

# 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>Mixed Paper</b>	Cereal Boxes, newspapers, paperback books, phone books, paper bags (any color), junk mail, and mixed paper.	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, 3- ring binders, juice containers, pet food bags, food wrappers, and wallpaper.
<b>Cardboard</b>	Brown corrugated, moving boxes and empty pizza boxes (no food).	Cut or fold to 2' x 4'. Remove plastic liners and packing material.	heavily waxed and water-repellent cardboard.
<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 glass, light bulbs, drinking glasses ceramics, vases, dishes and plates.
<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>	Mixed collection of plastic containers (#1 - #7). Bulky, rigid plastics go in the bulk plastic dumpster.	<b>Rinse clean.</b> Replace lids/caps. Rings and labels are okay to include.	Unmarked plastics, plastic bags and wraps or film, and Styrofoam
<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, etc.	Used electronics shed – bulky waste fee may apply. Visit: <a href="https://www.weston.org/1594/Bulky-Waste">https://www.weston.org/1594/Bulky-Waste</a>	
<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, and foam.	Stacked neatly in designated container- bulky fees apply. Visit: <a href="https://www.weston.org/1594/Bulky-Waste">https://www.weston.org/1594/Bulky-Waste</a>	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.

<b>More Material to Keep Out of the Garbage Bag</b>	<b>What's Included</b>	<b>How to Prepare</b>	<b>Do Not Include</b>
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<b>Food/Kitchen Waste</b>	Fruit/vegetable scraps, meat, grease, dairy/cheese, shells, bones, eggs, coffee grounds, corks, chopsticks	Utilize a compost pail or bag and empty directly 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>Used and Damaged Textiles</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 off in a 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 everyday 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 containers</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>Mattresses/Box Spring</b>	Break them down into recyclables to avoid/reduce bulky waste fee	Textile, metal, and scrap wood bins or contact <a href="http://GreenMattressCo.com">GreenMattressCo.com</a>	Anything with hazardous waste, bedbugs

**Fire Extinguishers and Propane Tanks**

**Must be empty.** Ask attendant where to place them.

**Household Sharps/Needles, Syringes and Lancets**

Read preparation instructions at [WestonMA.gov/HealthDept](http://WestonMA.gov/HealthDept)

**Loose items.** Must be stored in appropriate container.

**Donation Items – see also [WestonMA.gov/Donate](http://WestonMA.gov/Donate)**

**Where They Go**

**Do Not Include**

**Hardcover & paperback books, DVDs, CDs, Video games**

More than Words  
Weston Public Library

**Reusable clothing, shoes, linens, books, small furniture, kitchen/home items, and small appliances**

Any of the clothing donation bins or Goodwill trailer. Receipts for donations are available.

Large items

**Bicycles** - All bicycles in any condition

Bikes Not Bombs shed located behind the swap shed.

**Swap Shed** - reuseable household furnishings, equipment, and other good, working items

Shed near donation bins

Tires, foods, poisons, liquids of any type, or anything broken

**Sports Equipment**

Any of the clothing donation bins or Goodwill trailer. Receipts for donations are available.  
Swap Shed

**What's Not Accepted**

**Construction, Building, or Demolition materials**

Ceramic tiles, porcelain toilets, cement blocks, brick, vinyl fencing materials, sheet rock, concrete or asphalt chunks, sheds

**Hazardous Waste**

2022 Household Hazardous Waste Day is April 2nd. See [WestonMA.gov/TransferStation](http://WestonMA.gov/TransferStation) for details. Alternatively, you can visit the [NEDT facility](#) in Sutton or Westfield.

**Oil-based Paints**

Take to Household Hazardous Waste. Latex paint is fine but must be dried solid

*\*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](http://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](http://WestonMA.gov/TransferStation).

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



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

PAYT Bags – available at