



calling all contractors

Wellfleet's Transfer Station is now accepting clean non-treated wood and wood scraps for reuse in the community. Please separate these items out and deliver them on Fridays between 1 and 4pm.

Call 508-349-0308 for alternate drop off times.

Wood Recycling Program



Equating Economic Interchangeability of Finances and Biomass

Heat Savings and Waste Disposal Savings with Direct Community Benefit

Recently a number of requests have come into the Health Department regarding the amount of reusable biomass (plant material, vegetation, agricultural waste used as a fuel or energy source), that is entering our waste system and being transported out of Town at a significant cost to the Town of Wellfleet and its residents. It is possible to convert this type of biomass to useful energy in the homes of Wellfleetians by burning such materials in fireplaces or wood stoves. A few of the benefits if using biomass for home heating include: biomass is a renewable energy resource, biomass releases carbon dioxide that is largely balanced by the carbon dioxide captured in its own growth (depending how much energy was used to grow, harvest and process the fuel), the use of biomass can reduce dependency on very expensive foreign oil, and such combustion has the potential to decrease household heating costs.

The Board of Health along with the Recycling Commission would like to try an economic pilot project to collect and reallocate biomass as an experimental 90 day program to explore potential community benefits. An outline of the pilot program protocols are outlined below:

- ◆ The Health and Conservation Agent and the Assistant Health and Conservation Agent are being identified as the responsible parties for this operation. Interactions by Department of Public Works employees will be kept at a minimum as their current staffing numbers

as identified by the Department of Environmental Protection, are already too low for the Transfer Station facility. The Department of Public Works Would be only responsible for identifying a piece of land at the Wellfleet Transfer Station for this operation to exist upon. The Board of Health and the Recycling Commission will also monitor the operation and provide significant oversight for this pilot project.

- ◆ Those who wish to participate in the pilot project for drop off or pick up would follow strict adherence to the guidelines established in this document and sign a waiver releasing the Town of Wellfleet from any liability prior to participating. Waivers can be signed at the Health and Conservation Office between the hours of 8am and 4pm, Monday through Friday.
- ◆ After signing the waiver, biomass could then be delivered to the established area at the Transfer Station on Friday afternoons from 1-4pm. Other times may be available by special appointment by contacting the Health and Conservation Office. Building and Health officials will be present to monitor the drop off operation. Proper material segregation will be a must. All reuse materials will be placed in a cordoned off area separating items into logs and defoliated branched that are burnable, and unfinished and untreated framing materials, including but not limited to: studs, joists, rafters and beams. Individuals wishing to pick material up can do so at any time during normal Transfer Station operating hours.
- ◆ As an incentive the Transfer Station will not charge a fee for materials deposited in the cordoned off area to be used for biomass reallocation.
- ◆ We are extremely hopeful that this program can be run with minimal supervision and at no expense to the Town of Wellfleet or its residents. Furthermore, we are redirecting valuable resources, and reducing building costs and more importantly heating costs for our residents. While we know it may be overzealous to expect a program such as this to run so efficiently, we also must plan for failure. We identify lack of staffing, and liability to be the two obstacles that we must overcome. Bear in mind this is a 90 day pilot program that we will be monitoring to make any necessary adjustments in an attempt to keep and protect Wellfleet’s natural and financial resourced which will become a model that can be followed by other communities.

Diagram of Biomass Reallocation Operation

Logs*	C	Untreated, Unfinished Lumber
Logs must be cut into 4' lengths	A	<4' in Length
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*Since we have limited storage space, a cap will be placed on the amount of this material accepted.	A	<6' in Length
	N	
	E	<8' in Length
		<10' in Length

Reusable dimensional lumber waste is collected and sorted by size and dimension, and stockpiled. It is available to residents free of charge with a Transfer Station sticker on a first come first serve basis.

Wellfleet Firewood Recycling Program
Release Agreement

This release Agreement for the Wellfleet Recycling Program ("Agreement") is made by and between the undersigned (hereinafter "Releasor") and the Town of Wellfleet ("Town") on the date set forth below.

The Town is offering to provide to Releasor firewood at no cost as part of the Town's Firewood Recycling Program ("Program"), and Releasor has agreed to receive and accept the firewood at no cost. Now, therefore, in consideration as set forth herein, the value and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Releasor, intending to be legally bound, agrees as follows:

1. Releasor agrees that the firewood shall be for personal use only, and that he/she shall not transfer, sell, covey or otherwise engage in any commercial activities related to the disposition of the firewood.
2. Releasor, for him/herself, his/her heirs, legal representation, successors and/or assigns, hereby releases, forever discharges and agrees to hold harmless the Town, its departments, officials, employees, agents, successors and assigns from any liability for any and all loss, damages, costs, claims, expenses, debts and compensation arising out of any bodily injury or property damage received or incurred in connection with participation in the Program.
3. The Releasor hereby understands the terms and conditions of this Agreement and that he/she warrants his/her capacity to agree to and execute this Agreement. The Releasor also represents that he/she executes this Agreement as his/her free act and deed.
4. The entire agreement of the Releasor and the Town is stated herein and no other representations, either oral or in writing, have been made which are not expressly set forth herein.
5. The terms of this Agreement are contractual and not a mere recital.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT. I SIGN THIS AGREEMENT KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY.

DATE

RELEASOR'S NAME

WITNESS:

RELESSOR'S SIGNATURE