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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Reminder to Solid Waste Facilities - Regulatory Requirements for Admitting Homeowners to Offload Waste for Transfer/Disposal

Except for homeowner passenger vehicles, all other vehicles transporting waste to a transfer/disposal facility are required to be registered with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and properly display required waste transportation decals and markings.

NJDEP exempts homeowner vehicles from NJDEP waste transporter registration requirements provided (all three conditions must be met):

- The homeowner is transporting waste generated from their primary residence; and
- The homeowner vehicle displays a 'passenger' motor vehicle registration, or a *Non-commercial Truck or SUV NJMVC registration code 15*. (Note: Non-commercial trucks or SUVs are prohibited from displaying exterior markings on the vehicle); and
- The homeowner or non-commercial truck or SUV has a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of less than 9,000 lbs. If the homeowner vehicle, or non-commercial truck or SUV vehicle is hauling a trailer, then the combined weight cannot exceed 16,000 lbs. (check motor vehicle registration for GVW)

The following vehicle registration types, and/or types of vehicles seeking to offload waste shall not be permitted to access a transfer/disposal facility, regardless of homeowner status, without an NJDEP registration:

- Commercial motor vehicle
- "Farm"
- U-Haul, Home Depot, or other rental type vehicle
- Vehicles that have markings on them, such as a business name or advertisements.

NJDEP recommends all facilities use the below information, at minimum, to ensure compliance with the regulatory requirements for admitting homeowners:

Provide awareness training to waste acceptance employees, including:

- Homeowner acceptance criteria as listed in this guidance and required by the facility.
- Familiarity with NJDEP registration markings, decals, and vehicle registrations.
- Procedures to evaluate homeowner vehicle exemption status prior to admittance.
    - Vehicles with ladder racks, contractor gear, openly visible business paperwork, or employees wearing company branded contractor clothing are some indicators a passenger registered vehicle is being used for commercial purposes.

  - Frequent visits to a solid waste facility by the same individual claiming to be a homeowner.
  - Waste from a homeowner's rental property is considered commercially generated.
- Collect all necessary information and properly maintain records.

Failure to comply with facility permits, approval conditions, or solid waste regulations may result in violations and penalty assessments issued to a facility and/or a hauler. Please contact NJDEP if you have questions.

Who can I contact with questions?

The facility's assigned NJDEP solid waste inspector or permit writer.

NJDEP Bureau of Solid Waste Compliance & Enforcement	(609) 292-6305
NJDEP Transportation Oversight Unit	(609) 943-3019

Please note this is intended to be a summary explanation of Department requirements. It does not include all potentially applicable requirements. If you have any questions related to compliance, please contact the phone number listed above.