

TRANSFER STATION A.K.A. COLLECTION STATION

The City of Petersburg is permitted for a transfer station for solid waste materials. While the common name for our station is the collection station the facility is permitted and ran as a transfer station. It is not a landfill and the City is not permitted to operate any landfill operations. The transfer station is located on East Avenue H (Canal Street) past the cemetery.

The City transfers solid waste from the facility to the regional landfill site near Abernathy by filling roll off dumpsters which are then picked up by trucks and hauled to the landfill.

The City does reclaim metal by sorting the metal from other debris and placing it in a roll off dumpster which is then taken to a recycling facility. The City does receive payment for the scrap metal which helps defray other costs of hauling off solid waste. The City also chips tree limbs and brush into usable mulch which is free to the public.

The collection station is not for normal household waste. Household waste is to be placed in the dumpsters that are placed near your property. The collection station is the place to take old appliances, furniture, mattresses, carpet, metal, tree limbs, scrap building materials such as roofing materials, and other items that do not fit into the dumpster. **An exception to this is that any refrigerator or air conditioner must first have the freon removed and must have a tag indicating the freon has been removed.** Additionally, items like broken concrete, bricks, stones etc. may be taken to the collection station and should not be placed in the dumpsters.

Prohibited items that are not accepted are hazardous materials, pesticides, herbicides, rodenticides, radioactive material, explosives, medical waste, televisions, printers, computers or large amounts of construction/demolition debris. If you are tearing down a house please contact City Hall so that dumpsters can be brought to your property so you can load large construction debris into the dumpster. There is no charge for this service.

The City also accepts used passenger car tires, truck tires, and tractor tires. There is an additional fee for disposal of these items. You must stop into City Hall and pay the current fee for disposal of tires prior to taking them to the collection

station. Current fees at this time are \$3.00 for auto tires, \$7.00 for truck tires, and \$22.00 for tractor tires.

The City collects \$2.00 per month from each utility customer in order to help defray the costs of operating the collection station. This fee does not cover the cost of transferring this additional waste to the landfill. For example, during the 2014-2015 fiscal year the City paid over \$21,000 in disposal fees while it only received a little over \$11,000 in fees for operations.

The City does accept solid waste from area residents who are not citizens of Petersburg, however, area residents are charged \$10.00 per each pickup load of materials and \$20.00 per trailer load of materials.

As signs indicate at the collection station no item may be removed from the collection station other than the free mulch we are giving away.

Our current hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday when weather permits. The collection station is closed on holidays.

The City has currently been awarded a Community Development Block Grant which includes funds for construction of a fence to separate the waste water treatment ponds from the main collection station area. Once this is completed (late 2016 or early 2017) the collection station will then be open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week weather permitting.