

# SURVEY ON JAFFREY'S SOLID WASTE SITUATION - AUGUST 2003

The TRANSFER STATION / RECYCLING CENTER STUDY COMMITTEE was appointed by the Selectmen "to study and review the current operation of the Jaffrey Transfer Station / Recycling Center and to provide alternatives to the Selectmen for improvements." The Committee hopes to have completed its charge by the end of 2003 if not before.

The Committee has designed this Survey to help it document the use and operation of the Transfer Station, to gain a better understanding of the opinions of Jaffrey citizens regarding the Transfer Station and how it is run and paid for and to determine what changes and improvements might be recommended for consideration by the Selectmen and the voters.

We ask that you take the time to answer the questions and give your ideas. Please return it by **October 1<sup>st</sup>**. Completed questionnaires may be left at the Center in a specially marked box, dropped off at the Town Offices, again in the marked box, or left at the Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street. They may also be mailed to The Transfer Station / Recycling Center Study Committee, Jaffrey Town Offices, 10 Goodnow Street, Jaffrey NH 03452 or FAXed to the Department of Public Works at 532-4290.

Thank you for your participation.

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1. Do you use the Jaffrey Transfer Station?  
 Yes     No
2. Do you use a private trash hauler?  
 Yes     No
3. How would you characterize your use of the Transfer Station?  
 Residential use only (i.e. waste from my house and yard)  
 Commercial/industrial use only (i.e. waste from my business)  
 Both
4. How often do you go to the Transfer Station?  
 Never or almost never  
 Monthly or less  
 Every two weeks  
 Once a week  
 Twice a week or more
5. Which day(s) are you most likely to use the Transfer Station?  
 Tues     Wed     Fri     Sat
6. Are there other days that you would prefer the Transfer Station be open? If so, which one(s):  
 Mon     Thurs     Sun  
 The day after a holiday  
 Open days fine as they are
7. At what time do you usually go to the Transfer Station?  
 Morning between opening and 10:30  
 Midday between 10:30 and 1:30  
 Afternoon between 1:30 and closing

8. Would you prefer or find more convenient different hours?  
 Open earlier  
 Close later  
 Open and close at the same time every day (as opposed to the present system of opening and closing an hour earlier on Saturdays)  
 Hours fine as they are

9. What do you usually bring to the Transfer Station?

	Most every trip	Occasionally	Never or almost never
Household trash (compactor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Construction debris (big dumpster)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burnables (burn pile)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Metal (metal pile)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garden waste, leaves (mulch pile)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car batteries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Used motor oil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tires	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>RECYCLABLES:</b>			
Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Magazines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cardboard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aluminum cans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plastic #1 (milk containers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plastic #2 (detergent, bleach)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pressboard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junk mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soft drink containers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Do you generally recycle what you take to the Transfer Station, i.e. do you sort those items listed in the previous question and deposit them in the containers provided?

- Yes    Sometimes    Rarely    Never

11. In the past 12 months did you ever leave anything off at the Swap Shop?

- Yes    No

12. In the past 12 months did you ever pick anything up from the Swap Shop?

- Yes    No

13. Have you ever taken items to a Hazardous Waste Collection Day? [These are held occasionally in Keene; in the past, they were held occasionally in Jaffrey.]

- Yes
- Yes, but only when they were held in Jaffrey.
- No
- If not, would you take things to a Hazardous Waste Collection Day if one were held in Jaffrey?

14. If the cost of operating the Transfer Station were to be supported in ways other than almost exclusively the property tax, what would your preference(s) be?

- "PAY AS YOU THROW" SYSTEM. [Used in Keene, Peterborough and Troy] One purchases approved trash bags, the cost of which partially subsidizes the operation. All other solid waste disposal would remain as it is now.
- FEE FOR ANNUAL STICKER. [Used in Rindge; proposed for Jaffrey but failed to be supported at the last Town Meeting] Presently Jaffrey does not charge for a sticker. Proposal was for fee of \$50 per year.
- CHARGE BY WEIGHT. An earlier proposal in Jaffrey which failed to be supported involved the weighing of material and the charging by weight. Certain things would be exempt from the fee (recyclables, burn pile, etc.).
- CHARGE FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS, generally large items such as couches. [Used in Keene, Peterborough, Rindge, Marlborough and Troy. Jaffrey's only charge presently is \$10 per refrigerator, freezer or air conditioner.]
- The cost of operating the Transfer Station should continue to be supported as it is now.

15. Presently Jaffrey businesses and industries—by Town regulation—may only use the Transfer Station for disposal of recyclables. What do you think?

- The present system should continue, i.e. businesses and industries may only bring recyclables and burnables to the Transfer Station.
- Businesses and industries may bring recyclables, burnables and waste not resulting from production (for example, office trash, etc.).
- Businesses and industries may bring any waste products allowed to residential users but only if it originates in Jaffrey.
- Businesses and industries may bring any waste products allowed to residential users even if it originates outside of Jaffrey (for example, the asphalt shingles removed from a house in another town by a Jaffrey contractor).

16. Do you have any observations about the Transfer Station and its operation that haven't been covered above, or any recommendations for changes? Feel free to include additional pages.