

# Westford Recycling Commission

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## How to Recycle Most Everything

(revised March 2023)

### A to Z Guide: Where Can My Items be Reused/Recycled

In addition to the Westford Curbside Recycling program provided to Westford residents, the Westford Recycling Commission has developed this document to list items that cannot be recycled curbside and where we want to provide an alternative to placing items in the trash.

The list of "other ways and methods" to "recycle and reuse" items that should be handled and disposed of properly and/or provided for other uses is listed in alphabetical order. These items are not included in the Westford Curbside Recycling program and please do not leave these items out for curbside recycling pickup. See the Westford Curbside Recycling page (by clicking [HERE](#) or visiting [westfordma.gov/recycling](http://westfordma.gov/recycling)) for items that can be left out for the curbside recycling program and follow the recommendations listed below, to keep unnecessary items out of the waste stream and utilize "best-practices or green" methods of disposal.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection offers additional recycling ideas through their Recyclopedia page accessible at [recyclesmartma.org](http://recyclesmartma.org).

We appreciate your support; your thoughts, comments, suggestions are welcome by e-mails us at [recycling@westfordma.gov](mailto:recycling@westfordma.gov)

Please Note: The companies and services listed here are for reference only and are not specifically endorsed by the Westford Recycling Commission.

**In some cases, drop-off is by appointment only. Please call the organization for up-to-date information before you recycle your items.**

**Tip: "control f" will allow you to search the document**

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Aerosols	Building Materials and House Fixtures	Fire Extinguishers
Air Conditioners, Room (non-working)	Carbon Monoxide Detectors (see Electronics)	Furniture (useable – no rips or stains)
Air Conditioners, Room (working)	Cardboard Boxes	Furniture (non-useable)
Antifreeze (see Household Hazardous Waste)	Carpeting	Gas Grills
Appliances, Large (non-working)	Cell Phones	Hearing Aids (useable)
Appliances, Large (working, for reuse)	Chain Saws (see Yard Equipment)	Household Hazardous Waste
Appliances, Small (working, for Reuse)	Christmas Trees and Christmas Lights	Household Items (useable and non-useable)
Appliances, Small (non-working)	Clothing (see Textiles)	Inkjet & Toner Cartridges
Asphalt Shingles	Coat Hangers	Junk
Automobiles	Computers, Monitors, and Laptop Computers (working, for reuse, also see Electronics)	Latex Paint
Baby Goods (for reuse)	Construction Debris & Yard Refuse (also see Asphalt Shingles)	Lawn Mowers (see Yard Equipment)
Bathroom Fixtures (also see Building Materials & House Fixtures)	Crayons	Leaves & Grass Clippings (Yard Waste)
Batteries	Dehumidifiers (non-working)	Light Bulbs: Incandescent, LED, and halogen bulbs
Bicycles (for reuse)	Electronics (working or non-working)	Light Bulbs: String lights
Books / DVDs / Books on Tape / CDs / LPs (Vinyl Records)/ Video and Audio Cassettes	Eyeglasses	Light Bulbs: Fluorescent and Compact Fluorescent (CF)
Bridal Gowns	Fabric (see Textiles)	Linoleum Flooring
Brush & Branches	Flag Disposal	Mattresses and Box Springs (non-useable)
		Mattresses and Box Springs (useable – for reuse)

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| Medical                                    | Stuffed Animals (see Textiles)   |
| Mercury Thermometers & Thermostats         | Styrofoam                        |
| Metal (scrap, ferrous and non-ferrous)     | Televisions (non-working)        |
| Motor Oil                                  | Televisions (working)            |
| Oil Based Paint (see Hazardous Waste)      | Textiles                         |
| Packing Materials                          | Thermometers and Thermostats     |
| Paper and Document Shredding               | Tires                            |
| Pet Supplies                               | Toilets                          |
| Prescription Drugs                         | Tyvek Mailing Envelopes          |
| Printer Cartridges (Laser)                 | Umbrellas                        |
| Propane Gas Grill Tanks                    | Vinyl LP Records                 |
| Railroad Ties                              | Yard Equipment                   |
| Riding Mowers - Small (see Yard Equipment) | Yard Waste (see Brush or Leaves) |
| School Supplies                            |                                  |
| Scrubs (for reuse)                         |                                  |
| Shoes and Sneakers (see Textiles)          |                                  |
| Smoke Detectors (see Electronics)          |                                  |
| Snow Blowers (see Yard Equipment)          |                                  |
| Sporting Goods (for reuse)                 |                                  |

Still didn't find what you're looking for --- the Town of Littleton has partnered with TerraCycle providing additional options for recycling (open to Westford residents):

<https://sites.google.com/view/littleton-ma-recycles>

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## Aerosol Cans

- Place empty cans in your trash barrel.

## Air Conditioners, Room (non-working)

- **Atlas Recycling** - Monthly curbside pickup. Pick-up is every third Saturday year-round, dependent on holidays. Fee: \$30 per item, cash or check only; stickers available at Town Clerk's office (55 Main St, Westford MA, 978-692-5515),
- Collected at the Electronics and More semi-annual collection, fee.

## Air Conditioners, Room (working)

- **Household Goods, Inc.** - 530 Main St., Acton; 978-635-1710, [www.householdgoods.org/](http://www.householdgoods.org/). Check the website or call to confirm drop off times. Maximum dimensions of AC units to be donated: 18 x 30 x 24 inches.

## Antifreeze (see Household Hazardous Waste)

## Appliances, Large (non-working)

Also called "White Goods" - washers, dryers, water heaters, refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, microwaves, stoves, dehumidifiers and air conditioners (no larger than 18 x 30 x 24 inches).

- **Atlas Recycling** - Monthly curbside pickup. Pick-up is every third Saturday year-round, dependent on holidays. Fee: \$30 per item, cash or check only. Stickers available at the Town Clerk's office (55 Main St, Westford MA, 978-692-5515)
- **Max Levine & Co.** ([maxlevinescrapmetals.com](http://maxlevinescrapmetals.com)) - 270 Tanner St., Lowell; 978-454-7786. Open M-F 7:30 am-4:00 pm, Buys primarily metal industrial and building trash; Levine & Co. does not take cans, aerosol cans, gas tanks, dehumidifiers, freezers, refrigerators, microwaves, computers, tires, insulated materials, items containing plastic, oil, or grease, but they will take other metal white goods and metal construction materials (gutters, etc.). Valid photo I.D. is required. Please call

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for fees and you must deliver items to their facility in Lowell.

