



## FAQ: Clark County Transfer Station

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This document provides answers to frequently asked questions about the proposed Clark County Transfer Station in Bethel Township. For more information, please contact Rumpke at **1-800-828-8171 x2637** or **rumpke.com**

### **What type of trash will be handled at the facility?**

The facility will accept municipal solid waste and recyclable materials from residents and businesses. These materials may be delivered to the facility in commercial collection vehicles (garbage trucks) or in smaller quantities by personal vehicles. Third-party waste and recycling haulers and direct haul customers, as well as municipal crews, and institutions performing their own collection may also bring materials to the facility. Hazardous waste is not permitted at the facility.

### **Why did you pick this location?**

We are addressing a need within the county. We are working with the county to address illegal dumping by providing convenient and accessible disposal. We are supporting the solid waste management district's plan by increasing recycling options and bringing new jobs and local spending into the local economy. This will assist residents with their own cleanup efforts as well as increase efficiencies for our trucks. Additionally, this location is properly zoned light industrial. Its proximity to major roadways was appealing.

### **What are the hours of operation?**

The site may be open to the public Monday-Friday, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. and some Saturdays. The facility will typically be closed on Sundays and select holidays.

### **What is the difference between wastewater and stormwater?**

Wastewater, or leachate, is any type of liquid that comes in contact with trash. Stormwater is any type of precipitation that is on the surface of the site as a result of weather. Stormwater is runoff from roofs, parking lots or paved streets. The transfer station is designed to keep all leachate within the enclosed facility. There are drains for leachate that will discharge into the local sanitary sewer system for disposal. Stormwater will be routed through a detention pond on the Southeast corner of the site.

### **How will you prevent trucks from leaking wastewater into the nearby creek?**

We will obtain and adhere to a general stormwater NPDES (Natural Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit that requires strict plans to best manage water at the site. Any liquid that comes in contact with trash is considered leachate or wastewater and it must be contained and directed into an approved management system. We are required to direct stormwater or water that has not come into contact with waste, to an approved drainage system.

### **How are you protecting the surrounding environment/creek?**

Our job is to protect human health and the environment from society's waste. We operate all our facilities in strict compliance with local, state and federal regulations. The site is designed so all waste activity occurs inside. The material is then transported from the site to one of our regional landfills for disposal. Transfer stations are regulated and inspected by the health department as well as the Ohio and US EPA. All compliance records are available to the public at any time.

This transfer station is located outside of the 100 year floodplain depicted on the FEMA flood maps. Stormwater exiting the facility will be routed through the stormwater detention basin.

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### **How do you keep material from coming out of trucks leaving the site?**

Our trailers feature a tarp to help contain material. We will employ laborers at the site to address any windblown litter. We also have street sweeping capabilities and will work to ensure that our operations do not leave the property line.

### **What happens if there is a fire in the building?**

Rumpke will install a fire suppression system that meets all fire code standards and will work with the fire department to ensure familiarity with the facility. The transfer station will utilize a dry suppression system. This is a fire suppression system that uses pressurized air instead of water in the pipes until a fire is detected, at which point water is released to extinguish the fire. Water used to suppress a fire within the transfer station will be routed to the leachate collection system.

### **What is the expected number of trucks at the site? What is the expected trash tonnage at the site? Will the trucks be diesel or CNG?**

We have commissioned a traffic study with the ODOT to verify traffic needs. Trucks will mainly travel to and from the I-70 interchange. It is to our advantage to ensure safe, easy and efficient traffic flow for our vehicles and fellow motorists. The last thing we wish to do is cause any disruption, so we will make every effort to employ whatever updates are necessary to provide motorists with easy travel.

This site is designed to take up to 200-500 tons per day. We are mindful of traffic at our sites, and the safety of our team members and the public is always a top priority. Additional traffic through the site should be spaced out throughout the day. Upon initial opening we expect approximately 25 trucks per day. At maximum capacity, the facility could reach about 165 trucks per day. CNG trucks will always be considered as we progress and develop this site.

