

## A Guide to the Knox Transfer Station

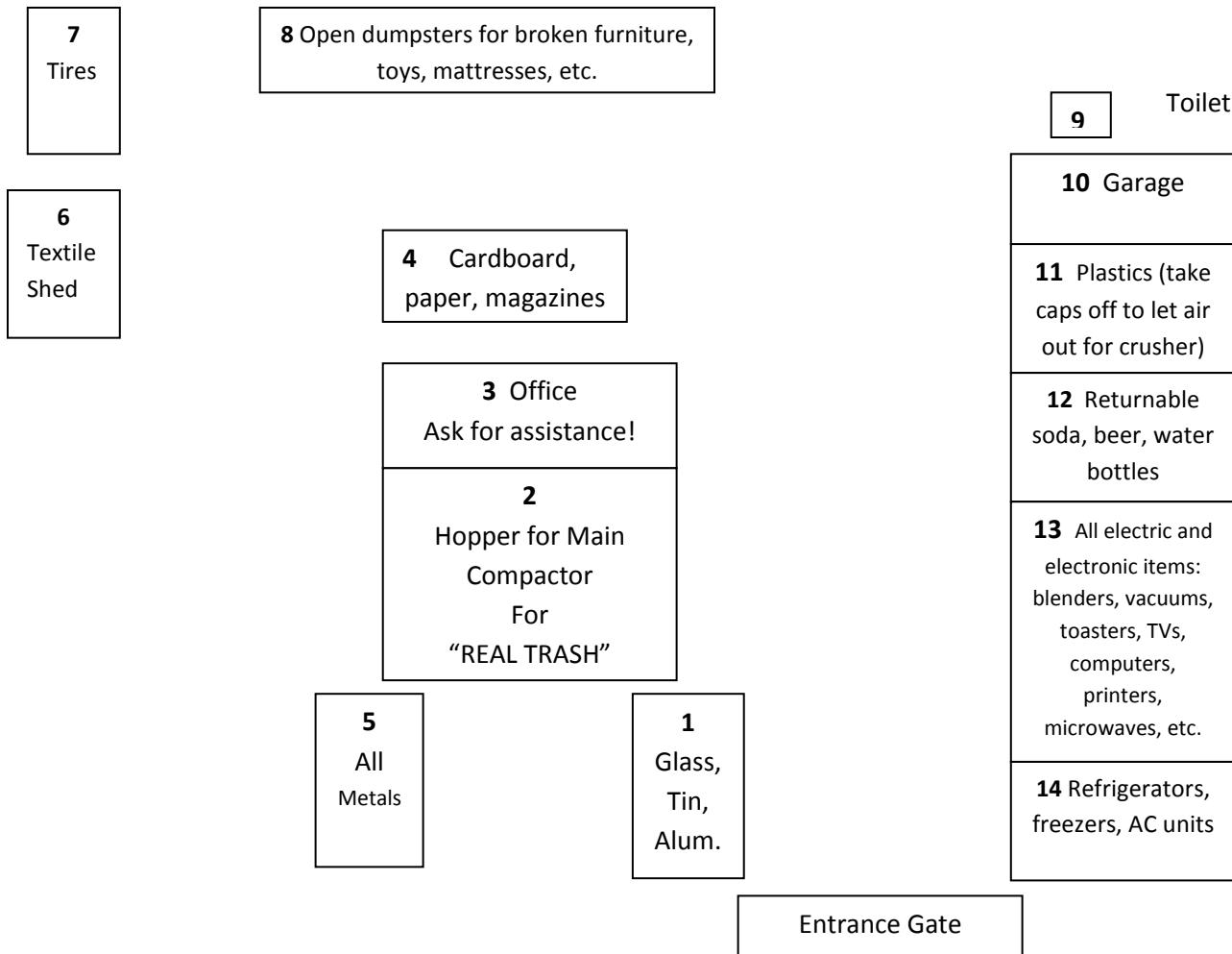
155 Street Road, Town of Knox NY

Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 4 PM to 7 PM, Saturdays 8 AM to 5 PM, except holidays

The handling of municipal solid waste is one of the biggest challenges we have in Knox today. With so many constantly changing options in the recycling world, the Town program requires constant maintenance for cost-effective methods of solid waste disposal. A variety of markets and disposal methods are available for our waste items. Some recyclables are sold, providing funds to help offset costs for disposing of others. All recyclable items must be separated from the waste stream. **Our town's biggest recycling expense continues to be unsorted waste.** For this reason, it is important for all residents to have a clear understanding of the various areas of the recycling center, and to cooperate with the program. **Every pound of waste that is recycled, instead of being thrown into the main compactor and the dumpsters, is money saved for all of us.**

This is a diagram of the Knox Recycling Center with descriptions of each area and appropriate items for deposit.

