



## Salvaging

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**Purpose.** Teton County has established a recycle/salvage program in order to reduce the amount of waste transported to the landfill by allowing salvageable items to be removed and reused by citizens. The basis of the program is to allow customers access to specific areas of the transfer station site for the purpose of salvaging and recycling useful items.

**Authority of Program.** The Solid Waste Supervisor maintains authority over the recycle/salvage program. The Supervisor reserves the right to terminate the program, in part or in full, if continuation of the program is foreseen as detrimental to the operation of the transfer station and the safety of its employees and users. Salvaging at the Teton County Transfer Station is a privilege. Abuse of the program, violations of the salvage rules or unsafe salvage practices will result in this privilege being revoked.

**Salvage Permit.** Idaho Administrative Code 58.01.06.012.01.h states, “Scavenging by the public at a facility is prohibited; however, salvaging may be conducted in accordance with a written operations plan and only by the owner, operator or an authorized agent.” This policy establishes a permitting process to authorize people to salvage at the Teton County Transfer Station.

All customers wishing to participate in salvage activities must obtain a salvage permit (Attachment A) prior to undertaking any salvage activities. Permits are available at the scale house. Expired permits must be renewed before the permittee is allowed to salvage again.

The Solid Waste Supervisor has the right to terminate a salvage operation and revoke a permit for cause at any time. Individuals whose permits have been revoked may appeal such revocation to the Solid Waste Supervisor within 30 days of such revocation. Safety issues, salvaging in non-designated areas, spreading of litter, use of power tools, cutting torches, heavy equipment etc. will be considered cause for termination of this permit.

### **Safety and Conduct.**

- Permittee shall salvage only in areas designated by the Solid Waste Supervisor as acceptable for this activity.
- All salvage operations must be performed in a safe manner. Unsafe practices will result in the permittee’s removal from the property. Examples of unsafe practices include:
  - Climbing onto the metal pile or wood pile past the leading edge.
  - Operating power tools, cutting torches or heavy equipment to remove materials from the piles.
- Any permittee under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be refused permission to salvage.
- Smoking in the vicinity of the piles is not permitted.
- Permittee agrees to wear work gloves and work boots at all times. Transfer Station will not provide tools, equipment or assistance for salvage operations.
- Children and pets are not allowed within the transfer station for salvaging operations.
- Harassment of transfer station customers or transfer station personnel will not be tolerated.
- Arguments among permittees will not be tolerated.
- A transfer station employee must be present during salvaging operations.

**Check In/Check Out.** Permittees must check in at the scale house, weigh their vehicle and present their permit when arriving at the transfer station. They must also check out at the scale house and get a “salvaged material” weight when leaving.

**Payment.** Payment for materials salvaged or cleanup required will be due when the permittee leaves the transfer station. Metal will be charged based on the bid price given by the successful bidder on the most recent scrap metal hauling contract. Current per ton charge information is available at the scale house.

**Pile Maintenance.** Permittees are responsible for cleaning up any mess created during salvaging operations and returning the area to the condition in which they found it. A transfer station employee must be present during salvaging operations. Any messes attributed to the permittee will be cleaned up at the permittee's expense. A minimum of one hour of labor will be charged to the permittee for clean up performed by transfer station personnel. If heavy equipment is used for the cleanup, the permittee will pay a minimum charge for its use as well. Payment of these charges will be due prior to the permittee leaving the transfer station site.

**Metal Pile.** 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. Removal of an entire appliance must be approved by transfer station personnel.

**Wood Salvage.** Lumber may be salvaged from the leading edge of the wood pile only. Permittees shall not climb onto the woodpile at any time.

**Transfer Building and Recycling Center.** Salvaging in the transfer building or recycling center is not allowed.

**Hours of Salvage.** Salvaging will be permitted the first and third Fridays of every month from 9am to 2:30pm.

**Assumption of Responsibility.** Teton County makes no warranties as to the merchantability or fitness for any purpose of any item salvaged. All items are taken AS IS. The permittee that removes any salvage materials from the transfer station has taken full responsibility of that item and must pay to redeposit it into the transfer station at the end of its use.

**Community Responsibility.** It is not the intention of Teton County to allow the creation of nuisances in the community. Citizens should endeavor to use all of the salvaged items from the transfer station. Public nuisances created by storing excess salvage in a haphazard manner should be avoided at all times. If complaints are received by Teton County Planning and the cities of Victor, Driggs or Tetonina regarding excess salvaged material on a permittee's property, the Solid Waste Supervisor will investigate the allegation. If salvaged materials are determined to be a nuisance, the Supervisor may refuse to renew a salvage permit. Storage of material salvaged from the transfer station must meet all applicable ordinances adopted by Teton County and the cities of Victor, Driggs and Tetonina.

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**Solid Waste & Recycling**

# Salvaging Permit

Permit Issued To: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

To salvage the following:\* \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Description of items to be salvaged should generally specify the pile and general description of materials to be removed*

Amount Paid: \$\_\_\_\_\_. (Permit fees: \$10 per week, \$18 per month, \$200 per year.)

Permit subject to the following conditions:

- This permit will be effective from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Permittee must have a copy of the valid permit on their person at all times while salvaging.
- Solid Waste Supervisor may terminate salvage operations and revoke a permit for cause at any time.
- Salvage Hours: 9 am to 2:30 pm on the first and third Friday of each month.

I fully recognize and understand that a salvage yard presents certain hazards to life and limb, and that my presence in the yard is an inherently dangerous activity.

I fully recognize and understand that I may have certain legal rights and remedies with respect to injuries incurred while I am at the Teton County Solid Waste Facility, but in accepting this permit I fully waive those rights.

I hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless Teton County and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind of nature, (including, but not limited, bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage) either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereinafter arise from my presence at the Teton County Solid Waste Facility, whether caused by the negligence of Teton County, its agents or employees, or otherwise.

I have carefully read this document, understand its purpose and contents, and do hereby reaffirm my intention to waive my legal rights and remedies, and those of my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin, against Teton County by my signature below.

I have read and understand the Salvaging and Recycling Permit as well as Teton County's Recycling and Salvaging Program Policy and will abide by all conditions stipulated within these two documents.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Permittee)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Transfer Station Representative)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_