## Appliances, Large (working, for reuse)

Also called "White Goods" - washers, dryers, water heaters, refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, stoves, room air conditioners.

- **Household Goods, Inc.** - [www.householdgoods.org](http://www.householdgoods.org); 530 Main St., Acton; 978-635-1710. Accepts gently used working household goods;. Accepts: Electric dryers, washers and refrigerators (no mini- fridges) 10 years old or newer. Donated items must be clean. Check the website or call to confirm drop off times. Limited pick-up available - \$35 donation.
- **Salvation Army** - <https://satruck.org> 1-800-728-7825 various locations including Lowell, Wilmington, and Lawrence. For other locations visit the website. Call for pickup options or visit the website. Appliances must be no older than seven years, in working condition, and located near a power source so they can be tested before pick up.
- **National Grid** - 1-877-889-4761 to sign up for a free pick-up; visit [www.MassSave.com/recycle](http://www.MassSave.com/recycle) for more information and program requirements. The Appliance Recycling Program offers National Grid Electric customers \$75 rebate. There must be a clear path to the item. The program accepts working, clean, and empty second fridges and freezers (only) that have inside measurements between 10 and 30 cubic feet.
- **Habitat for Humanity ReStores** – HFH of Billerica, 100 Chelmsford Rd, Route 129, Billerica;978-215-9975; [www.myrestorema.org](http://www.myrestorema.org) Drop off items Tue. - Sat., 10:30am - 3:30pm, They accept microwaves, washers, dryers, stoves (gas or electric), refrigerators, freezers, new garbage disposals, and cooktops. Appliances must be in working condition and under 10 years old. Call or visit the website for pickup.

## Appliances, Small (working, for reuse)

Includes: blenders, coffee makers, electric kettles and frypans, fans, food processors,

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space heaters, irons, countertop microwaves, mixers, slow cookers, toasters, toaster ovens, sewing machines, vacuum cleaners.

- **Household Goods, Inc.** - [www.householdgoods.org](http://www.householdgoods.org); 530 Main St., Acton; 978-635-1710. Accepts gently used household small appliances; Check the website or call to confirm drop off times
- **Wish Project** – 166 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford; 866-947-4360. [thewishproject.org](http://thewishproject.org). Drop off items Tues-Sat. 9am-2:45pm, no pick-ups. Accepts working small appliances and household goods in good condition.

## Appliances, Small (non-working)

Includes: blenders, coffee makers, electric pans, fans, food processors, space heaters, irons, countertop microwaves, mixers, slow cookers, toasters, toaster ovens, sewing machines, vacuum cleaners.

- Save for the Electronics and More collection; Held twice per year in May and September. Please check the website for exact dates [westfordma.gov/recycling](http://westfordma.gov/recycling).

## Asphalt Shingles

- **Devens Recycling Center** – Please call to confirm! Devens has gone through changes recently and it's not clear if it is open to the public. 45 Independence Dr., Devens, MA 01434 ; 978-772-6500; [devensrecycling.com](http://devensrecycling.com). Mon.-Fri. 7am-5pm, Sat. 7am-1pm. Fee. Call for a quote. Will not accept loads contaminated with hazardous material.
- **Roof Top Recycling** – 369 Codmon Hill Rd., Boxboro, MA 01719; 978- 263-1899 <https://www.rooftoprecyclinginc.com/>. Fee.

## Automobiles

Free pickup and potentially tax deductible!

- **Big Brother/Big Sister Foundation** <https://www.bbbs.org/cars-for-kids-sake/>

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- **WGBH** (<https://www.wgbh.org/support/vehicle-donation> )
- **WBUR** (<https://www.wbur.org/membership/605928/donate-your-car>)
- **WERS** ( <https://wers.careasy.org/home> )
- **National Kidney Foundation Car Campaign** - 1-800-488-2277; or go to: [www.kidney.org/kidneycars](http://www.kidney.org/kidneycars) and fill in the online form.
- **Salvation Army**: 1-800-728-7825; [satruck.org](http://satruck.org).
- **Special Olympics of Mass** - 1-800-590-1600; or go to: [www.specialolympicsmass.org](http://www.specialolympicsmass.org) and fill in the online form.
- **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell** – 1-877-277-4344; <https://lowellhabitat.org/what-you-can-do/donate/>
- **Goodwill Car Donations** – 1-855-534-3830 or go to: [goodwillcardonation.org](http://goodwillcardonation.org)

## Baby Goods (for reuse)

- **Household Goods, Inc.** - 530 Main St. (Rt. 27), Acton; 978-635- 1710; [www.householdgoods.org](http://www.householdgoods.org). Check the website or call to confirm drop off times. Check website for baby items accepted (must meet current standards). No toys or stuffed animals.
- **Wish Project** - 166 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford; 866-947-4360. [thewishproject.org](http://thewishproject.org). Check website for baby items accepted (certain items must be new). Drop off items Tues-Sat., 9am-2:45pm, no pick-ups.

## Bathroom Fixtures (also see [Building Materials & House Fixtures](#))

- **Atlas Recycling** (sinks, toilets and bathtubs) – Monthly curbside pickup. Pick-up is every third Saturday year-round, depending on holidays. Fee: \$30 per item, cash or check only. Stickers available at Town Clerk’s office(55 Main St, Westford MA, 978-692-5515).

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- **Alkaline:** Alkaline batteries are heavy and there are local programs for recycling them (reducing the town's waste volume and tax \$ spent to incinerate Westford's trash). Note that there is typically a small fee associated with recycling alkaline batteries due to the cost to extract the recyclable components. Local recycling options are:

1. Westford CAT (local TV station), 487 Groton Road (Rte 40), Suite B, Westford, MA, 978-692-7152 – donation requested. Can be dropped off during business hours (Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm) More info here: <https://westfordcat.org/support-us/battery-collection/>

2. Westford's "Electronics and More" Collections held in the Spring and Fall. See the Electronics section of this document for more information (or check the WRC website at [westfordma.gov/recycling](http://westfordma.gov/recycling)).