### **Are you going to have a traffic light installed at the entrance for trucks turning onto 235?**

Right now, we are working with ODOT to create the best plan to ensure uninterrupted and efficient traffic flow. Rumpke wants this facility to be a benefit to the community. We do not want to hinder progress or add new difficulties to the traffic pattern in the area.

### **How will the roads be impacted?**

Rumpke will abide by ODOT recommendations and requirements to ensure the best experience for travelers passing by, coming to or coming from our facility.

### **Do you take household hazardous waste?**

The Clark County Solid Waste District allows residents to drop off household hazardous waste (HHW) materials for \$1.00 per pound every Thursday from 9am to 6pm and the first Saturday of the month from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

HHW is exempt from Ohio EPA hazardous waste regulations. Therefore it is legal for residents to place HHW in their trash bins and legal for Rumpke to accept it. While we recommend taking it to the solid waste district for proper disposal, Rumpke handles HHW as required by Ohio EPA regulations.

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**Can large items such as couches, mattresses, etc be dropped off at this site? Microwave ovens? Tires? Does Rumpke provide a means for residents to dispose of these types of items?**

Residents can drop off large items such as couches, mattresses, tires and appliances at the transfer station for transport and disposal.

Residents are also allowed to place these items curbside for bulk item collection. Residents wishing to schedule bulk item collection must contact Rumpke at least 24 hours in advance of their regularly scheduled collection. Bulk item collection fees may apply. Residents must wrap upholstered items in plastic to prepare for curbside collection. Residents must attach documentation of CFC removal to freon-containing appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners placed curbside.

Clark County Solid Waste District also holds drop-off times for these items every Thursday from 9am to 6pm and the first Saturday of the month from 9am to 12pm.

**How are you going to control odors at the site?**

The operation is designed to control odors. Trash is dumped into our enclosed building. The building is emptied throughout the day and trash is hauled immediately to regional landfills for disposal. Waste will not be stored at the facility for more than 24 hours. It is to our benefit to move the trash out of the facility as quickly as possible to maximize productivity and minimize costs. In addition, the building will be closed outside of operating hours.

**How will Rumpke address any odors associated with the facility?**

Transfer stations are regulated at both local and state levels to ensure protection of human health and the environment.

Today's transfer stations are enclosed structures and all waste handling activities occurs inside to reduce noise, odor, wind-blown litter and other vectors. Regular cleaning occurs daily throughout operation.

Upon arrival, material is unloaded into the transfer station and then quickly reloaded into a tractor trailer. The tractor trailer then transports the material to a regional Rumpke landfill. We hope to improve the overall aesthetic of the area with permitted signage and landscape buffers.

**How will Rumpke address noise associated with the site?**

Noise levels outside of the depot will be minimized since collection vehicle unloading and transfer trailer loading will be conducted within the confines of the building.

All on-site equipment will be equipped with mufflers and the lowest decibel backup alarms allowable. Rumpke will also utilize other sound-suppressing devices, as required, for compliance with applicable local and state statutes and regulations.

**How much does it cost/what is the process for a resident to drop off material?**

We are still working on establishing rates. The process for the general public to drop off material is easy. For general recycling, they will enter the site and head straight to the community drop box, free of charge. For trash, residents will enter the scales, record their load weight and pay prior to traveling to the rear of the building. The heavy

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equipment operator will then direct the resident on where to back up and unload material. Once material is unloaded, the resident will then travel back over the scales before exiting the site.

**Do you go above the minimum requirement?**

Rumpke always believes in doing the right thing. We are held to standards set by local, state and federal agencies; however, we have internal policies that are often more stringent than the regulations.

**Are you going to annex the property to Huber Heights?**

We do not have plans to annex the property.

**Are you taking away the soccer fields from our kids?**

Rumpke is working with local soccer organizations to lend support.

**How are you going to address air quality at the site?**

The air quality is monitored by the local health department as well as the Ohio EPA to ensure the facility and operations meet or exceed standards to protect human health and the environment.

**What outside storage will be at the site?**

There will not be outside storage at the site.

**How far away will this facility accept trash from?**

Typically, a transfer station accepts waste from a 40-50 mile radius. The majority of the material will come directly from Clark County communities.