

The Board of Health of the Town of Stoughton, acting under authority of Chapter 111, Section 31 of the Mass. General Laws and every other Act thereto earlier, hereby established the following rules and regulations relative to:

DISCARDING OF REFUSE

AND/OR

THE USE OF REFUSE AS FILL

The dumping of refuse on any land, or the use of refuse as fill in the Town of Stoughton is **PROHIBITED**

Refuse is defined as putrescible or non-putrescible solid waste materials including garbage and rubbish, but not including sewage or liquid waste. Refuse includes but is not limited to the following unwanted or discarded material:

paper, rags, cartons, boxes, wood, excelsior, rubber, leather, tree branches, stumps, yard trimmings, grass clippings, tin cans, metals, mineral matter, glass, crockery, dust, ashes, construction wastes, asphalt or other bituminous material, industrial wastes, commercial wastes, agricultural wastes, abandoned vehicles, street sweepings, bulky wastes, the residue from the burning of wood, coal, coke or other combustible materials.

Boulders or pieces of ledge may be used as fill provided the pieces are no larger than two feet in any dimension & the material is covered with gravel or other clean fill consisting of layers of material to control runoff, prevent erosion and support vegetation. Crushed concrete may be used as long as pieces are less than six inches (6") in diameter and also covered in the same procedure. Exemptions may be made for existing septic components (i.e. tanks, cesspools, etc.) or in ground pools abandoned/de-commissioned properly in place during a permitted project per that departments decommissioning standards.

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