



*“Treasure History
Welcome the Future”*



TOWN OF HOOKSETT NEWSLETTER

2011 Zoning Amendments

The public hearing for the 2011 zoning amendments will be held on Monday, February 14, 2011 @ 6pm at the Hooksett Municipal Building - room 105 (Chambers), 35 Main Street, Hooksett, NH. Copies of the full text are available at the Town Clerk's Office at the same address (office hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm, Mon-Fri.) and on the Town's website, www.hooksett.org.



Clear Roof of Snow and Ice

There is a greater urgency to clear roofs of snow and ice that has accumulated in recent weeks. A roof may collapse with little or no warning and one common

misconception is that only flat roofs are susceptible to collapse. The amount of snow that a roof can hold varies depending on the water content of the snow and the structural load capabilities of your home or building. Therefore, it is important to keep your roof as clear as possible. The following are some of the warning signs that have been reported prior to roof failure:

- Sagging roof steel that is visually deformed
- Cracked or split wood structural members
- Sprinkler heads pushed down below ceiling tiles
- Doors that pop open
- Doors or windows that are difficult to open
- Bowed walls, utility pipes or conduit attached at ceiling
- Creaking, cracking or popping sounds

Previous year's fire and building collapse investigations have determined that gas service to some buildings was damaged due to heavy snow loads and snow sliding off of roofs onto gas meters and components. Fires and explosions have been caused by this damage in past years resulting in loss of life. The State Fire Marshal urges all citizens to do the following:

- Clear roofs of excessive snow and ice buildup, being careful not to damage gas and oil service to the building. Snow blowers and snowplows can damage

gas lines and meters. Keep the gas meters and components clear of snow.

- Keep all chimneys and vents clear to prevent carbon monoxide from backing up into the building. Some vents, such as pellet stove vents, may exit the building through a wall and are susceptible to being blocked by excessive snow buildup on the outside of the building.
- Keep all exits clear of snow so that occupants can escape quickly in a fire or other emergency should occur. Keep in mind that windows should be cleared to allow a secondary means of escape in case the primary means of escape is blocked by fire. Keeping exits clear also allows emergency workers to access your building.

Preparing Makes Sense

The likelihood that you and your family will survive a house fire depends as much on having a working smoke detector and an exit strategy, as on a well-trained fire department. The same is true for surviving a natural disaster or any other emergency. We must have the tools and plans in place to make it on our own, at least for a period of

time, no matter where we are when disaster strikes. Just like having a working smoke detector, preparing for the unexpected makes sense.



Preparing for emergencies is not new. Our grandparents probably had extra supplies in their homes: soap and shampoo in bathroom closets, onions and potatoes stored in the basement, and canned goods on pantry shelves. They understood the value and wisdom of having a little extra on hand for emergencies. New Hampshire Governor John Lynch has stated that all states have disasters. "New Hampshire has seen ice storms, tornadoes, floods, and power outages. It is smart to prepare for the unexpected."

Acceptable Materials for Recycling

Glass – Bottles only. Please rinse. Separate by color: brown, clear, green.

Aluminum Cans – Beverage cans only. Please rinse. *If it sticks to a magnet, it's not aluminum.* No pet food cans PLEASE!!!

Plastic – Bottles only. Please rinse.

PET – soda or tonic bottles
HDPE – milk bottles, water bottles
Detergent bottles.

Steel Cans – Vegetable cans, coffee cans

Cardboard – Corrugated, brown paper bags and light cardboard (example: cereal boxes)

Newspapers – Loose. Flyers OK (If it comes with the newspaper, recycle it with the newspaper)



Magazines & Phone Books – Glossy magazines only.

Other Paper (loose) – School papers, junk mail, envelopes, computer paper. No newspaper, magazines or carbon paper, please.

Metal Items – Appliances, water heaters, etc. and units with Freon have charges, all other metal no charge.

Tires – No rims. Only 4 per vehicle, per year.

Batteries – Cars, truck and household batteries.

Clean Demolition Materials – There is a charge for this material, see attendant.

Grass and Leaves – To be composted.

Brush – No bigger than 3" in diameter, 3" long. (See attendant for information on disposal of larger pieces.)

Household Hazardous Wastes – Call facility for information.

Waste Oil – *We heat our building with it!!!* Preferably, brought in containers that can be left at the facility. (Will assist those who have containers they wish to keep.)

Also accepted at the facility – Ink jet cartridges and cell phones. (All money generated goes to the schools.)

All residents must have permits. (Issued at the facility at no charge.)

Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:00 am – 3:30 pm. Saturday, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. Closed holidays.

Please call 669-5198 for further information.

REMEMBER, EVERY ITEM RECYCLED SAVES THE TOWN MONEY THAT IS SPENT ON DISPOSAL FEES!!!