

TOWN OF RICHMOND, RHODE ISLAND**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – Continued from December 16, 2025
AMENDMENT to the CODE OF ORDINANCES**

Notice is hereby given that the Richmond Town Council will conduct a **PUBLIC HEARING:**

This meeting will take place on **January 6, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.** in Town Council Chambers, 5 Richmond Townhouse Road, Richmond, RI 02898; however, the public can also observe and participate in the meeting remotely broadcast on Zoom.

This hearing is on proposed amendments to Chapter 8.18 Section 8.18.030 of the Richmond Code of Ordinances, entitled "Transfer Station". The amendment would change the days the Transfer Station will be open to Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday, by reducing hours by one day. An amendment to 8.18.070 "Tipping Fees" would also define the rate for Trailer, Lawn Mower, and Tractor Tires, include Air Conditioners, and change the rate for Construction and Demolition debris.

The proposed amendment may be examined at the Town Clerk's Office, Richmond Town Hall, 5 Richmond Townhouse Road, Wyoming, R.I., between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays. Copies are available for 15 cents per page. The proposed amendment may be changed during the public hearing, without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any such change will be presented for comment during the public hearing.

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PER ORDER OF THE RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL

Kendra Tanguay
Deputy Town Clerk

Posted on November 20, 2025, on Town of Richmond's website, Town Hall, Clark Memorial Library and the Richmond Police Station. Reposted December 18, 2025.

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Erin F. Liese, CMC
Town Clerk

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December 30, 2025

To: Town Council

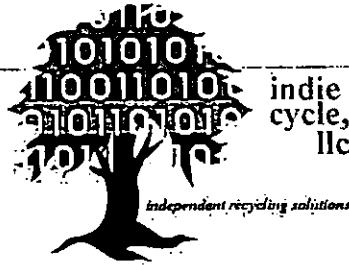
From: Erin F. Liese 
Town Administrator

Re: Transfer Station Fees

This memorandum is submitted for the Town Council's review regarding the adoption of Transfer Station tipping fees, as outlined in Ordinance 8.18.070 as proposed:

1. Non-recyclable mattresses and box springs – \$70 each
2. Recliners, upholstered chairs – \$15 each
3. Couches – \$25 each
4. Sofa beds – \$30 each
5. Car tires – \$8 each without rim; \$10 each with rim
6. Trailer & lawn mower tires – \$8 each with rim
7. Tractor tires (not lawn mower) – \$30 each
8. Truck tires – \$30 each
9. Large appliances with no chlorofluorocarbons – \$25 each
10. Refrigerators and freezers – \$50 each
11. Air conditioners – \$20 each
12. Propane tanks (20 gal.) – \$5 each
13. Boats up to 20 feet – \$260 per ton
14. Yard waste – \$110 per ton
15. Construction and demolition debris – \$165 per ton

I am recommending that the Council adopt the current tipping fees at this time, effective February 1st. These fees align with those of surrounding communities, and an adjustment—particularly for construction debris—is necessary to help bridge the deficit in the Transfer Station Operating line item. It should also be noted that a notice has been received from Indie Cycle LLC regarding Electronic Waste Collection following the last meeting, which will require a future amendment to the tipping fees associated with electronic waste. Previously, the Town paid \$50 per pickup, which occurred once a month or every other month, depending on volume. Under the new fee schedule, Public Works personnel will review delivery or pickup options, and a recommendation on electronic waste fees will be presented at a future noticed agenda.



"Every Day Is Earth Day With Indie Cycle, LLC"

Beginning January 1, 2026, Indie Cycle LLC will become a full service, Large Electronic Waste collector operating at 1372 Main Street, Coventry, RI 02186.

As a part of this transition, to maintain service and compliance levels, our fees ** will increase on January 1, 2026 as follows:

- Container Pick-up service will increase to \$200.00 per container plus a \$50.00 fuel surcharge per trip.
- Accounts with 10' containers will be \$175.00 per container plus a \$50.00 fuel surcharge per trip.
- Accounts with weekly scheduled pickups will be discounted \$35.00 per trip.

A new service will also be added as an available option for municipal accounts as follows:

- \$100.00 to empty containers at our site in Coventry, RI. The municipality will be responsible for the cost of transportation.
- E-waste containers transported and dropped off to us will be serviced in 3-5 business days. Please call ahead to schedule.
- Any containers with excessive amounts of unacceptable material, (wood, glass, smoke detectors, light bulbs etc.) will be subject to a \$65.00 handling fee.
- Dropped containers in hazardous conditions and/or with hazardous waste materials (broken CRT glass, broken fluorescent bulbs, paint, free flowing mercury, oils, etc.) Will be subject to a \$100.00 handling fee.
- Unauthorized or unscheduled containers being dropped will be subject to a \$250.00 relocation fee in addition to service charges.

