

Weston's Recycling (and Reducing) at a Glance

Please keep this guide for reference or use the Recyclopedia tool and WestonMA.gov/RSW for additional detail



Banned Waste* Recycle Only	What's Included	How to Prepare	Do Not Include
Newspapers Catalogs Glossy magazines	Glossy inserts, paperback books, phone books, paper bags (any color)	Loose is fine, or pack in paper bags Remove plastic wrap	Soiled newspaper, hardcover books, plastic bags, waxy paper or cartons, tissue and wrapping /gift paper, blueprints, or wallpaper.
Cardboard & Mixed Paper	Brown corrugated, gray paperboard or white cardboard, paper bags, office and school paper, junk mail, manuals, pamphlets, greeting cards, posters, and file folders	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.
Glass	Food and beverage bottles and jars	Rinse clean. 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.
Tin Cans/Aluminum	Tin (ferrous) cans and ferrous caps/lids, empty aerosol cans, non-deposit aluminum cans, foil plates, pans, and trays.	Rinse clean. 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.
Plastics #1 - #7	Empty rigid plastic containers, including bottles, jars, tubs, jugs	Rinse clean. 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.
Electronics, Cathode Ray Tubes (TVs, computer monitors, etc.)	All intact or broken CRTs, computer components, remotes, audio and office equip., cameras, cell phones, etc.	Used electronics shed – bulky waste fee may apply	
Metal & White Goods	Old appliances (incl. A/C units and dehumidifiers), grills, mowers, scrap metal, misc. metal items.	Drain all the fluids. See attendant for items with Freon or refrigerants.	No liquids
Yard Waste	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.

More Material to Keep Out of the Garbage Bag	What's Included	How to Prepare	Do Not Include
Food/Kitchen Waste	Fruit/vegetable scraps, meat, grease, dairy/cheese, shells, bones, eggs, coffee grounds, corks, chopsticks	Utilize a compost pail or bag (BPI, CMA or OK Compost certified only) 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
Deposit Containers	MA 5-cent deposit plastic and glass bottles and aluminum cans – typically, any beverage that is carbonated.	Rinse clean.	Non-deposit containers (wine, juice, tea).
Used and Damaged Textiles	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
Batteries	Button batteries, car batteries and rechargeable batteries.	Ask attendant where to place them.	Household batteries can go in everyday trash.
Fluorescent Lightbulbs		Ask attendant where to place them	
Mercury - Thermometers and Thermostats		Ask attendant where to place them	
Printer Ink Cartridges		Ask attendant where to place them or take to retail store (i.e. Staples)	Toner cartridges
Over-sized plastic containers	Kiddie pools, playsets, storage containers	Break down to avoid/reduce bulky waste fee. Place in dumpster for large plastics	Garden hose, string lights
Wood items	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
Mattresses/Box Spring	Break them down into recyclables to avoid/reduce bulky waste fee	Textile, metal, and scrap wood bins or contact GreenMattressCo.com	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	Loose items. Must be stored in appropriate container.

Donation Items – see also 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	Clothing in any of the clothing donation bins or Goodwill trailer, other items in 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 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

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.

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

Bulky Waste Fees – See WestonMA.gov/BulkyWaste

PAYT Bags – See WestonMA.gov/PAYT - retail list coming soon



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