thirty (30) consecutive days and not holding a Short-Term Rental License from the Town of Washington shall be eligible to receive a transfer station permit.</p>
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