



## Garbage Collection Policy

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### **Objective:**

The purpose of this policy is to provide an efficient and cost saving residential Garbage Collection System for the Town of Gambo.

### **Scope:**

This policy applies to the residents living within the Town of Gambo

#### **Definitions:**

- a. "Act" means the Municipalities Act, 1999 as amended;
- b. "Approved" means approved by the Town Manager;
- c. "Ashes" means the residue of any substance used as fuel for household purposes after such substance has been consumed by fire, but not including soot;
- d. "Bulk Items" means heavy or bulky items such as stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers, clothes washers, clothes dryers, furnaces, boilers, bed springs, furniture, boxes and barrels and similar items;
- e. "Business Establishment" means real property which is assessed business tax under the provisions of the assessment act;
- f. "Council" means the Town Council of the Town of Gambo;
- g. "Dumpster" means the bin located in the Town Yard, suitable to hold, household waste only, in clear garbage bags;
- h. "Garbage" means all kitchen and table waste of animal or vegetable origin resulting from the preparation of food;
- i. "Garden Waste" means the waste material from gardens, consisting of grass clippings, dead branches, bushes, weeds, plants, stones and other similar materials;
- j. "Householder" means the owner, occupant, lessee, tenant or the person in charge of a dwelling, mobile home, mini home;
- k. "Nuisance" means anything or any condition of things which is or may become injurious or dangerous or presents an obstruction to pedestrians or vehicular traffic or anything or any condition of things, that in the opinion of Council, has an unpleasant effect on the senses or adversely affects the amenities of the surrounding property;
- l. "Receptacle" for the purpose of these Regulations means a storage facility for the purpose of storing garbage during periods between collections;
- m. "Recycling Materials" means boxboard, cardboard, household metal containers, mixed paper, paper containers, plastic containers;
- n. "Refuse" means all other miscellaneous waste material not specifically defined as garbage including but not restricting the generality of the foregoing, all vehicles tracked or wheeled and/or object deemed to be in such a condition of disrepair that is adversely affects the amenities of the surrounding property;



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- o. “Soot” means the black powdering substances, formed by the burning of coal, wood and other carbon compounds;
- p. “Swill” means wet table scrapings, garbage or other waste materials, or animal or vegetable matter, which has attained a liquid or partly liquid state;
- q. “Town” means the Town of Gambo;
- r. “Town Manager” means the Town Manager or his/her designate
- s. “Trade Waste” means garbage and refuse from stores, offices, business establishments and buildings and including all kinds of paper, magazines, pasteboards, rags, packing materials, excelsior and other like materials, accumulated in or incidental to the carrying on of any business;
- t. “Grubbing “means trees, roots, stumps, topsoil from the clearing of land;
- u. “Demolition material” means all material from the destruction of buildings and foundations or structures.

### **Responsibility:**

It is the responsibility of the Town Council to determine a schedule that is effective for the removal of town waste from residential homes, including additional services for the removal of bulk items and hazardous waste.

Central Newfoundland Waste Management, (CNWM) is the contractor designated to provide an efficient service for the curbside removal of residential garbage.

### **POLICY**

#### **Administration:**

The Town Manager or his/her designate shall administer and enforce the provisions of these Regulations and for the purpose may:

- Divide the Town into sections;
- Designate a particular day of the week for collection of garbage and refuse in each section; and
- From time to time alter the boundaries of each of the sections and shall notify the public of such changes in boundaries.

#### **Annual Waste Management Fee**

- An annual waste management fee of \$70.00 shall be charged to all occupied households. Unoccupied households may petition to have this fee removed at the discretion of Council.

