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Summary of Waste Ban Regulations

This document summarizes the waste ban regulations pursuant to 310 CMR 19.017 of the General Requirements, Procedures and Permits for Solid Waste Management Facilities. These regulations are designed to conserve capacity at existing disposal facilities and stimulate recycling markets by diverting recyclable materials from the waste stream. They also prohibit certain toxic materials that may adversely affect the environment when landfilled or incinerated.

These regulations apply to solid waste landfills, municipal waste combustors and transfer stations. It is the responsibility of the facility operator to ensure that prohibited materials accepted at the facility are appropriately managed when evident. Facilities should monitor their waste streams and inspect all loads of waste for restricted materials. A facility may reject loads containing recoverable restricted materials.

Definitions of Materials Restricted by 310 CMR 19.017:

Asphalt Pavement,

Brick, and Concrete: asphalt pavement, brick and concrete from construction activities and demolition of buildings, roads and bridges and similar sources.

Cathode Ray Tubes: any intact, broken, or processed glass tube used to provide the visual display in televisions, computer monitors and certain scientific instruments such as oscilloscopes.

Clean Gypsum

Wallboard: means gypsum wallboard that is not contaminated with paint, wallpaper, joint compound, adhesives, nails, or other substances after manufacture. Gypsum wallboard means a panel (also known as drywall) with a gypsum core and faced with a heavy paper or other material on both sides.

Glass Containers: glass bottles and jars (soda-lime glass) but excluding light bulbs, Pyrex cookware, plate glass, drinking glasses, windows, windshields and ceramics.

Lead Batteries: lead-acid batteries used in motor vehicles or stationary applications.

Leaves: deciduous and coniferous leaf deposition.

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- Metal:** ferrous and non-ferrous metals derived from used appliances, building materials, industrial equipment, transportation vehicles, and manufacturing processes.
- Metal Containers:** aluminum, steel or bi-metal beverage and food containers.
- Recyclable Paper:** all paper, cardboard, and paperboard products excluding tissue paper, toweling, paper plates and cups, wax-coated cardboard, and other low-grade paper products.
- Single Polymer Plastics:** all narrow-neck plastic containers where the diameter of the mouth of the container is less than the diameter of the body of the container. This includes single polymer plastic containers labeled 1-6.
- Tires:** a continuous solid or pneumatic rubber covering intended for use on a motor vehicle.¹
- White Goods:** appliances employing electricity, oil, natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas to supply heat or motor power to preserve or cook food, to wash or dry clothing, cooking or kitchen utensils or related items; or to cool or to heat air or water. These include, but are not limited to, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, water coolers, dishwashers, clothes washers, clothes dryers, gas or electric ovens and ranges, and hot water heaters. White goods do not include microwave ovens.
- Wood:** treated and untreated wood, including wood waste.²
- Yard Waste:** deciduous and coniferous seasonal depositions (e.g. leaves), grass clippings, weeds, hedge clippings, garden materials, and brush 1" or less in diameter (excluding diseased plants).

For more information regarding waste disposal restrictions, contact the appropriate MassDEP regional office or refer to this weblink below:

<http://www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/solid/wastebans.htm>

¹ Shredded tires, defined as tires that have been cut, sliced or ground into four or more pieces such that the circular form of the tire has been eliminated, can be landfilled.

² "wood waste" is defined in the solid waste regulations as follows: Wood waste means discarded material consisting of trees, stumps, and brush, including but not limited to sawdust, chips, shavings and bark. Wood waste does not include new or used lumber or wood from construction and demolition waste and does not include wood pieces or particles containing or likely to contain asbestos, chemical preservatives such as creosote or pentachlorophenol, or paints, stains or other coatings.