In addition, for municipalities bringing e-waste by stake-body truck to our loading dock, a \$50.00 service charge will apply.

We, as owners of Indie Cycle LLC, appreciate our new and current partnerships as we work together to support our common goals of protecting the environment and a Zero landfill policy.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Hutnak, Administrative Manager Jason Cote, Logistics Manager

**Returned check fees: An additional charge of \$50.00 will be charged for any returned checks. Future payments may be requested by cashiers check.



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December 30, 2025

To: Town Council

From: Erin F. Liese
Town Administrator

Re: Comparison on Tuesday vs Wednesday Transfer Station Users

Transfer Station Users – Tuesday vs. Wednesday

Count 1:

Tuesday	[REDACTED]	37
Wednesday	[REDACTED]	51

Count 2:

Tuesday	[REDACTED]	46
Wednesday	[REDACTED]	63

Count 3:

Tuesday	[REDACTED]	36
Wednesday	[REDACTED]	61

Transfer Station usage was higher on Wednesday compared to Tuesday. On Tuesday, three counts totaled 119 users, averaging approximately 40 users per count. On Wednesday, the three counts totaled 175 users, with an average of about 58 users per count. This represents an overall increase of 56 users, or roughly 47%, indicating significantly higher activity midweek.

I am respectfully requesting the closure of the Transfer Station on Tuesdays to minimize the confusion to the public. Many calls received clarifying opening and closing times. If passed, I request that the closure be effective in the week of February 1st, allowing for staffing schedules and signage changes needed.

Chapter 8.18 RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

8.18.010	Definitions.
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8.18.040	Materials accepted at transfer station.
8.18.050	Recycling required.
8.18.060	Programs to encourage recycling and diversion.
8.18.070	Tipping fees.
8.18.080	Placards.
8.18.090	Enforcement and penalties.

8.18.010 Definitions. As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings. If any definition in this section is inconsistent with a definition in the general laws or in a regulation promulgated by the Department of Environmental Management, the definition in the statute or regulation shall govern.

Construction and demolition debris – Non-hazardous solid waste resulting from the construction, remodeling, repair, and demolition of utilities and structures and uncontaminated solid waste resulting from land clearing, including but not limited to wood (including painted, treated and coated wood and wood products), wall coverings, plaster, drywall, plumbing fixtures, non-asbestos insulation, roofing shingles and other roof coverings, glass, plastics that are not sealed in a manner that conceals other wastes, empty buckets ten (10) gallons or less in size and having no more than one inch of residue remaining on the bottom, electrical wiring and components containing no hazardous liquids, and pipe and metals that are incidental to any of the previously described waste. Excluded from this definition are asbestos, waste, garbage, corrugated container board, electrical fixtures containing hazardous liquids such as fluorescent light ballasts or transformers, fluorescent lights, carpeting, furniture, appliances, tires, drums, containers greater than ten (10) gallons in size, any containers having more than one inch of residue remaining on the bottom, and fuel tanks. Also excluded from this definition is construction and demolition debris that has been pulverized, shredded, or otherwise processed in a manner that renders the individual components unrecognizable.

Electronic waste – Used electronic devices including but not limited to computers, computer peripherals, computer monitors, copying machines, televisions, radios, camcorders, digital cameras, digital picture frames, DVD players, VCRs, CD players, MP3 players, stereos, video game consoles, GPS navigation units, and portable, cellular, and stationary telephones.

Hazardous waste – Any waste or combination of wastes of a solid, liquid, contained gaseous, or semisolid form that because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics may cause or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness, or pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment. Hazardous wastes include, but are not limited to, substances that are toxic, corrosive, flammable, irritants, strong sensitizers; substances that are

assimilated or concentrated in and are detrimental to tissue; and substances that generate pressure through decomposition or chemical reaction.

Hopkinton resident – A person who resides in Hopkinton.

Municipal solid waste – Garbage, refuse, and other discarded solid materials generated by Richmond or Hopkinton residents in the course of their daily living or generated by public schools and municipal or state offices and facilities located in Richmond and Hopkinton. Excluded from this definition are domestic sewage or sewage sludge or dredge material, hazardous waste, asphalt, concrete, and Portland cement. Municipal solid waste does not include solid waste generated by Richmond or Hopkinton residents in the course of their employment in Richmond or Hopkinton, or solid waste generated by any manufacturing or commercial enterprise.

Recyclable materials – Materials required to be separated from solid waste for reuse, as defined by Department of Environmental Management regulations.

Richmond resident – A person who resides in Richmond.

Transfer station – The facility on Buttonwoods Road is operated by the Richmond public works department that serves as an intermediate point where municipal solid waste, recyclables, bulk goods and white goods, construction and demolition debris, and yard waste are collected for temporary storage before transport to the point of ultimate disposal.

