

Waste Transfer Site

The Town of Oyen is a member of the Big Country Waste Management and has a waste transfer site located south of Town. The transfer station is open for drop off Tuesdays and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursdays 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the summer, and switches to 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays during the winter. Time changes are set to coincide with daylight savings time changes in April and November. Following is the operating guidelines for the Waste Transfer Site.

The waste site attendant will direct you to the appropriate area for disposal of all garbage. Besides the waste transfer station, there are designated areas for batteries, pesticide containers, clean wood products, appliances, etc. There is **NO SMOKING ON SITE.**

1. Waste is not to be dumped in the area surrounding the building, or be allowed to fall from vehicles while being transported to or within the site.
3. The site is to be kept in good order by the attendants as detailed in the job description and other directives. This person is responsible for ensuring the site is properly managed and users are to comply with the instruction given.
4. No large dead animals are to be disposed of at the site. Exceptions are small animals and process residues from butcher shops and hunting, provided they are double bagged and placed in an area designated by the attendant. Larger animals may be delivered privately to the Youngstown landfill.
5. No motor oil, undrained filters, or cooking oil. There are groups and businesses who can look after these if contacted directly. Quantities of cooking oil will be accepted if delivered privately to the Youngstown site.
6. Minor quantities of wood scraps must be no more than 4 feet long by 2 feet wide. Wood should be separated from other refuse and put in the dry waste site. Commercial quantities should be diverted to the Youngstown landfill.
7. Hazardous wastes as defined in the act are strictly prohibited. This includes batteries and asbestos containing materials (acceptable if bagged for landfill) and industrial waste

such as sulphur residues, filters, rags and contaminated soil from the oil-and gas industry.

8. No jugs containers or barrels with any substance in them. All containers must be empty and users are requested to throw their waste well back on the pile to save space. Sulphur can only be disposed of at Youngstown. There is a \$10.00 per ton charge and you must notify the Manager at Youngstown in advance. No chemicals can be disposed of in any transfer station.

9. Pesticide containers are to be put in the pesticide building or fenced area designated for pesticide containers. The metal pails are to be kept separate from the plastic containers. All Containers must be triple rinsed. Cardboard boxes are to be put in the transfer station, not in the pesticide area.

10. Asphalt shingles or loads of mixed demolition materials in commercial quantities are to be delivered privately to Youngstown.

11. Large truck or heavy equipment tires or large quantities of smaller tires may be delivered privately to the Youngstown landfill tire pile. Passenger car and light truck tires are acceptable in quantities up to 5 per delivery. NO RIMS.

12. No quantities of dirt, waste, gravel, concrete or rocks, sewage, sludge or grain dust. These are to be delivered to Youngstown or separated to dry waste site as directed by the attendant.

13. Burning barrels or residues from burned material are not accepted anywhere at the site, and smoking is strictly prohibited anywhere except for the office due to fire hazard.

14. All appliances are to be disposed of in the designated appliance area, not the waste transfer station. Deep freezers, air conditioners and refrigerators (i.e. anything with freon) will have a \$15.00 charge payable to the waste transfer site attendant at the time of delivery. This fee covers the cost of having the Freon professionally removed.

15. Wire fencing that is rolled and tied and no longer than 2 feet x 2 feet and in quantities not exceeding four rolls may be accepted.

16. Strictly prohibited materials in the transfer station include sewerage and sludges, commercial quantities (i.e. more than 1/2 ton truck loads) of demolition materials, hazardous waste or chemicals, rock, gravel, sand, concrete, bricks, blocks, etc., industrial wastes as in 7, and bio-medical waste unless it has been rendered non-pathogenic.

17. All loose blowable materials must be bagged. (Plastic bags, paper etc.)

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