### Knox Transfer Station Recycling Center Diagram



**Please keep small children and pets in your vehicle while disposing of waste.**

**No waste is allowed from outside our town.**

## Knox Transfer Station Recycling Center

**\$\$ HELP SAVE TAX MONEY by recycling! \$\$**

1. GLASS, TIN and ALUMINUM, – cans, jars, bottles and other household containers.
2. HOPPER/COMPACTOR – *non-recyclable* household trash. *Our taxes pay for this by weight!*
3. OFFICE – talk to attendants for assistance, to get permits, to pay charges for tires or refrigerant units.
4. CARDBOARD BIN – any kind of cardboard, broken down; all paper, newspapers, magazines and junk mail.
5. METAL BIN – all scrap metals.
6. TEXTILE SHED – useful clothing, curtains, shoes, blankets and bed linens; receipts for tax deductible donations.
7. TIRE BIN – nominal charges apply. Ask attendants for assistance.
8. OPEN DUMPSTERS – furniture, mattresses, carpet scraps, etc. *Our taxes pay for this by weight!*
9. PORTABLE TOILET
10. GARAGE
11. PLASTICS CRUSHER – all kinds of plastics; containers and lids. Please remove lids to let air out.
12. RETURNABLE BOTTLES –refundable deposit beer and soda bottles and cans, and water bottles.
13. ELECTRIC and ELECTRONIC ITEMS – FREE recycling of computer equipment, televisions, radios, microwaves, electronic game equipment, etc. and toasters, vacuum cleaners, hair dryers; anything that uses electricity.
14. REFRIGERATORS, AIR CONDITIONERS – freezers, dehumidifiers, other units containing freon. Charges apply.  
20# (gas grill size) propane tanks are recycled for free. Save other types and sizes for special collection events.

### **UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS AT THE TRANSFER STATION**

These are some items that are not accepted at any area of the Transfer Station. The list is not all inclusive. Talk to an attendant if you have questions about any items. Many unacceptable items may be taken to the City of Albany Landfill on Rapp Road, open Monday through Friday from 7 AM to 3 PM, 869-3651.

Knox is a proud member of the **Capital Region Recycling Partnership**.

Visit their website for more information about recycling: [www.capitalregionrecycling.com](http://www.capitalregionrecycling.com)

1. Explosives or munitions
1. Combustible liquid or gas containers, bottles, cylinders or cans, or full or partially full paint cans
2. Caustics, acids, corrosives, chemical or other hazardous wastes, radioactive or other contamination or pollutants prohibited by Federal or State laws
3. Liquid or slurry wastes
4. Unopened containers, except household spray cans
5. Tree trunks, stumps, branches or limbs, or lumber over 4 inches in diameter or 5 feet in length
6. Slag, rock, sand, brick or concrete
7. Thick-walled or solid metallic objects such as castings, forging, gas cylinders or large motors
8. Steel or nylon rope, cables or slings more than 4 feet long
9. Chains over 3/8 inch diameter, or more than 4 feet long

10. Rolls of carpet or fencing over 12 inches in diameter or 4 feet in length
11. Animal wastes or parts of animals
12. Solid blocks of rubber or plastic in excess of 2 cubic feet
13. Whole truckloads or substantial portions thereof of noncombustible materials.
14. Wood ashes
15. Construction and demolition materials

Help save more taxpayer money by **composting** your yard and kitchen waste at home!

#### **COMPOSTING MEANS REAL SAVINGS**

How often do you make a trip to the Transfer Station? Since the establishment of the Knox recycling program, many of us have had to make less frequent trips, mostly due to proper separation of our disposable items. One of the biggest savings discovered by many is the composting of kitchen and yard organic wastes. We encourage all households to make composting a part of their everyday routines.

Composting saves in three ways due to the diversion of these items from the waste stream.

1. Less frequent trips to the Transfer Station
2. Cost savings from reduced disposal weight placed in the main compactor
3. Valuable soil amendment for gardens.

Composting is easy: Mix kitchen and yard wastes in an open area or aerated container. In time, bacteria breaks down the organic matter into a nitrogen rich amendment that, when mixed with garden soils, really makes things grow. Compost items from the yard include:

- grass clippings, leaves, wood chips and sawdust.

Compost items from the kitchen include:

- vegetable and fruit peels,
- coffee grounds, egg shells
- spoiled food items and leftovers.

Meat scraps and greasy foods that can turn rancid are not recommended for composting. The composting heap should be turned over on occasion with a pitchfork or shovel to help aerate the mixture.

#### **HOW TO RECYCLE CERTAIN HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES**

Regular Household Batteries: These have no hazardous components and can be disposed of in the regular trash hopper for the landfill.

- *Alkaline, Re-chargeable Alkaline and Carbon Zinc* household batteries have many household uses.

Specialty Batteries: Return them to any retail store where they are sold, or contact Town Hall (872-2551) for information on scheduled Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events. *NOTE: Place tape over the terminals to protect from excessive heat or fire from any residual energy that might be left in the batteries.*

- *Nickel-Zinc or Lithium* rechargeable batteries for cell and cordless phones, cordless power tools, laptop computers, camcorders, cameras, remote controlled toys, two way radios, PDAs, etc.
- *Mercuric Oxide, Silver Oxide and Zinc-Air* batteries (button batteries) for medical equipment, calculators, watches, cameras, hearing aids, pagers, etc.
- *Nickel Cadmium* batteries for smoke alarms, other alarms, tools and other household uses.
- *Vehicle* batteries; 12 volt or 6 volt batteries for cars or other vehicles.

Household Chemicals, paint in cans, pesticides, pool chemicals, etc.

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**Reduce the amount of mail you receive or send**

Don't sign up for information you really do not want.

Remove your name from mailing lists. Contact the individual company directly or visit the websites below for more information.

[www.optoutprescreen.com](http://www.optoutprescreen.com) - to be removed from the four major credit bureau mailing lists.

[www.dmachoice.org](http://www.dmachoice.org) - follow the steps to remove yourself from mailing lists

[www.catalogchoice.org](http://www.catalogchoice.org) - to opt out of paper catalog mailings

[www.yellowpagesoptout.com](http://www.yellowpagesoptout.com) - to remove yourself from phonebook distributions