News from your Transfer Station
Fall 2026



We made it!

Whew, that was quite a summer! Business at the Transfer Station nearly tripled from winter to summer - from less than 50 tons in the hopper to more than 130 tons per month.

Every item that gets thrown into the hopper has two prices attached to it: the cost to dump it at the landfill, called the "tipping fee," about $95/ton, and the cost to pay the trucking company to get it there, about $1200 per trip.

So every time a truck pulls out of the transfer station with a load of solid waste, it costs upwards of $2200. That adds up quickly.

Whatever we can keep out of the hopper saves us money and delays the eventual closing of the Juniper Ridge Landfill.

So it's nice to have this little cool down period to start a few projects that will help keep some of that tonnage out of the landfill.

2026-27 stickers for sale in the Transfer Station Office.
$5 for residential stickers.

Now Accepting Select Building Materials

You may have noticed that the Swap Shop now has select building materials - doors and windows that have lots of life left in them, as well as lumber at least 6 feet long (no screws or nails).

If you have reclaimed building materials to drop off, please see an attendant first. We have limited space and need to manage this closely so that we aren't overrun and have to shut it down.

We just had a batch of western red cedar find a second home thanks to one of our friendly local contractors. And a door we saved found this home:



Keep an eye out at the Swap Shop for materials for your next project!

Yard Waste Pilot

Another project to eliminate waste in the hopper is our yard waste pilot. We are working with a few people to keep leaves and non-food, non-woody yard debris out of the hopper.

Our proximity to the airport prevents us from accepting wasted food without a covered building. And the state limits the size of this project, so we are starting small.

Once we know what we can manage and have permission from the state to exceed the 10 cubic yard limit, we can expand this. Look for that to happen in 2027.

But for now, see what we have kept out of the hopper!



BURN PILE

Yes, we understand your frustrations. We abide by state and local permits to identify the conditions under which we can burn. We post a message on the answering machine when the burn pile opens: 367-5996



V&S has powdered detergent available and Burnt Cove Market offers laundry detergent in a refillable one-time-purchase jug.

No Plastic

All the plastic goes into the hoppper. We don't have a vendor to recycle our plastic milk jugs, laundry detergent, yogurt containers, and all the other items packaged in plastic. Currently the ONLY plastic we are able to keep out of the hopper are the redeemable drink plastic bottles, e.g. water, soda, tea bottles.

That means the best way to reduce plastic going to the landfill is to look at what we're buying. If we can eliminate even some of our plastic containers, it will make a difference.. V&S, Burnt Cove Market, local farmers, and other vendors offer non-plastic alternatives.

Stonington Transfer Station
Open 7 Days a Week
Except Federal Holidays
8:00-4:00
367-5996