- **Automobile/Tractor/Lead Acid:** Take to **Autozone** - 63 Drum Hill Road, Chelmsford; 978- 453-2300; <https://www.autozone.com/locations/ma/chelmsford/63-drum-hill-rd.html> or **Interstate Battery of Massachusetts** - 86 Progress Ave #3, Tyngsboro (there is a pallet behind the building that is accessible 24x7). (978)-649-5959; <http://www.massachusettsbatteries.com/> or Other auto parts stores also accept batteries. Call the store and ask about their automobile battery recycling policy.

- **Button Type:** Collected at

1. **Ace MacKay Hardware** (Rt 110), 978-692-3346
2. **Ace Hardware** (Rt 40), 978-692-0774
3. **Westford Board of Health**, 978-692- 5509.

- **Laptop Computer Batteries:** Any [Staples](#) store

- Lead-Acid, sealed: - Used by Verizon FIOS box as a backup battery and other uses such as tractor batteries: **Staples** (must weigh less than 11 lbs). Or save for the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

- Lithium (typically AA battery size): Collected at **Ace MacKay Hardware** (Rt 110), 978-692-3346; **Ace Hardware** (Rt 40), 978-692-0774.



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- Lithium Ion (used in cell phones and other devices): **Staples**.
- Rechargeable: NICAD (Nickel-Cadmium), NiMH (Nickel-Metal Hydride), used in laptops, cell phones, etc.: Collected at **Ace MacKay Hardware** (Rt 110), 978-692-3346; **Ace Hardware** (Rt 40), 978-692-0774; You can also take to any **Staples**, **Home Depot**, **Lowe's**,
- **Staples** accepts UPS batteries for recycling. There is an 11 lb. per battery weight limit.

## Bicycles (for reuse)

- **Bikes Not Bombs** - [www.bikesnotbombs.org/](http://www.bikesnotbombs.org/). 617-522-0222. Donate your used bicycles to this organization; more details regarding donation events are on their website (suggested \$10 donation per bike.) Bikes Not Bombs uses the bicycle as a vehicle for social change and reclaims thousands of bicycles each year.
- Give your bicycle to someone in the local area: Post for free on [Craigslist](http://Craigslist) ; [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org); or Facebook.
- **Westford Boy Scout Troop 437** - Bicycle & Summer Sporting Equipment Sale in the Spring. <https://www.westfordtroop437.us/>  
bikesale@westfordtroop437.us
- **Chelmsford Boy Scout Troop 74** - Collects bicycles and other household items for their Giant Yard Sale held every May [giantyardsale.org](http://giantyardsale.org). Call Yard Sale Hot Line at 978-935-9474 for more information.

## Books / DVDs / Books on Tape / CDs / LPs (Vinyl Records)/ Video and Audio Cassettes

- The [Friends of the J.V. Fletcher Library](http://Friends of the J.V. Fletcher Library). Donate your gently used books, LP records, CDs, DVDs, Blu-ray, and audiobooks on CD in good condition for resale to benefit the Fletcher Library & its many programs. A listing of what the Friends accepts and does not accept can be found at [www.westfordlibraryfriends.org](http://www.westfordlibraryfriends.org).

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- **Discover Books** - All hardcover and paperback Books, DVDs, audiobooks on tape, video and audio cassettes that are not acceptable donations to the Friends of the J.V. Fletcher Library (including older textbooks), recycle with for-profit Discover Books - [www.discoverbooks.com](http://www.discoverbooks.com). Drop-off items in self-serve metal collection container located in the old Water Dept. building parking lot at 63 Forge Village Rd.

## Discover Books Container rules:

- All books and media should be in boxes, crates, or sturdy bags.
- Neatly stack boxes in the back of the container and preserve the “center aisle.” Please do not block the entrance.
- No mildewed books or books stored boxes with rodent droppings.
- No magazines (instead, put in your curbside recycling bin)
- Encyclopedias must be in complete sets and be together. If a set takes up more than one box, please tape boxes together. -
- No school notebooks or binders.
- Paperback books not suitable for donation: Place in your curbside recycling bin.

- **More Than Words Bookstore & Cafe** – 56 Felton Street, Waltham, 02453; 781-788-0035 ; [www.mtwyouth.org](http://www.mtwyouth.org). Bookstore is run by youth in the foster care system, court-involved, homeless, or out-of-school. All books are donated. Donation container located (behind building) at Household Goods, 530 Main St. Acton

- **CD Recycling Center of America** **Currently not accepting donations due to COVID-19. Please check website for more details.**  
[www.cdrecyclingcenter.com](http://www.cdrecyclingcenter.com) – Accepts CD’s, DVD’s, (donation requested).  
Mail or deliver to their office in Salem, NH.

## Bridal Gowns

- **Brides Across America** – Gifts gowns or donate money to military brides in need at [bridesacrossamerica.com](http://bridesacrossamerica.com). Gowns must be less than 4 years old. Visit the “Giving” page at the bottom of the home page for more information on

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events.

## Brush & Branches

Some of these locations also accept leaves – please check under Leaves & Grass Clippings (Yard Waste)

- **Town Brush Collection and Chipping – Please see our [website](#) for schedules and details, typically in the Spring and Fall: Westford Highway Garage; proof of Westford residency required.**

- Accepted: Brush and branches up to 3 inches in diameter and 10 feet in length. Must be average residential brush categories and reasonable amounts: A load ranges from a trunk to pickup truck volume, includes tow behind a full trailer.
- Not accepted: Building materials (e.g., fences, boards), land clearing materials and debris (e.g., roots, bushes, anything mixed with poison ivy), grass, and leaves.
- Location: Highway Department Garage, 28 North Street; 978-692-5520. Cost: \$10 per load, *checks preferred* made payable to the Town of Westford.
- Brush Burning: Brush may be burned (brush only, no leaves) January through May each year. You must obtain a [permit](#) at the Westford Fire Department.

