

***Amendments as of October 1, 2003***

This report contains the recommendations for the maximum allowable amount of residential refuse to be picked up at curbside. These numbers are based on what the Town has historically picked up and what the Solid Waste Committee believes to be reasonable rates of residential refuse generation.

A thirty-gallon barrel (trash can) is the basic unit for refuse pickup. Pickup limits are typically set as a number of barrels or the equivalent 1 plastic bags. The maximum limits for Hampstead residential refuse pickup at curbside are:

* Single family residential home	4 barrels or 8 bags
Single-family residential home with in-law apartment	6 barrels or 12 bags
* Duplex homes	<b><i>8 barrels or 16 bags (total)</i></b>
* Condominium homes	4 barrels or 8 bags <b>(each)</b>
* Apartments of two units	6 barrels or 12 bags <b>(total)</b>
• Mobile or manufactured homes On common property	<b><i>4 barrels or 8 bags (each)</i></b>

Any property generating more than it's allowable limit or any apartment building of more than ***4 units*** is required to provide a dumpster(s) for sanitary handling of refuse at the owners expense.

The four barrels of thirty gallons or it's equivalent (eight plastic 15 gallon bags) have been the limit for a single family residential home since curbside pickup began in Hampstead. This limit is generous. Uncompacted residential refuse has a density of 200 to 400 pounds per cubic yard. A barrel no larger than ***40 gallons*** will typically hold 30 to 60 pounds of residential refuse. The four barrel limit allows each residence to put at curbside between 120 and 24 pounds of refuse each week. This limit is two and one half to five times what the average residence puts at curbside.

Approved by the Selectmen