

# Weston's Recycling (and Reducing) at a Glance

Please keep this guide for reference or use the Recyclopedia tool and [WestonMA.gov/RSW](http://WestonMA.gov/RSW) for additional detail



Banned Waste* Recycle Only	What's Included	How to Prepare	Do Not Include
<b>Newspapers Catalogs Glossy magazines</b>	Glossy inserts, paperback books, phone books, paper bags (any color)	Loose is fine, or pack in paper bags <b>Remove plastic wrap</b>	Soiled newspaper, hardcover books, plastic bags, waxy paper or cartons, tissue and wrapping /gift paper, blueprints, or wallpaper.
<b>Cardboard &amp; Mixed Paper</b>	Brown corrugated, gray paperboard or white cardboard, paper bags, office and school paper, junk mail, manuals, pamphlets, greeting cards, posters, file folders, and empty pizza boxes	Cut or fold to 2' x 4'. Remove plastic liners and packing material.  Window envelopes, paper clips, staples, tape, wire spirals and elastic bands are okay to leave.	Food or oil stained items (food wrappers, wax paper, paper cups and plates, paper towels and napkins), heavily waxed and water-repellent cardboard. 3-ring binders.
<b>Glass</b>	Food and beverage bottles and jars	<b>Rinse clean.</b> Lids, corks and labels are okay to leave.	Material on glass other than paper labels, window, light bulbs, drinking glasses ceramics, vases, dishes, and Pyrex.
<b>Tin Cans/Aluminum</b>	Tin (ferrous) cans and ferrous caps/lids, empty aerosol cans, non-deposit aluminum cans, foil plates, pans, and trays.	<b>Rinse clean.</b> Flattened or nested is okay. Large aluminum items should be placed in the metal dumpster.	Cans that are part plastic or paper, paint cans, and large metal items.
<b>Plastics #1 - #7</b>	Empty rigid plastic containers, including bottles, jars, tubs, jugs	<b>Rinse clean.</b> Replace lids/caps. Rings and labels are okay to include.	Unmarked plastics, plastic bags and wraps or film, and Styrofoam. Oversized plastics go in the bulk plastic dumpster.
<b>Electronics, Cathode Ray Tubes (TVs, computer monitors, etc.)</b>	All intact or broken CRTs, computer components, remotes, audio and office equip., cameras, cell phones, chargers, etc.	Used electronics shed – bulky waste fee may apply	
<b>Metal &amp; White Goods</b>	Old appliances (incl. A/C units and dehumidifiers), grills, mowers, scrap metal, misc. metal items.	<b>Drain all the fluids.</b> See attendant for items with Freon or refrigerants.	No liquids
<b>Yard Waste</b>	Leaves, grass clippings, small brush and branches, wood chips.	Loose or in compostable bags. Break down branches to 6-foot length. Deliver to Brush Dump on Merriam St when open in spring/fall.	Non-biodegradable bags, stumps, branches over 12" diameter, branches over 6' in length, poison ivy, invasive plants, or trash of any kind.
<b>Mattresses &amp; Boxsprings</b>	Traditional mattresses, boxsprings, constructed of metal, textiles, wood, foam	Stacked neatly in designated container	Excessively torn, soiled, or moldy items. Wet, frozen, bed bug or insect infested. Futon, sofa bed, and mattress pads
<b>Textiles</b>	Clothing, footwear, bedding, towels, curtains, and fabric.	Wash textiles, place in clothing donation bins.	For textiles that are contaminated with mold, bodily fluids, insects, oil, or hazardous substances.