- **Community Tree Service** - 163 Billerica Road, Chelmsford; 978-256- 0341 ; <https://communitytreeserviceinc.com/> . Dump site is open M-F (year-round) 7:30am-4pm, Sat. (Mid-April to Mid-June only) 8am-2pm. The following are accepted but cannot be mixed: 1.) brush - up to 1.5" in diameter (no dirt, no stones), 2.) Logs and stumps, 3.) clean wood waste - pallets, fencing, scrap lumber - but no wood that's painted, stained, or pressure-treated. No paper, plastic, or trash. Fee per yard; dumpster pick-up arranged. Please call Community with any questions

- **Krochmal Farms** - 1079 South St., Tewksbury (composting site); (978) 658-0507; krochmalfarms.com (M-F 7am-4pm, Sat. 7am-noon, Saturdays are

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seasonal). Brush is \$18/yard. Note: This service is for private residence not landscapers.

## Building Materials and House Fixtures

Are you remodeling/demolishing a home? Below is a list of organizations (some non-profit) and businesses that might be interested in reusing pieces from your old home.

- **Habitat for Humanity ReStores** – HFH of Billerica, 100 Chelmsford Rd, Route 129, Billerica; [www.myrestorema.org](http://www.myrestorema.org) Drop off items Tues-Sat 10:30am - 3:30 pm. Donate or shop for new to gently used surplus or salvaged building materials and home goods - appliances, furniture, hardware, and windows. Check website or call for list of items ReStore accepts. Proceeds help build affordable housing in the Greater Lowell area as well as supplies goods at affordable prices for people of all income levels. Donated items are tax-deductible.
- **Building Materials Resource Center** - 100 Terrace St., Boston- 02120; 617-442-2262; [www.bostonbuildingresources.com/](http://www.bostonbuildingresources.com/) and click Reuse Center -> DONATE: Building Materials for a list of materials accepted (partial list is below). BMRC accepts donations of reusable building material and house fixtures, providing a pick-up service (fee) with two weeks' notice. Types of items collected include kitchen cabinets, countertops Min. 6' long and 25" deep with no cutouts or turns, vanities, sinks (new or like new), faucets, tubs and enclosures, freestanding shower units, low-flow toilets (made 2005 or later), medicine cabinets, framed mirrors, shades and blinds, vinyl and wood replacement windows (no lead paint), storm windows, screens, and doors (see website for exclusions). Donated windows must be thermal pane. BMRC distributes goods to needy homeowners and nonprofit organizations. Contributing items to the BMRC eliminates the environmental impact of disposal and saves the town on incinerator fees. Request that contractors consider BMRC when disposing of excess building materials. Donated items are tax-deductible.
- **Green Bag Pickup** – (Construction waste and unwanted junk) 855-224-7425; [greenbagpickup.com](http://greenbagpickup.com) Residents may purchase and use any brand of dumpster bag (Bagster, Load-a-bag, 3USABLE Dumpster Bag, etc.). If their bag "3Usable" brand is used, Green Bag will empty contents into their collection vehicle and leave the bag for reuse. Material is transported to a local facility for recycling and waste

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management. Some materials are banned and cannot be picked up, check website for a list.

- **Longleaf Lumber** – Purchases antique lumber. Check website [www.longleaflumber.com/](http://www.longleaflumber.com/) for wood species they purchase. Hours change frequently. Showroom in Cambridge and a mill in Berwick, Maine; 115 Fawcett Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; 617-871- 6611,. E-mail: [info@longleaflumber.com](mailto:info@longleaflumber.com).
- **Nor'east Architectural Antiques** - Antique building materials. 16 Exeter Road (Route 150), South Hampton, NH; 603-394-0006; [www.noreast1.com](http://www.noreast1.com). E-mail: [mail@noreast1.com](mailto:mail@noreast1.com).
- **Olde Bostonian** - 66 Von Hillern Street, Boston, MA 02125; 617-282- 9300; [www.oldbostonian.com](http://www.oldbostonian.com); [oldbostonian@gmail.com](mailto:oldbostonian@gmail.com)
- **Radical Radiator Restorations** (Steam and hot waste radiators) – 940 Eastern Ave., Malden, MA; 617-733-7163; [radicalradiator@gmail.com](mailto:radicalradiator@gmail.com) Web site: [www.radicalradiator.com](http://www.radicalradiator.com).
- **Restoration Resources** – 468 Shawmut Ave, Boston, MA 02118; 617-542-3033. Note: This business will be moving to a new location; [www.restorationresources.com/](http://www.restorationresources.com/).

## Carbon Monoxide Detectors (see Electronics)

### Cardboard Boxes

- Cardboard boxes (small quantities) can be broken down to maximum of 3ft x 3ft and placed alongside totes or bin on your recycling pick-up day.

### Carpeting

- **Conigliaro Industries** – 701 Waverly Rd., Framingham, MA 01702; 888-266-4425; [www.conigliaro.com](http://www.conigliaro.com). Call for drop-off hours. Fee.
- Put out with trash - carpeting must be cut into 4 foot lengths. Bulk Sticker required for every 5 rolls of carpeting. For more information on bulk items:

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<https://westfordma.gov/752/Bulk-Items-Policy>

Purchase a Bulk Item Sticker (\$5 per item) at the following locations:

- **Town Clerk's Office** - Westford Town Hall, 55 Main Street, Westford MA
- **Ace MacKay Hardware** - 527 Groton Road.
- **Cumberland Farms** – 188 Littleton Road.
- **Market Basket** - 106 Littleton Road.
- **Nab's One Stop Shop** - 60 Brookside Road.

Place the item curbside on your trash collection day with the sticker attached.

## Cell Phones

- **Staples** ([staples.com](https://www.staples.com)) and **Best Buy** ([bestbuy.com](https://www.bestbuy.com) - search for "recycling") – Dropoff at any store or call.
- Donate your phone and give the proceeds to the charity of your choice. Do a web search for "phone donations" and choose a charity.
- **Whole Foods Westford** – 160 Littleton Road, Westford MA. Dropoff at collection bin at store exit.
- Collected at the Electronics and More semi-annual collection. Free (see [Electronics](#)).

