

## FROM THE THORNTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Over the past six to nine months, it has become apparent to the Board of Selectmen that the influx of trash coming into the facility on Saturday and Sunday has increased to a volume that the facility can no longer handle. There have been several Sundays where the facility has had to close early due to being at full capacity.

This increase in volume appears to be directly tied to population increases in all three communities due to new home construction and more people choosing to live in their second homes due to COVID.

Trash from the Campton-Thornton Transfer Station is transported and disposed of at the Bethlehem landfill per contract. NH regulation does not allow the landfill to be open weekends. Therefore, trash cannot be removed and transported from the Transfer Station on Saturday or Sunday.

In the new schedule, effective January 2, 2021, the facility will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm and on Saturdays from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm. This schedule will increase the hours the facility is open to the public by three additional hours per week. Residents who are able to dispose of their trash during the week are encouraged to do so. This will help to alleviate the volume of residents visiting the facility on Saturday.

While we understand closing the facility on Sunday will impact some residents and taxpayers, the majority of trash received at the facility, comes in on Saturday and therefore, the board felt the right decision was to close on Sunday. Residents are encouraged to utilize the weekday hours whenever possible.

We thank you for your understanding and patience during this transition.

Thornton Board of Selectmen  
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