



GUIDELINE 9 – SIGNS REQUIRED AT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES

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Article 33.1-20 of the North Dakota Administrative Code regulates the construction and operation of solid waste management facilities including, but not limited to, landfills, transfer stations, and resource recovery facilities (including yard waste composting sites, appliance and scrap metal stockpiling sites, lead-acid battery recycling sites, and automotive oil recycling sites). Section 33.1-20-04.1-02 requires a permanent sign posted at the site entrance, or at the entrance of a solid waste management unit used solely for wastes generated on-site. At minimum, the following information should be posted on signs at the entrance to the facility:

1. The name of the facility, permit number, and the name and telephone number of a local contact person.
2. The days and hours the facility is open for access.
3. The types of waste **not** allowed at the facility. (Example: liquids, waste oils, greases, hazardous wastes, appliances, and scrap metal (these can be separated for recycling), and automotive batteries are precluded for disposal in all landfills; inert waste disposal sites also cannot accept putrescible (food) wastes, carcasses, waste grain, electronics, etc.).
4. Electronic waste, fluorescent lighting and ballasts, mercury wastes (switches, lighting, etc.) are typically toxic. Inert landfills may not accept these materials. Municipal Waste Landfills and Transfer Stations may not accept such waste from businesses, industries, or commercial sources.
5. Any restrictions against trespassing, vandalism, littering, burning, or disposal of unsuitable or unallowed wastes. (Local ordinances are often beneficial in enforcing appropriate restrictions, and such ordinances should be posted on the sign along with any fines for such improper conduct).
6. The following statement (or some similar statement):
“All loads of waste brought to this (facility type) facility shall be properly loaded, contained, and, if necessary, covered to prevent any scattering, spillage, or leakage of waste during transport. Where spillage does occur, the material shall be picked up immediately by the collector or transporter and returned to the vehicle or container and the area cleaned.”
7. The following statement: **“The operation of this (facility type) facility is regulated under Article 33.1-20 of the North Dakota Administrative Code.”**
8. Guidance on placement of materials for processing and/or recycling, such as clean branches, recyclable metals, recyclable appliances, compostable materials (leaves and

grass), recyclable concrete and asphalt (if there are provisions for processing), and other recyclables.

In addition to the sign at the entrance, it is often beneficial to place other signs within the solid waste management facility to direct proper placement. Strategically placed signs within a landfill help direct disposers to the main disposal area as well as to appropriate stockpile areas (a compost pile for yard waste, a metal pile for metal appliances, a large tank for used oil recycling, etc.). Periodic notices in the local newspaper, on bills and in public areas stipulating any requirements for the facility as described in this guideline are also beneficial to ensuring proper operation and public cooperation.

Rough Rider Industries of Bismarck may prepare a sign for inert waste landfills or for municipal waste facilities (landfills and transfer stations). These signs cover some items listed on the sign guideline. Items listed under 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7 may be variable depending on the facility; therefore, we suggest you create a sign or signs displaying this additional information. The signs from Rough Rider Industries are 36" x 54" and the lettering is red on a white background. Contact: Rough Rider Industries, PO Box 5521, Bismarck, ND 58506-5521, or phone Rough Rider at (701) 328-6161.

SIGN GUIDELINES

MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE FACILITY:

THE OPERATION OF THIS FACILITY IS REGULATED UNDER ARTICLE 33.1-20 NDAC.

ALL LOADS OF WASTE MUST BE PROPERLY LOADED, CONTAINED AND, IF NECESSARY, COVERED. ANY SPILLAGE MUST BE CLEANED IMMEDIATELY AND RETURNED TO THE VEHICLE OR CONTAINER.

NO UNAUTHORIZED DISPOSAL, TRESPASSING, SCAVENGING, VANDALISM, LITTERING, BURNING, OR DISPOSAL OF PROHIBITED WASTES.

PROHIBITED WASTES

1. LIQUIDS	6. HAZARDOUS WASTES, I.E., IGNITABLES (SOLVENTS, PAINTS, FUELS), CORROSIVES (ACIDS AND ALKALIES), REACTIVES, TOXIC, AND LISTED WASTES
2. SLUDGES, MANURE, SEPTAGE AND SEPTIC TANK PUMPINGS	7. ELECTRONIC WASTE, FLUORESCENT LIGHTING AND BALLASTS, MERCURY SWITCHES, LIGHTING, ETC. FROM BUSINESSES, INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCIAL SOURCES.
3. USED OIL AND PCB WASTE/OILS	8. PESTICIDES AND UNRINSED PESTICIDE CONTAINERS
4. LEAD-ACID BATTERIES	9. INFECTIOUS WASTE

5. MAJOR APPLIANCES AND SCRAP METAL	10. INDUSTRIAL AND SPECIAL WASTE UNLESS APPROVED BY THE ND DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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RECYCLING (may be a separate sign):

Scrap Metal and Appliances may be accepted if they are separated for recycling.

Grass and Leaves must be separated for composting.

Tree branches must be separated for processing, use for fuel or burning.

(NOTE- Other items may be listed for recycling as appropriate).

INERT WASTE LANDFILL FACILITY:

THE OPERATION OF THIS FACILITY IS REGULATED UNDER ARTICLE 33.1-20 NDAC.

ALL LOADS OF WASTE MUST BE PROPERLY LOADED, CONTAINED AND, IF NECESSARY, COVERED. ANY SPILLAGE MUST BE CLEANED IMMEDIATELY AND RETURNED TO THE VEHICLE OR CONTAINER.

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PROHIBITED WASTES

1. HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE AND PUTRESCIBLE WASTE	9. USED OIL AND PCB WASTE/OILS
2. ANIMAL CARCASSES	10. MAJOR APPLIANCES AND SCRAP METAL
3. ELECTRONIC WASTE, FLUORESCENT LIGHTING AND BALLASTS, MERCURY SWITCHES, LIGHTING, ETC.)	11. HAZARDOUS WASTES, I.E. IGNITABLES (SOLVENTS, PAINTS, FUELS), CORROSIVES (ACIDS AND ALKALIES), REACTIVES, TOXIC (INCLUDING ELECTRONICS) AND LISTED WASTES
4. ASBESTOS	12. WASTE GRAIN, SEED, AND ELEVATOR SCREENINGS
5. SOLUBLE WASTES (FLY ASH, SALT, ETC.)	13. SLUDGES, MANURE AND GRASS
6. LIQUIDS	14. SEPTAGE AND SEPTIC TANK PUMPINGS
7. LEAD-ACID BATTERIES	15. INFECTIOUS WASTE
8. PESTICIDES AND PESTICIDE CONTAINERS	15. INDUSTRIAL AND SPECIAL WASTE (AND ANY OTHER WASTE THE FACILITY DOES NOT WISH TO MANAGE)

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