More Material to Keep Out of the Garbage Bag	What's Included	How to Prepare	Do Not Include
<b>Food/Kitchen Waste</b>	Fruit/vegetable scraps, meat, grease, dairy/cheese, shells, bones, eggs, coffee grounds, corks, chopsticks	Use compostable bags (BPI, CMA or OK Compost certified only) or empty directly from a container into the compost bin. Place cooking oil in jar and leave next to bin.	Non-compostable plastic bags, produce stickers, rubber bands, wire or Velcro twists, paper towels and napkins used with cleaning product or human/animal waste
<b>Deposit Containers</b>	MA 5-cent deposit plastic and glass bottles and aluminum cans – typically, any beverage that is carbonated.	<b>Rinse clean.</b>	Non-deposit containers (wine, juice, tea).
<b>Textiles: Used and Damaged</b>	ALL clothing and footwear - including worn out or damaged. Bed, bath and kitchen linens, curtains, throw rugs, blankets, pillows, rags, stuffed animals, and other textiles	Tie securely in a plastic bag.	Items that are wet/moldy or contaminated with oils or hazardous substances
<b>Batteries</b>	Button batteries, car batteries and rechargeable batteries.	Ask attendant where to place them.	Household batteries can go in regular trash.
<b>Fluorescent Lightbulbs</b>		Ask attendant where to place them	
<b>Mercury - Thermometers and Thermostats</b>		Ask attendant where to place them	
<b>Printer Ink Cartridges</b>		Ask attendant where to place them or take to retail store (i.e. Staples)	Toner cartridges
<b>Over-sized Plastic (#1 - #7)</b>	Kiddie pools, playsets, storage containers	Break down to avoid/reduce bulky waste fee. Place in dumpster for large plastics	Garden hose, string lights
<b>Wood Items</b>	Wood pallets/crates, broken wood furniture	Break down to avoid/reduce bulky waste fee. Place in scrap wood dumpster.	Pressure-treated wood, brush, logs, fences, sheds
<b>Broken-down Mattresses and Boxsprings</b>	Break them down into recyclables to avoid/reduce bulky waste fee	Textile, metal, and scrap wood bins.	Anything with hazardous waste, bedbugs
<b>Fire Extinguishers and Propane Tanks</b>		<b>Must be empty.</b> Ask attendant where to place them.	
<b>Household Sharps/Needles, Syringes and Lancets</b>		<b>Read preparation instructions at <a href="http://WestonMA.gov/HealthDept">WestonMA.gov/HealthDept</a></b>	<b>Loose items.</b> Must be stored in appropriate container.

Donation Items – see also <a href="https://WestonMA.gov/Donate">WestonMA.gov/Donate</a>	Where They Go	Do Not Include
<p><b>Hardcover &amp; Paperback Books, DVDs, CDs, Video games</b></p> <p><b>Reusable clothing, shoes, linens, books, small furniture, kitchen/home items, and small appliances</b></p> <p><b>Bicycles</b> - All bicycles in any condition</p> <p><b>Swap Shed</b> - reuseable household furnishings, equipment, and other good, working items</p> <p><b>Sports Equipment</b></p>	<p>More than Words bin</p> <p>Clothing in any of the clothing donation bins or Goodwill trailer, other items in Goodwill trailer. Receipts for donations are available.</p> <p>Bikes Not Bombs shed located behind the Swap Shed.</p> <p>Shed near donation bins</p> <p>Any of the clothing donation bins or Goodwill trailer. Receipts for donations are available. Swap Shed</p>	<p>Large items</p> <p>Tires, foods, poisons, liquids of any type, or anything broken</p>

### What's Not Accepted

<p><b>Construction, Building, or Demolition materials</b></p> <p><b>Hazardous Waste</b></p> <p><b>Oil-based Paints</b></p>	<p>Ceramic tiles, porcelain toilets, cement blocks, brick, vinyl fencing materials, sheet rock, concrete or asphalt chunks, sheds</p> <p>2022-23 Household Hazardous Waste Days are September 10, 2022 and April 1, 2023 See <a href="https://WestonMA.gov/TransferStation">WestonMA.gov/TransferStation</a> for details. Alternatively, you can visit the <a href="#">NEDT facility</a> in Sutton or Westfield.</p> <p>Take to Household Hazardous Waste. Latex paint is fine but must be dried solid</p>
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*\*The items listed as Banned Waste are categorized as such by the state of Massachusetts and must be recycled rather than placed with household solid waste.*

#### Weston Recycling Center and Transfer Station - Permit required – See [WestonMA.gov/TSPermits](https://WestonMA.gov/TSPermits)

Location: 195 Church St. (entrance behind Kendal Green MBTA parking lot)

Open: 7 a.m. – 6 p.m., Tue, Wed, Fri, & Sat - (781) 786-5140

Closed: Sunday, Monday, Thursday & legal holidays

#### Brush Dump on Merriam Street – Permit required

Composted soil and woodchips free to permit holders

Open: Specific dates in the spring and fall, from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

See the [Disposing of Yard Waste](#) flyer or online at [WestonMA.gov/TransferStation](https://WestonMA.gov/TransferStation).

Incliment weather may result in closure, (call Transfer Station if concerned).

Bulky Waste Fees – See [WestonMA.gov/BulkyWaste](https://WestonMA.gov/BulkyWaste)

PAYT Bags – See [WestonMA.gov/PAYT](https://WestonMA.gov/PAYT)



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