

TOWN OF EASTON

BOARD OF HEALTH

DUMPSTER REGULATIONS, AND FOR THE REMOVAL AND TRANSPORTATION OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH, OFFAL AND OTHER OFFENSIVE SUBSTANCES

The Board of Health, Town of Easton, Massachusetts, in accordance with and under the authority granted by Sections 31A and 31B of Chapter 111 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby adopt rules and regulations at a meeting of the Board held on March 25, 1985.

All other regulations of the Board of Health inconsistent with these regulations are repealed as of April 1, 1985.

EFFECTIVE DATE: These regulations and rules take effect on April 1, 1985.

1. Each dumpster must be located at a minimum of five feet from the lot line and not interfere with the safety, convenience, or health of abutters of residences and a distance of at least fifteen feet from a building and be on an impervious surface. Dumpster location must be approved by the Board of Health.
2. When deemed necessary by the Board of Health, it may be required that a dumpster site be enclosed or screened by the property owner or authorized agent.
3. Dumpster is not to be filled between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. for residential property and at the close of the business day for commercial property, at which time lids are to be locked. The lids must be closed when the dumpster is not in use during all other times.
4. Each dumpster is to be of sufficient size and capacity to eliminate overflowing and the property owner or authorized agent of the premises utilizing the service must take appropriate action immediately to empty when full.
5. Each dumpster must be situated so as not to obstruct the view of flowing traffic.
6. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner or agent being serviced to maintain the dumpster area free of odors, scattered debris, overflowing and all other nuisances.
7. The property owner or authorized agent responsible for maintaining the dumpster service is required to have a permit from the Board of Health for each dumpster. All permits shall expire at the end of the calendar year in which they are issued but may be renewed annually on application as herein provided. There shall be a fee of \$100.00 for each dumpster payable yearly for said permit. All renewal permits not received by January 1st will be assessed a late fee of \$50.00. There is no fee for recycle bins.

8. No contractor, firm or person shall supply a dumpster service in the Town of Easton for the purpose of storage, removal or transporting of garbage rubbish, offal or other offensive substances without first obtaining a permit from the Board of Health. All permits shall expire at the end of the calendar year in which they are issued, but may be renewed annually on application as herein provided. There shall be a fee of \$100.00 payable for said permit. A list of all dumpsters serviced in the Town of Easton shall be supplied to the Board of Health before issuance of said permit and shall be updated throughout the year as clients change.
9. Temporary dumpster permits (roll-off or gondola type) will be issued to a property owner or authorized agent for a period not to exceed thirty days, in connection with construction, demolition, fairs, carnivals or for other similar temporary needs. Said permit may be renewed for an additional thirty days upon application. The property owner or authorized agent shall comply with all the provisions of these regulations which are applicable to the operation of the dumpster. There shall be a fee of \$15.00 payable for each temporary dumpster permit.
10. The contractor shall have his/her name and business telephone number conspicuously displayed on the dumpster.
11. The emptying of the dumpster contents by the contractor shall not commence before 7:00 A.M. and not continue after 11:00 P.M.
12. The dumpster contractor shall have the dumpster deodorized when emptied or, if necessary, washed or sanitized as directed by order of the Board of Health.
13. These regulations apply to all dumpsters in the Town of Easton whether for residential, commercial or industrial use.
14. Permits may be suspended or revoked by the Board of Health for failure of the dumpster contractor or the property owner/his authorized agent to comply with the requirements of these regulations.
15. The Board of Health may vary the application of any provision of this regulation with respect to any particular case when, in its opinion, the enforcement would do manifest injustice; provided that the decision of the Board of Health shall not conflict with the spirit of any minimum standard established. Any variance granted by the Board of Health shall be in writing and a copy, while it is in effect, be available to the public at all reasonable hours at the office of the Board of Health.

Adopted: March 25, 1985

Revised: October 10, 2006

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