## Chain Saws (see Yard Equipment)

## Christmas Trees and Christmas Lights

- **The Westford Fire Fighters Association** - Call WFFA at (978) 392- 0028 to place your information on the pick-up list. WFFA collects Christmas trees annually

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on designated dates in January. Price: \$10 per tree. Have trees curbside by 7am on the date of pick-up.

- **Christmas Tree Lights – See Electronics**

## **Clothing (see Textiles)**

### **Coat Hangers**

Many dry cleaners will take back coat hangers for reuse. Anton's (978-692-7037) and Lapels (978-692-8511) also recycles their plastic clothing protection bags.

## **Computers, Monitors, and Laptop Computers (working, for reuse, also see Electronics)**

- **Reuse Opportunities** - The following sites list organizations that will accept reasonably new computers and color monitors; they upgrade and redistribute equipment:

- [Cristina Foundation](#). : 120 N South Road Unit C #284, North Conway, New Hampshire
- Goodwill: Collection trailer at 299 Chelmsford St., Chelmsford (Behind Stop and Shop).

- **Manufacturer Trade-In and Recycling Programs** - Electronics and computer manufacturers and retailers are creating electronics recycling opportunities for customers:

- [Apple \(offers trade-in for credit\)](#)
- [Dell](#)
- [Hewlett-Packard](#)



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## Construction Debris & Yard Refuse (also see Asphalt Shingles)

Scrap wood that fits inside a trash barrel and does not exceed Town of Westford weight/quantity limits will be taken on the regular trash schedule. Scrap wood that does not fit inside a trash barrel must be cut to 4', bundled, and requires a bulk item sticker to remove on regular trash days. The wood should not be pressure or creosote-treated nor contain lead or oil paint.

- **Agretech** (Division of Deloury Industries Recycling) - 50 Jackson Street off Rt. 110, Dracut; 978-478-6502; [Agretechcorp.com](http://Agretechcorp.com) Clean asphalt, brick, and concrete only; fee based on load size; must deliver (also an Andover site).
- **Graniteville Materials** - 49 North Main Street, Westford; 978-692-3532; [info@granitevillematerials.com](mailto:info@granitevillematerials.com) (M-F 7am-3pm). <https://granitevillematerials.com/> Clean brick, concrete and reinforced concrete, concrete rubble, reinforced concrete and brick. fee based on load size; must deliver.
- **Green Bag Pickup** – (Construction waste and unwanted junk) 855-224-7425; [greenbagpickup.com](http://greenbagpickup.com) Residents may purchase and use any brand of dumpster bag (Bagster, Load-a-bag, 3USABLE Dumpster Bag, etc.). If their bag "3Usable" brand is used, Green Bag will empty contents into their collection vehicle and leave the bag for reuse. Material is transported to a local facility for recycling and waste management. Some materials are banned and cannot be picked up, check the website for a list. Follow these instructions for more help <https://www.greenbagpickup.com/instructions/>
- **V-MAC Junk Removal Company** - 6 Rock St., Lowell; 978-453-4333; [info@vmacrecovery.com](mailto:info@vmacrecovery.com) [VMACRemoval.com](http://VMACRemoval.com). Call the number to schedule an appointment, Call anytime, Construction materials, household items, office equipment, yard debris.
- **1-800-Got Junk** - 1-800-468-5865; [1800gotjunk.com](http://1800gotjunk.com). Also accepts electronics.

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## Crayons

- The crayon recycle program at **Crazy Crayons** takes unwanted, rejected, broken crayons to a better place, where they will be recycled into new crayons! The organization employs people with developmental disabilities, working on a positive impact through community service, environmental education and art. You must pay the cost to ship the crayons to them. Shipping details are available at [crazycrayons.com](http://crazycrayons.com).

## Dehumidifiers (non-working)

- **Atlas Recycling** - Monthly curbside pickup. Pick-up is every third Saturday year-round, dependent on holidays. Fee: \$30 per item, cash or check only; stickers available at Town Clerk's office (55 Main St, Westford MA, 978-692-5515)
- Collected at the Electronics Collection days held in Spring and Fall, check the WRC website at [westfordma.gov/recycling](http://westfordma.gov/recycling).

## Electronics (working or non-working)

**Westford Electronics Recycling Events: Please see our [website](#) or the Westford Recycling Guide (Mailed to households yearly in June) for events and schedules, typically in the spring and fall each year, at the Westford Highway Garage, 28th North St.**

Items accepted include computers, printers, copiers, fax machines, air conditioners, postage meters, telephones, televisions, VCRs, radios, stereo equipment, electronic test equipment, surveillance equipment, video equipment and cameras, and small household appliances (such as toasters and vacuums), smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, lawnmowers and snowblowers (remove gas and oil).

Many items are FREE, some items are FEE-based; cash or checks only.

### Other places to recycle working and non-working electronics:

- **Northeast Materials Handling of Ayer, MA** - Free electronics recycling and

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many other items [www.liquidatedstuff.com](http://www.liquidatedstuff.com); 978-772- 4545 Please call for drop off information.

- **1-800-Got Junk** - 1-800-468-5865; [1800gotjunk.com](http://1800gotjunk.com). Also accepts construction and yard debris. Fee.
- **Best Buy** - [bestbuy.com](http://bestbuy.com) - (search for "recycling") Best Buy accepts most electronics (cell phones, small electronics, vacuums included). Data protection for computer hard drives (desktop & laptop): Consult with a Geek Squad® Agent about services offered to remove the PC's hard drive.
- **Staples, Inc.** [staples.com](http://staples.com). (search for "recycling")
- **Atlas Recycling** - Call Town Clerk to arrange pick-up; 978-692-5515; fee.
- **Gazelle** - [Gazelle.com](http://Gazelle.com). Buys working electronics. Great organization fundraiser idea. 1-800-429-3553

## Eyeglasses

Old eyeglasses are collected for reuse by needy individuals. Eyeglasses are cleaned, repaired, and measured to determine prescription. Available glasses are cataloged in a computer database and matched to people with need. Many of the glasses are sent to other countries, as US laws make it difficult to re-dispense a prescription product.