#### **Days and Times of Collection:**

Gambo South including Gambo Pond to Boland’s Auto 413 J.R. Smallwood Blvd.	Monday starting at 8:00 a.m.
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Boland's Auto to the end of town	Thursday starting at 8:00 a.m.
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- a. Collection of garbage shall be at least once in every (7) seven days, commencing at the hour of eight o'clock in the forenoon (8:00 a.m.), provided however, that when a public or statutory holiday occurs on a collection day, such collection may be made on the day specified by the CNWM.
- b. Collection of bulk items shall be by special collection only at such times and upon such terms and conditions as the Town Manager or his/her designate may determine having due regard to the availability of manpower and equipment and to the requirements of regularly scheduled collections.
- c. All garbage and Recycling being placed for collections shall not be placed earlier than 6:00 a.m. on the day designated for collection in the area.
- d. All garbage and Recycling being placed for collection shall not be placed later than 8:00 a.m. on the day designated for collection in the area.
- e. Empty receptacles and/or containers as well as material refused for collection shall be removed from the streets by the householder before 8:30 p.m. on the same day as the garbage was placed for collection.
- f. Collection of garbage at the Dumpster located in the Town Yard is permitted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Sunday for garbage (clear bags only).

**Restrictions:**

- a. Containers shall not be put out for collection except on the day designated for collection in the area;
- b. No person or persons shall permit any animal owned by him/her or under his/her control to pick over, interfere, disturb, remove or scatter any material placed out for collection;
- c. Garbage will not be removed in boxes and must be placed at the curb.
- d. No liquids shall be deposited or placed in a polyethylene garbage bag for collection.
- e. No person can dispose of household waste in the bear proof containers that are located on Joey's Lookout, Village Green, Fun-N-Sun Playground Area and the Rock Cut at the North end of town.

**Storage & Disposal:**

Every householder shall at their own expense make adequate arrangements for:

- a. The storage of garbage in receptacles that is impervious to animals.
- b. The disposal of any material not collected by the Town as referred to in Section marked "Materials Not Collected".

**Suitable Containers:**

- a. Every householder shall provide suitable containers for garbage and refuse. Containers which are not disposable shall be maintained in a good state of repair and in a sanitary condition.

*\*This policy rescinds all previous policies pertaining to this subject matter.*



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- b. No person, shall deposit, throw, sweep or place any garbage upon any street, lane, drain, public place or private property outside of buildings within the Town of Gambo unless the same is enclosed in approved watertight containers provided with handles and a cover and being of a capacity not exceeding ninety litres; or in large polyethylene or similar waterproof bags securely tied.
- c. Every person, being the owner of a building or buildings and premises within the Town shall provide approved containers as mentioned in the preceding regulations for the use of the reception of garbage, and all garbage from such building or buildings and premises shall be placed in such containers.
- d. A suitable container shall mean a transparent polyethylene garbage bag; blue tinted for recycling material, and non-tinted for non-recycling refuse
- e. A suitable container shall mean a standard metal garbage container or a container of other substantial material approved by Council.
- f. A polyethylene garbage bag placed for collections shall be securely tied or closed at the top.
- g. Garbage containers shall be kept covered and in a sanitary condition at all times.

### **Soot & Ashes:**

The householder shall place soot and ashes in a plastic disposable waterproof bag securely tied and marked as "Soot".

### **Place for Containers:**

- a. The curb line.
- b. In areas where no curb or sidewalk exists, place at the street asphalt edge.

### **Materials not collected:**

The Town shall not collect during regular weekly collection:

- a. Swill, liquid waste or other organic matter which has not been properly drained or wrapped;
- b. Highly combustible or hazardous material disposed of at an approved hazardous waste disposal facility;
- c. Trade waste;
- d. Garden waste, this may be disposed of at any time at a designated site selected by Council;
- e. Garbage or refuse that has not been placed for collection in the manner provided by these Regulations;
- f. Rubber tires must be disposed of at a tire recycling facility designated by Town Council
- g. Sheet iron, scrap metal, car bodies;
- h. Carcass of any animal;
- i. Garbage or refuse left by a contractor, upon any street lane, drain, public or private property;
- j. Rocks, gravel, concrete;



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- k. Construction and demolition materials;
- l. Ashes;
- m. Televisions, DVDs, computers and other electronics acceptable for recycling;
- n. Sharps/needles/broken glass that have not been adequately packaged; sharps/needles must be placed in a puncture proof container before being put in the garbage; broken glass must be packaged in such a manner that the glass does not protrude through the container; the container must be marked "BROKEN GLASS".

