

Petersburg Borough Sanitation Department

Salvage and Recycle Program



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RECYCLING AND SALVAGING PROGRAM

Purpose

The Petersburg Borough has established a recycle/salvage program in order to reduce the amount of waste in the landfill by allowing salvageable items to be removed and reused by the citizens. The basis of the program is to allow customers access to specific areas of the landfill for the purpose of salvage and recycling of useful items.

Authority of Program

The Public Works Director maintains authority over the recycle/salvage program. The Director reserves the right to terminate the program, in part or in full, if continuation of the program is foreseen as detrimental to the Petersburg Borough.

Salvaging at the Petersburg Borough Landfill is a privilege. Abuse of the program, violations of salvage rules or unsafe salvage practices will result in this privilege being revoked.

Salvage Permit

All customers wishing to salvage, or helping another permittee, must read and sign a salvage permit. Payment for the permit will be required before any salvaging takes place. The permit identifies what they will be salvaging, the length of the permit, the waiver of liability, safety requirements and other stipulations that must be understood by the customer. Permits are available at the baler office. Termination of permits for cause will be done at the discretion of sanitation employees, with concurrence of the Public Works Director.

Permits that expire must be renewed and all fees paid before the permittee is allowed to salvage again.

Safety and Conduct

All salvage operations must be performed in a safe manner. Unsafe practices will result in the permittee's removal from the property. At no time will the permittee be allowed to climb onto a stack of cars or climb onto the metal pile past the leading edge. Permittees must inform sanitation personnel if they plan on using power tools or cutting torches so that safety equipment and fire extinguishers can be checked.

Children and pets are not allowed within the landfill for salvaging operations.

Harassment of landfill customers or sanitation personnel will not be tolerated.

Arguments among permittees will not be tolerated.

Restrooms are available for public use, but the baler facility break room is for employees only.

Loitering in the baler facility is not allowed.

Check In/Check Out

Permittees must check in at the baler office, weigh their vehicle and present their permit when arriving at the landfill. They must also check out with the office and get a "salvaged material" weight when leaving.

Parking

All permittees will be directed to specified parking locations at the baler and the landfill. Once items are found, the permittee may drive over to the pile and load their salvage.

Maintaining an Orderly Landfill

Any messes that can be attributed to a permittee will be cleaned up at the permittees expense. A minimum of one hour of labor will be charged to the permittee for clean up performed by sanitation personnel. If heavy equipment is used for the clean up, the permittee will pay a minimum charge for its use as well. Payment of these charges will be required before the permittee is allowed to salvage again.

Junk Car Salvage

Junk cars will be available for salvage if they are not stacked. Cars will be available for a limited number of weeks, determined by landfill personnel, before stacking. No one will be allowed to crawl under a car without blocking in place to prevent crushing injuries. Any fluids that are encountered by the permittee must be cleaned up or drained to a non-leaking container and landfill personnel must be notified. The Public Works Director must approve removal of an entire vehicle from the landfill.

Metal Pile/White Goods

Permittees will be allowed to salvage from the leading edge of the metal pile only. At no time shall a permittee climb onto the pile to reach an object. White goods (appliances) will be available for parts in the white goods section. Landfill staff will approve removal of entire appliances.

Aluminum, Copper and Brass

Salvaging of these materials will be allowed on a "by weight" basis. Salvaged material will be weighed and the permittee will pay the Borough the current market value per pound for this material. This payment is over and above the cost of the permit. Removal of these materials without payment will constitute theft and will result in termination of the permit.

Baler Salvage

Salvaging in the baler facility is not allowed.

Wood Salvage

Lumber may be salvaged from the woodpile as long as no sign of fire or smoke are present. Permittees shall not climb onto the woodpile at any time.

Prohibited Areas/Materials

Other items already segregated at the baler for the purposes of recycling (ie. cans, plastics, paper and cardboard) will not be available for salvage.

At no time will permittees be allowed to salvage lumber when the woodpile is on fire or smoldering.

No permittee will be allowed access to the road on the lower side of the landfill.

Permittees are not allowed inside of the HAZMAT container vans, the landfill Quonset, the old dump shack or the sewage sludge containment area.

Hours of Salvage

Current hours of operation pertaining to salvage are as follows:

- o Sundays: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- o Mondays: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Salvaging operations will not be allowed on Borough observed holidays.

Assumption of Responsibility

All items taken from the landfill are taken AS IS. Once an item is salvaged and removed from the landfill, that item is then the sole responsibility of the permittee and he/she must pay for disposal if it is taken to the landfill again.

Community Responsibility

It is not the intention of the Petersburg Borough to allow the creation of nuisances in the community. Citizens should endeavor to use all of the salvaged items from the landfill. Public nuisances created by storing excess salvage in a haphazard manner should be avoided at all times.

If complaints are received regarding excess salvaged material on a permittee's property, the Public Works Director may refuse to renew a salvage permit after investigating the allegations.

Storage of material salvaged from the landfill must meet all applicable zoning ordinances as dictated in the Petersburg Municipal Code for all areas within Borough Service Area 1.