White goods – Large appliances, including but not limited to stoves, washing machines, and clothes dryers.

(Ord. dated 7-17-12; Ord. dated 6-7-16; Ord. dated 7-12-22)

8.18.020 Purpose. Richmond recognizes its obligation to provide for the safe and sanitary disposal of all municipal solid waste generated within its boundaries, as provided in R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-18.9-1, and its obligation to facilitate the diversion of at least 50% of the solid waste generated in the town, as provided in R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-18.8-2. Richmond also recognizes the environmental and financial benefits of recycling to Richmond and Hopkinton residents. The purpose of this Chapter is to require services and facilities that will encourage recycling to the greatest possible extent.

(Ord. dated 7-17-12; Ord. dated 7-12-22)

8.18.030 Transfer station.

A. The town shall meet its responsibility to provide for the safe and sanitary disposal of municipal solid waste through the operation of a transfer station.

B. The transfer station shall be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The transfer station shall be closed on legal holidays.

C. The public works director shall have the authority to establish rules for the safe and efficient operation of the transfer station.

(Ord. date 7-17-12)

8.18.40 Material accepted at transfer station.

A. The transfer station shall accept the following materials from Richmond and Hopkinton residents:

1. Municipal solid waste;
2. Recyclable materials;
3. White goods;
4. Bulk items;
5. Construction and demolition debris;
6. Electronic waste;
7. Used motor oil;
8. Tires;
9. Mattresses and box springs.
10. Yard Waste – Brush and branches less than 3” Inches in diameter, leaves, twigs, and grass clippings are accepted as L& Y debris; must be delivered loose or in paper leaf and lawn bags. (Ord. dated 8-19-25)

Mixed recyclable materials, other recyclable items including used motor oil, washing machines and dryers, mattresses and box springs in recyclable condition, ~~electronics, and air conditioners~~ and electronics shall be accepted free of charge. All other materials may be deposited at the transfer station upon payment of the fees in Section 8.18.070.

B. The transfer station shall accept recyclable materials free of charge from refuse collectors and haulers licensed by the town of Richmond or the town of Hopkinton.

(Ord. dated 7-17-12; Ord. dated 6-7-16; Ord. dated 5-21-19; Ord. dated 7-12-22)

8.18.050 Recycling required.

A. All Richmond and Hopkinton residents are required to separate recyclable materials from solid waste before disposal. Households served by licensed refuse collectors and haulers are required to separate recyclables from solid waste for curbside collection. Households using the transfer station are required to separate recyclable materials from solid waste before delivery to the transfer station.

B. The director of public works shall post in a conspicuous location at the transfer station a list of the materials currently classified by R.I. Department of Environmental Management regulations as recyclable materials.

(Ord. dated 7-17-12; Ord. dated 7-12-22)

8.18.060 Programs to encourage recycling and diversion

The conservation commission shall develop and implement educational programs, including written materials and seminars or workshops, to disseminate information about the benefits of

recycling and diversion, the types of materials that can be recycled and diverted, the requirements of local and state law concerning recycling and diversion, and the proper disposal of hazardous waste. Each program shall be approved in advance by the town council.
(Ord. dated 7-17-12)

8.18.070 Tipping fees. The transfer station will accept refuse upon payment of the following fees (Ord. dated 8-19-25)

A. Large items:

1. Non-recyclable mattresses and box springs \$70 each
2. Recliners, upholstered chairs – \$15 each.
3. Couches – \$25 each.
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B. Items not otherwise specified:

Weight	Tipping fee
50 lbs. or less	\$7
51-100 lbs.	\$10
101-150 lbs.	\$14
151-200 lbs.	\$17
201-250 lbs.	\$20
251-300 lbs.	\$23
301-350 lbs.	\$26
351-400 lbs.	\$29

401-450 lbs.	\$32
451-500 lbs.	\$35

8.18.080 Placards.

A. Every vehicle depositing solid waste or recyclables generated by a single household shall display a placard on the dashboard. The town clerk shall issue transfer station placards.

B. Placards shall be issued to Richmond residents and Hopkinton residents free of charge. The placards shall not expire.

(Ord. dated 5-21-19; Ord. dated 7-12-22)

8.18.090 Enforcement and penalties.

A. The Richmond police department shall enforce the provisions of this Chapter and any rules and regulations adopted by the Department of Public Works and incorporated in the transfer station operating plan approved by the Department of Environmental Management. The penalties for violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be those in Section 1.08.010 of this Code.

(Ord. dated 7-17-12)

B. The town council shall have the authority to suspend or revoke the transfer station permit of any person who violates any provision of this Chapter.

(Ord. dated 5-21-19)

REFERENCES

Title 23, chs. 18.8, 18.9, title 37, ch. 15; title 42, ch. 17.1 of the general laws; Code ch. 5.56; 250-RICR-140-20-2.