

A transformation is underway for the Kingfield/New Portland Transfer Station.

Public Hearing will be held Thursday, May 15th, 2025, at 6:00pm in Webster Hall located at 38 School Street in Kingfield to converse on the following.

1. The Transfer Station will no longer be accepting any commercial haulers waste.

What is a commercial waste hauler? A commercial waste hauler is any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, or other legal entity that collects, transports, and disposes of solid waste for a fee.

2. The Transfer Station will no longer be accepting construction and demolition debris from contractors.

What is a contractor? Any individual, company, or corporation that is hired to provide a service for a fee, including but not limited to general carpentry and repair, remodeling, or new construction of buildings or other changes such as roofing, siding, window replacement, landscaping or tree and brush removal. Contractors are responsible for the proper disposition of all waste generated by them in the practice of their profession.

What is construction debris? Any debris generated by a contractor paid by the resident to do repair. Debris resulting from the construction, remodeling, repair, and demolition of buildings or other structures. It includes, but is not limited to, building materials, asphalt, wall board, pipes, metal conduits, mattresses, household furniture, rope, hose, wire and cable, fencing, carpeting and underlay.

3. The Transfer Station will be implementing a new process for stickers.

Who needs a new sticker? All residents that are allowed to use the transfer station. Residents will be issued a Transfer Station Sticker if they can show proof of residency or property ownership in the Town of Kingfield, New Portland, Bigelow Twp., Carrying Place Twp., Dead River Twp., Flagstaff Twp., Freeman Twp., Lexington Twp., Pierce Pond Twp., Salem Twp., West Freeman Twp.

How will new stickers be obtained? Stickers must be obtained at Kingfield Town Office or New Portland Town Office.

Are there any rules? Residents must fill out and sign an application. Proper identification and/or residency may need to be provided and reviewed by town office personnel.

Mail-in application forms are available by request. If proper identity and residency are provided a sticker will be mailed. (Town offices may waive identity/residency requirements if people are known to them).

A residents' first Transfer Station sticker is FREE. Limit of two stickers per household.

If a resident purchases a new vehicle, changes their plate, or gets a new windshield they may peel the current Transfer Station sticker off and bring it into the Town Office and receive one FREE replacement sticker. For all other situations replacement stickers are \$10.00.

A database will be maintained as to who is assigned what sticker numbers, therefore every sticker will be accounted for.

Transfer Station staff and/or other designated individuals may perform sticker checks as they deem appropriate. If it is discovered that your sticker/plate does not match you may be refused entry to the transfer station until corrections are made.

When will new stickers be available? Sometime after July 1st. Announcements will be made by town offices and there will be postings at the Transfer Station to alert everyone of their arrival.

Is there a deadline to obtain a new sticker? No deadline has been set however we may refuse entry to the transfer station if you have not obtained a new sticker by December 31st after being reminded to do so.

4. The transfer station burn pile to remain closed.

Why is the board considering the idea of not re opening the burn pile? There are many rules to follow when having a burn pile. Rules such as defining the personnel that must be present, consideration of wind speed as to not create a nuisance, rules that the burn pile cannot contain *treated wood, construction, or demolition debris other than unpainted wood, cannot contain asphalt products, tires, white goods, brown goods, paper or cardboard, or refuse – no bureaus, desks, speakers, etc.* Rules that also define the thickness, size, and construction of a burn area, rules that state that ashes must not be allowed to accumulate to a depth greater than six inches and burn pile ash must be transported to a facility licensed to accept it after it has been tested.

Would the board consider burning tree brush only? The board has considered this. They have also considered the additional rules that follow burn piles. Such as testing and storage. The rules state that prior to initial acceptance at a solid waste landfill facility, ash from the open burning of wood waste from each source must be analyzed by the TCLP for metals at the following frequencies: Once per year for those sources that generate less than ten (10) tons annually; Semi-annually for those sources which generate ten to twenty-five (10-25) tons annually; and Quarterly for those sources that generate greater than twenty-five (25) tons annually.

Ashes must be stored in a sealed/leak proof container from the elements when the pile has accumulated a depth of six inches. This is a specialty container provided by Waste Management.

5. The Transfer Station will be implementing Bulky Waste Day(s)

What is a bulky waste day? A bulky waste day or days would be designated days that residents could bring bulky waste to the transfer station for a cost.

What is bulky waste? Bulky waste includes but is not limited to stuffed furniture such as couches, chairs, recliners, sleep sofas, mattresses, and box springs. Bulky waste is also wooden furniture, doors, windows, area rugs, carpet, as well as other construction materials and items that are not considered household trash.

Why is this being considered? Many factors attribute to the added cost of the transfer station. The board has argued that items known as bulky waste that are disposed of into the demolition container should be paid for by those that are disposing of such items.

Haven't we already been paying for bulky waste? Yes, we have charged for mattresses, large loads of demo items, chairs, and couches to name a few, however the cost has been minimal and must be adjusted. For instance, instead of paying \$5.00 for a queen-size mattress you may be paying \$45.00.

Does this mean that we can only dispose of bulky waste on certain days? Yes, instead of the demo container being open year-round we will pick certain days that bulky waste will be accepted. This may be altered as demand changes.

How will I know the cost to dispose of an item? We have determined what we believe to be adequate costs based upon the weight of items and the cost to dispose of the item. Prices may be revised as determined by the board. Updated cost schedules will be posted online, in town offices, and at the transfer station.

Want to know more? Consider attending the public hearing scheduled for Thursday, May 15th, 2025, at 6:00pm in Webster Hall located at 38 School Street in Kingfield.