- **The Lions Club** - <http://www.lionsclubs.org>; Operates the largest program, collecting glasses from thousands of opticians and multiple drop-off locations; Also accepts hearing aides

Local eyeglass drop-off sites include:

- **Family Eye Care Center and Optical Gallery** - 5 Cornerstone Square, Westford. 978-692-1400
- **Nabs One Stop Shop** - 60 Brookside Road, Westford. 978-692-0806

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- **LensCrafters** - Burlington and Pheasant Lane Malls. 877-753-6727
- **Lexington Eye Associates** - 160 Littleton Rd, Westford; (978) 589-9919.

## Flag Disposal

- **VFW** - North Andover Post 2104 (32 Park St, North Andover 01845; 978-687-9614); VFW Lowell (90 Plain St., Lowell 01852; 978- 453-6231). Call for hours of operation.
- **Department of Veteran Services (DVS)** - 23 Depot Street, Millennium Building, Door #9, Westford, MA 01886 (978-392-1170). Please place in container just inside the entry door.

## Fire Extinguishers

Good quality fire extinguishers (mostly made of metal) can be recharged. Companies providing this service can be found by doing a web search for "Fire Extinguisher Recharging".

Low-cost extinguishers made of plastic or aluminum typically cannot be recharged. Class A (contains mono-ammonium phosphate) and class B (contains sodium bicarbonate) can be safely discharged outdoors. Discharge away from people, pets, and grass; aim low; sweep from side to side. Goggles and dust masks are recommended. Once the plastic or aluminum extinguisher has been discharged, discard in the trash or, save for Electronics Collection (see **Electronics**).

## Furniture (useable – no rips or stains)

- **The Salvation Army** - <https://satruck.org/> or 800-728-7825 to arrange pick-up date (requires four-week notice). Drop-off locations can be found on the website. Local drop-offs:
  - 132 Merrimac St., Haverhill; 978-374-7355.

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- 150 Appleton St, Lowell 978-458-3396
- **Habitat for Humanity ReStore** – E-Mail:[ReStore@lowellhabitat.org](mailto:ReStore@lowellhabitat.org). For more information on donations accepted: <https://lowellhabitat.org>
- **Household Goods, Inc.** - 530 Main St., Acton; 978-635-1710; [www.householdgoods.org](http://www.householdgoods.org). Drop-off items Tues., Thurs., and Sat. 9am- noon. Check website for list of items accepted. Limited pick-up available - \$35 donation. Schedule a pickup time on the website under “Contact Us”
- **Goodwill Industries of New Hampshire** – 9 Wanson Rd, Hudson, NH; 603-718-6111; [www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org). Call for hours and what’s accepted.
- **Wish Project** – 166 Middlesex St., Chelmsford; 866-947-4360; [thewishproject.org](http://thewishproject.org). Drop-off Tuesday-Saturday 9am- 2:45pm; no pick-ups. Visit the website or call to confirm what’s accepted.
- **Project Home Again** – [www.phama.org/](http://www.phama.org/). 978-409-1930; [info@phama.org](mailto:info@phama.org); 123 Tewksbury Street, Andover MA Please check the website for items accepted as the list changes. Pickups available and can be scheduled on the website Note: please see website for drop off hours.
- **St. Vincent De Paul** - 1488 Middlesex St., Lowell; 978-453-7750; <https://www.svdpboston.org/>. Pick ups can be scheduled on the website

## Furniture (non-useable)

Purchase a Bulk Item Sticker (\$5 per item) at the following locations:

- **Town Clerk’s Office** - Westford Town Hall.
- **Ace MacKay Hardware** - 527 Groton Road.
- **Cumberland Farms** – 188 Littleton Road.
- **Market Basket** - 106 Littleton Road.

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- **Nab's One Stop Shop** - 60 Brookside Road.

Place the item curbside on your trash collection day with the sticker attached.  
For more information on bulk items: <https://www.westfordma.gov/752/Bulk-Items-Policy>

## Gas Grills

- **Atlas Recycling** - Monthly curbside pickup. Pick-up is every third Saturday year-round, dependent on holidays. Fee: \$30 per item, cash or check only; stickers available at Town Clerk's office (55 Main St, Westford MA, 978-692-5515).

## Hearing Aids (useable)

- **Massachusetts Lions District 33 S Hearing Foundation** – Mail to: District 33S Hearing Foundation, P.O. Box 249, Somerset, MA 02726. <http://e-district.org/sites/33s/page-12.php>
- **The Lions Club** - <http://www.lionsclubs.org>;

Multiple organizations recycle hearing aids. Do a web search “donate hearing aids”

## Household Hazardous Waste

Please refer to this Recycling Commission website page (click [HERE](#)) for details on local Hazardous Waste collection events and other options for safely disposing of household hazardous waste.

## Household Items (useable and non-useable)

Includes: Kitchen items- Pots and pans, baking pans, cookware, cooking utensils, knives, dishes, glasses and mugs, flatware. Linens – Mattress Pads, blankets, comforters, bed pillows (new or like new), towels, curtains and curtain rods.  
Miscellaneous: Framed art, mirrors, photo frames toys, and home décor items.

- **New England Clothes Recycling** - (Only accepts clothing, shoes, purses,

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small toys and small household items). Collection bins are located at Abbot and Blanchard Schools, Roudenbush at Nabnasset, Rt. 110 Exxon, on Concord Rd. at the Route 495 overpass. Place in plastic bags; **do not leave items outside bins**. Does not accept: Mattresses, TV's or large toys.

