

**Town of Woodstock**  
**By-law No. 56**  
**A By-Law to Regulate the Collection and Material Disposal of Garbage and**  
**Other Material**

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Interpretation

1. In this by-law, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - (a) "garbage" means any refuse, accumulation of animal, fruit, or vegetable matter, liquid or otherwise which attends the preparation, use, cooking, dealing in or storage of meat, fish, fowl, fruit or vegetables;
  - (b) "ashes" means the residue from fires used for cooking and heating;
  - (c) "combustible material" includes paper and paper products, bottles and cans;
  - (d) "incombustible material" means metals, dirt, and similar rubbish which cannot be burned;
  - (e) "street rubbish" means sweepings, dirt, leaves, catch pit dirt and similar rubbish;
  - (f) "garden refuse and waste" means waste matter from gardens, consisting of dead branches, bushes, weeds, plants, stones and similar materials;
  - (g) "housing unit" means a place of dwelling, and includes an apartment or apartment buildings, but does not include a business or commercial accommodation or a hotel or motel room;
  - (h) "shared accommodations" means any room or rooms forming part of the residence of a landlord, or his agent, and of which the entrances and any facilities are used in common by the landlord, or his agent, and the occupant and occupants of the room or rooms.

### Receptacles for Garbage and Combustible Material

1. The occupant of every housing unit and the landlord of shared accommodation in the Town shall provide on the premises sufficient and adequate receptacles for garbage and combustible materials, hereinafter called "garbage receptacles."
2. Garbage receptacle shall be water-tight and shall have a capacity not exceeding three cubic feet, and shall be made of metal or plastics equipped with handles and metal or plastic covers which fit tightly.
3. Every person required to provide garbage receptacles shall maintain them in good condition at all times.
4. (a) No person shall place garbage for collection in any receptacle other than a garbage receptacle as herein prescribed.  
(b) Every person using a garbage receptacle is required to place garbage in plastic bags within the receptacle.
5. Every person required to provide a garbage receptacle shall cause all garbage and combustible material to be placed for collection therein but such person shall not be required to place in a garbage receptacle paper and cardboard material which has been flattened out and securely tied in packages.
6. No person shall fill any garbage receptacle to a greater height than within two inches below the top.

### Location of Garbage Receptacles

7. Every person required to provide a garbage receptacle shall place or cause to be placed such receptacle and any package of paper or cardboard securely tied as aforesaid out-of-doors at ground level on the property occupied by such person and in a location which is readily accessible for collection.
8. No person who is required to provide a garbage receptacle shall permit a receptacle containing garbage to remain upon premises under his control for a period longer than seven days, without placing the same for collection in the manner hereinbefore prescribed in Section 7.

### Collection and Disposal of Garbage and Combustible Material

9. The Council may enter into an agreement with any person, herein referred to as the "garbage collector", for the collection of garbage and combustible material under the provisions of this by-law and may from time to time define his duties.

10. The garbage collector shall make collections from such premises and at such times as may be mutually agreed upon between the garbage collector and the Town Council.
11. The garbage collector shall not be required to collect garbage and combustible material unless the same is placed for collection in the manner hereinbefore prescribed or unless otherwise directed by the Town Council.
12. No person shall permit garbage or combustible material to be or remain upon premises occupied by him in a manner which is unsanitary or constitutes a nuisance.
13. (1) Any person who is required to place garbage and combustible material for collection in the manner prescribed by sections 5 and 7 hereof and fails to do so shall dispose of such garbage and combustible material at his own expenses.  
  
(2) Every occupant of premises in the Town other than a housing unit or shared accommodation shall:
  - (a) cause all garbage and combustible material upon the premises to be placed in a garbage receptacle or other reasonably suitable container, and;
  - (b) dispose of all garbage and combustible material upon the premises at his own expense.
14. The Building Inspector may give a direction in writing to the owner or occupant of premises to remove within a specified time all garbage and combustible material from the premises of which he is the owner or occupant and upon failure of such owner or occupant to comply with such direction, the Building Inspector may cause such garbage and combustible material to be removed at the expense of the Town and the owner of occupant shall upon demand of the Building Inspector reimburse the Town for such expenses.
15. A person who:
  - (a) fails to comply with Section 7 hereof; or
  - (b) fails to comply with Section 8 hereof; or
  - (c) fails to comply with Section 12 hereofis guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalties 'as prescribed in Section 20.  
  
(2) A person who refuses or neglects to carry out any direction or demand given pursuant to Section 14 is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalties as prescribed in Section 20.

### Disposal of Rubbish

16. Ashes, incombustible material, street rubbish, garden refuse, waste and broken or discarded household furniture or furnishings' shall not be placed for collection with garbage or combustible material but shall be disposed of by the owner at his own expense.
17. (1) Waste material and rubbish left on premises following the construction, alteration, demolition or repair of a building, erection or structure shall be removed and disposed of by the own or occupant of such premises as promptly as possible at his own expense.  
  
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(3) An owner or occupant who refuses or neglects to carry out any direction or demand given pursuant to this section is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalties as prescribed in Section 2.

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18. No person shall construct, maintain or use any garbage chute in a housing unit for the purpose of transferring garbage from one point in a building to any other point at a lower elevation in such building, unless he has received special permission so to do from the appropriate authority having jurisdiction in matters of health and sanitation in the Town of Woodstock.

### Town Dump

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(3) No person shall enter upon or remove any material from a Town dump, sanitary landfill, or Town incinerator, except with permission of the Town Manager or of some person duly authorized by the Town.

20. (a) Every person who is convicted of an offence under this by-law is liable upon Summary Conviction to a fine of not less than \$50.00 and nor more than \$200.00 and in default of payment is liable to imprisonment in accordance with subsection 31(3) of the Summary Convictions Act.

(b) An information under the by-law may be laid only by the Town Manager or the Building Inspector for the Town of Woodstock.

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