### **Commercial Garbage:**

Garbage or Refuse will not be collected from businesses, commercial enterprises or government offices.

For the purpose of this policy a rental building of four or more units will be considered as a business.

### **Commercial Garbage Containers:**

- a. Shall be located on any non-residential lot such that the container does not extend beyond the building line of the property.
- b. Container covers shall be closed at all times to ensure garbage is not spilling over or blowing out of the container.
- c. Shall not be placed on any vacant lot.
- d. Shall not be located on any residential lot.

Commercial garbage containers may, upon approval from the Town, be placed at any location, on any lot, for a period specified by the Town, for the purpose of carrying out repairs, construction or demolition of a building located on that lot.

### **Special Clean Up**

The Town will conduct 1 scheduled clean up weeks per year; dates to be announced.

### **Rules for Clean Up Week**

- a. Refuse must not be put out any earlier than 2 days prior to Clean-Up Week and must not be put out after the designated day for the clean-up. Each street will be completed once during this period.
- b. Bulk items such as furniture, metals and electronics will be accepted. All mattresses and chesterfields will have to be covered in plastic.
- c. Place items at the curb where it is easily accessible to collectors. All similar items must be sorted together and will not be collected if not sorted accordingly.
- d. All small items should be bagged or boxed to help ensure a more efficient collection. The only garbage bags that will be collected will be the transparent blue and clear as per the rules of the regular collection. No Black Garbage Bags will be collected.



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- e. There will be no pick-up of wood, brush, alders, or construction/demolition materials. There will be no extremely large loads collected from one property.
- f. Tires and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) items will be collected by DROP-OFF ONLY at the Municipal Depot on the designated date. No tires or household hazardous waste (HHW) for curbside pick-up.
- g. Residential Garbage and Recycling Collection will continue as per the regular schedule. Please have your clean-up items separated from your normal residential garbage.
- h. Car wrecks will be picked up for FREE. Car wrecks will not be removed from any properties if there is household garbage placed in the vehicle.
- i. Wrecks (non-mobile vehicles) not voluntarily removed under this program, will be removed by the Town with the cost charged to the property owner. A call to the Town Office at 674-4476 to have your wrecks added to the list for pick-up must be done beforehand.

## **Composting**

Composting means the storage and controlled biochemical decomposition of vegetables, fruit or garden waste.

- a. All composting must be carried out in a suitably maintained container which may be commercially or owner constructed and which must be rodent proof and properly vented.
- b. All composting must be carried out in such a manner not to attract rodents, flies, or animals or to cause an unpleasant odour and shall be maintained so as not to be a nuisance to neighbouring properties.
- c. Composting containers shall be located in the rear yard no closer than 2 feet to a lot line.
- d. The Town of Gambo in partnership with MMSB (Multi-Materials Stewardship Board) will have compost bins available for purchase at a price of \$ 25.00 each, depending on availability. Residents can contact the Town Office at 709-674-4476 to purchase.

## **Non-Compliance:**

### **Littering Prohibition:**

No person shall obstruct, litter or defile any street, sidewalk, trail, railway bed or public place in the Town with any refuse, debris, litter, garbage or any unsanitary, offensive or injurious substance or article of any kind, or place, leave or keep on any street, sidewalk or public place in the Town any dilapidated or unsightly vehicle, machine, article or thing.

### **Removal Orders:**

The Town Manager at any time may order the owner of the property to clean-up and remove accumulation of garbage or refuse outside any building or buildings or on any other private property within the Town, if the owner neglects or refuses, when ordered by the Town Manager to clean up and remove any accumulation of garbage or refuse from the premises, the Town Manager may cause the clean-up and removal of such accumulation at the expense of the owner of the property



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### **Failure to Comply:**

Every person who fails to comply with or otherwise contravenes any of the provisions of these regulations is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to the penalty set out in the Act.

### **Reservations or Rights:**

The Town of Gambo reserves the right to change, modify or cancel this policy at any time, as it deems necessary.

### **REVISION HISTORY:**

Revision:	Resolution:	Change Made:	Date:
1		Addition of "Waste Management Fee" section.	

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk/Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_