- **Household Goods, Inc.** - 530 Main St., Acton; 978-635-1710; [www.householdgoods.org](http://www.householdgoods.org). Drop-off usable items Tues., Thurs., and Sat. 9am-noon. Check the website for a list of usable items accepted. Limited pick-up available - \$35 donation.
- **V-MAC Removal Company** – Recycle non-useable items at 6 Rock Street-Unit 1, Lowell; 978-453-4333; [www.vmacremoval.com](http://www.vmacremoval.com). Call for volume rates.
- **Goodwill Industries** – Collection trailer at 299 Chelmsford St., Chelmsford (Behind Stop and Shop). Visit their website to see what's accepted; [www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org).
- **Wish Project** - 166 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford; 866-947-4360; [thewishproject.org](http://thewishproject.org). Drop off items Tuesday-Saturday 9am-2:45pm, no pick-ups. Visit website or call to confirm what's accepted.
- **Project Home Again** – [www.phama.org/](http://www.phama.org/). Also accepts working appliances and household goods. A list of the items they accept is [here](#). Currently closed, check website for updates.
- **Project Smile** – [www.projectsmlie.org/](http://www.projectsmlie.org/). Accepts stuffed animals, toys, reading books --- need to be in nearly good condition --- please check website for donation guidelines
- **St. Vincent De Paul** - 1488 Middlesex St., Lowell; 978-453-7750; <https://www.svdpboston.org/>.
- **Savers** - 224 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, NH 603-888-0409. Savers accepts many items. Please check website for details: <https://stores.savers.com/nh/nashua/community-donation-center-1151.html>



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- **International Institute of New England** – 101 Jackson Street Suite 2 Lowell; 978-459-9031; [sbenson@iine.org](mailto:sbenson@iine.org). Drop-off usable items Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. Check the website for a list of usable items accepted: Link [HERE](#)

## Inkjet & Toner Cartridges

- **Staples, Inc. Stores** - [www.staples.com](http://www.staples.com).
- **Best Buy Stores** - [www.bestbuy.com](http://www.bestbuy.com).

## Junk

- **Junk-King** - 978-212-3973; [www.junk-king.com](http://www.junk-king.com).
- **1-800-Got Junk** - 800-468-5865 or 1-781-497-5138; [www.1800gotjunk.com](http://www.1800gotjunk.com). Also accepts electronics.
- **KT Cleanouts** - 888-388-5865; [www.ktcleanouts.com](http://www.ktcleanouts.com)

## Latex Paint

Latex paint is not considered hazardous waste. Let latex paint dry out or use newspaper, kitty litter, or purchase "Waste Paint Hardener" to absorb liquid, then put in the regular trash. Paint hardener is sold at hardware stores, big-box hardware stores and paint stores. Better yet, buy only enough paint to complete a project.

## Lawn Mowers (see Yard Equipment)

## Leaves & Grass Clippings (Yard Waste)

Use a mulching mower for light leaf cover that produces clippings that will decompose and fertilize the lawn. Use clippings and leaves as mulch around trees and shrubs. Leaves are nature's own choice for mulch. Many web sites offer tips on how to use clippings as mulch. Leaves may not be burned.

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Compost leaves and grass clippings. The resulting compost can be used to fertilize trees, shrubs and gardens. Discounted compost bins sponsored by the Westford Recycling Commission member are available by calling Call Nicole Feliciano at the Westford Highway Department: 978-692-5520 or email [nfeliciano@westfordma.gov](mailto:nfeliciano@westfordma.gov).

More info is available [HERE](#). Search for the Mass DEP Composting page for more information; <http://www.mass.gov/dep>. Other options for Westford residents to take their leaves are listed below:

- **City Compost** - 978-407-0234; [www.citycompost.com](http://www.citycompost.com); Standard Paper Bags \$2 each Curbside, Leaf piles are also serviceable at \$4/bag using City Compost's High-Capacity Bags.
- **Red Wagon Landscaping** - 20 Oak Street, Chelmsford; 978-250- 9866; [www.redwagonlandscaping.com](http://www.redwagonlandscaping.com). Average fees are \$100-125 for curbside pick-up, includes disposal.
- **Jones Farm** - 246 Acton Rd (Rt. 27), Chelmsford; 978-256-8065; [www.jonesfarm.net](http://www.jonesfarm.net). Call for current dump opening hours. Only accepts Jones Farm leaf bags at \$3 each that must be purchased at the Farm. Call for large quantity drop-off rates. Pick-up available.
- **Krochmal Farms** - 1079 South St., Tewksbury (composting site – it's dirt road about a ½ mile in near the Action Gaming Paintball); (978) 658-0507; [www.krochmalfarms.com](http://www.krochmalfarms.com) (M-F 7am-4pm, Sat. 7am-noon Saturday is seasonal). Seasonal pass is required (\$50 per season from Sept 1 to Aug 31). Small brush is \$18/yard.

## Light Bulbs: Incandescent, LED, and halogen bulbs

Cannot be recycled and should be placed in trash

## Light Bulbs: String lights

Trash or bring to the Electronics & More Event held twice a year

## Light Bulbs: Fluorescent and Compact Fluorescent (CF)

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Fluorescent bulbs contain mercury and should not be disposed of with the regular trash. Residents may recycle straight (contact store for length restrictions), U-shaped, round, and compact fluorescent bulbs at the following locations:

- **Ace Hardware** - 527 Groton Rd (Route 40); 978-692-0774.
- **MacKay Ace Hardware** - 224 Littleton Rd.
- **Lowe's** - 50 Lowe's Way, Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 677-5679.  
Accepts expired (but not broken) compact fluorescent bulbs in plastic bags at collection bin near entrance.
- **Home Depot** ("Returns" desk) -. Accepts expired (but not broken) compact fluorescent bulbs in plastic bags.

## Linoleum Flooring

- No outlet known. Dispose small amounts with regular trash. For large amounts, call a private hauler or consult construction waste disposal.

## Mattresses and Box Springs (useable – for reuse)

- **Household Goods, Inc.** - 530 Main St., Acton; 978-635-1710;  
[www.householdgoods.org](http://www.householdgoods.org). Drop-off items for free Tues., Thurs., and Sat. 9am- noon. Mattresses must not be ripped or stained. Limited pick-up available - \$35 donation for pick-up.
- **The Wish Project.** - 166 Middlesex St, North Chelmsford, MA; 866-947-4360. No fee. Check donation guidelines. [www.thewishproject.org](http://www.thewishproject.org).  
Donation Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 to 2:45.

Both organizations have very strict requirements regarding re-use --- if it's worn out, stained, or contaminated, please check options below.

Another option for mattress disposal is to have the company pick up the old one when they deliver the new one. Please also consider other ways to sell or donate your mattress (e.g. Facebook, Craig's List, etc.)

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## Mattresses and Box Springs (non-useable)

Effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, in compliance with Massachusetts State Waste Ban regulations, bulk stickers can no longer be used for mattresses and box springs.

