



Town of Swampscott
OFFICE OF THE
Board of Health
ELIHU THOMSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
SWAMPSCOTT, MASSACHUSETTS 01907

ARTICLE XVIII

DUMPSTER REGULATIONS AND LICENSING

SWAMPSCOTT BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health of the Town of Swampscott under the authority granted by Section 31, Chapter III of the Massachusetts General Laws adopted the following Rules and Regulations at a meeting March 2, 2010.

These regulations shall be enforceable thirty (30) days after publication. The penalty for violation shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each day shall constitute a separate violation.

1. A license shall be required for every company placing dumpsters within Swampscott Town limits, and no company shall empty, maintain or install a dumpster without such a license. The license shall be issued by the Board of Health annually for a fee of seventy dollars (\$70.00) per year.
2. Before a dumpster is placed within the Town limits it shall meet the following specifications:
 - A. It must display a decal or stencil showing ownership.
 - B. It shall be kept closed, clean, painted and in good condition and sanitary.
 - C. Have its drains plugged except in an emergency. Any emergency requiring an opening of a plug shall be reported to the Board of Health within one working day.
3. The company servicing the dumpsters shall be responsible for providing the Board of Health with a list of all their dumpsters being used within the Town at the time the license is being issued, and at such additional times that dumpsters are being added or removed from service within the Town.
4. In addition to the license required of the company servicing dumpsters, a license shall be required for each user of a dumpster or property owner on whose property the dumpster is located. The license may be issued by the Board of Health/Health Officer for a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and will be due within five (5) working days of the placement of a dumpster. Failure to comply shall be punishable by a fine as stated above. Each day a dumpster is in place without a valid license shall be considered as a separate violation subject to a fine as stated above.
5. The user or property owner shall:

- A. At the discretion of the Public Health Director, if dumpster is in view of the public, the dumpster will be screened from view with a 6' solid fence of wood or screened chain link fencing with an operable gate, if necessary. Excludes temporary dumpsters.
 - B. Have sufficient pickups to prevent overflowing.
 - C. Keep covers closed and/or locked if necessary.
 - D. Keep the area clean and sanitary.
 - E. Shall wash the enclosure and dumpster if necessary.
 - F. Keep the dumpster plugged.
 - G. Dumpster to be used for disposal of material/debris at permitted site only.
 - H. If there is no area on an owner's property to place a temporary dumpster, property owner must gain permission from the Police department and Department of Public Works to place a temporary dumpster on public property before a temporary dumpster permit will be issued by the Health Department.
- 6. Temporary dumpsters, i.e., forty-five (45) days or less, require a temporary license of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per forty-five (45) days.
 - 7. No emptying / collection of material from a dumpster shall be made before 7:00 A.M. or after 9:00 P.M. except with the written permission of the Director of Public Health.
 - 8. The Board of Health may at any time revoke the license of the company and/or user for failure to comply with the above regulations.
The dumpster licenses shall be renewable annually May 31.
 - 9. These regulations may be varied by the Board of Health at its discretion.

SWAMPSCOTT BOARD OF HEALTH
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