[Tough Stuff Recycling](#) in Fitchburg MA (908-907-0809) accepts and recycles worn out mattresses and box springs of all sizes for drop off or curbside pickup.

### Drop-Off: \$30 per item (\$60 for a mattress & box spring set)

- 145 Authority Drive, Fitchburg, MA 01420
- Drop-off hours are 7:30-3:15 Monday-Friday
- Pay onsite or online: <https://order.toughstuffrecycling.com/>

### Curbside Pickup: \$55 per item (\$110 for a mattress and box spring set)

- Pay online: <https://order.toughstuffrecycling.com/>
- Mattress bags are required only if there is a possibility the mattress or box spring isn't just worn out but also contaminated.

### Important:

- The services above are intended for mattresses that are worn out and unfit for donation but are recyclable. They may have broken springs, damaged fabric, small dry stains, but the fabric and metal components can be recycled.
- Mattresses and box springs that are contaminated (with bed bugs, biological fluids, mold/mildew) cannot be recycled. They can still be dropped off at Tough Stuff Recycling for \$60 per item but each contaminated item must be enclosed fully in a plastic mattress bag to ensure safety during transport and drop off. These items will be safely disposed of in compliance with state regulations.
- An alternative option for contaminated mattresses and box springs is a private junk hauler (see Junk section for options).

## Medical

**Note: Medicines should never be flushed down the toilet.**

Drugs, Medicines & Sharps Disposal - The Westford Health Department accepts used sharps (syringes and lancets) as well as unused, expired drugs, prescription medicines,

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and/or over-the-counter medications. Collection sites include the Westford Health Department on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall, and the kiosk in the lobby of the Police Department (separate kiosks for medicines and sharps). Empty all pills and medications into Ziploc-type bags. **All sharp materials must be delivered in puncture-proof non-glass containers (i.e., coffee cans, sharps containers; no plastic or paper bags).** The kiosk is available 24/7. Contact the Westford Health Department at (978) 692-5509 for further information.

## Mercury Thermometers & Thermostats

- **Westford Board of Health** - Town Hall, 55 Main Street; 978-692- 5509 (M-F 8am-4pm). The Board of Health also accepts other "intact" mercury-containing devices. Place the items to be disposed of in sealed plastic bags.
- Information on safely cleaning small mercury spills is available from many sites on the Internet, including: [Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association](#).

## Metal (scrap, ferrous and non-ferrous)

- **Westford Metals** - 69 Broadway St, Westford; 978-392-3251. M-F 7:00am-3:30pm. Free appliance (with all liquids drained) and misc. metal drop off. Call if any questions.

Prohibited materials: Flammable Materials, PCBs, Corrosives, Explosives, Radioactive Materials, Hazardous Liquids, CFCs/Freon, Compressed Gas Cylinders and any other hazardous materials

- **Max Levine & Co.** - 270 Tanner St., Lowell; 978-454-7786. M-F 7:15am-4:15pm, Saturdays: March, April, May, September, October & November 7:30-11:15am. Note: Saturday hours subject to change. Closed for July 4 vacation week. Primarily metal industrial and building trash; Levine & Co. does not take dehumidifiers, freezers or refrigerators, but they will take other metal white goods and metal construction materials (gutters etc.). Please call for fees and you must deliver items to their facility in Lowell. More information here: [maxlevinescrapmetals.com](http://maxlevinescrapmetals.com)

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- **Cubelli and Sons** - 377 Howe Street, Methuen; 978-618-2121 or 978-688-1773.
- **Betty H & Son Inc.** - 17 Rock St., Lowell; 978-454-0311 (M-F 7:30am-4pm). Accepts non-ferrous metals only (brass, copper, aluminum, etc.).

## Motor Oil

- **Whitney's Service** - 105-107 Main St. Westford, MA; 978-692-7093 (M-F 7:30am- 5pm). Fee: \$1 per gallon.
- **Autozone** - <https://www.autozone.com> 63 Drum Hill Road, Chelmsford (978-453-2300); 177 Church St., Lowell (978-452-2999). No fee; 5 gallon limit. No oil mixes (such as oil/gas). Can keep personal oil container(s).

## Oil Based Paint (see Hazardous Waste)

Oil-based paint must be treated as hazardous waste material and disposed of according to the Department of Environmental Protection regulations - take to a hazardous waste collection site or event.

DO NOT air-harden as paint contains volatile chemicals that are air pollutants.

DO NOT dispose of the regular trash.

## Packing Materials

- **The UPS Store** - 119 Drum Hill Road, Chelmsford; 978-454-4700 (Fri. 8am-6pm, Sat. 9am-5pm). Accepted for recycling: clean Styrofoam peanuts and sealed air bags.

## Paper and Document Shredding

- **The UPS Store** - 9 Cornerstone Square, Westford; 978-727-8136 (Fri. 8am-6:30pm, Sat. 9am-2:30pm). Fee: \$1.00 per pound.

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- **Staples** - 145 Great Road, Acton, MA; 978-263-6150. Fee: \$4.99 per box.  
<https://www.staplescopyandprint.ca/Services/ShreddingService.aspx>.

## Pet Supplies

- **Lowell Human Society**. Contact the organization first to ensure your items are needed and that there is space to store them. <http://www.lowellhumanesociety.org/donate/wish-list/>

## Prescription Drugs

**Prescription drugs can be put in the trash and should never be flushed down a toilet;** however, Federal government recommendations state all drugs should be treated first. Instructions can be found at the following link: [How to Dispose of Unused Medicines](#).

- The Westford Health Department accepts unused, expired drugs, prescription medicines, and/or over-the-counter medications. Collection sites include the Westford Health Department on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall and the kiosk in the lobby of the Police Department. Empty all pills and medications into Ziploc-type bags. The kiosk is available 24/7. Contact the Westford Health Department at (978) 692-5509 for further information.
- Search for a National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. [National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative](#).

## Printer Cartridges (Laser)

- **Staples** - [www.staples.com](http://www.staples.com). Call first, not all locations accept laser printer cartridges. Cartridges provide StaplesReward benefits!
- **Best Buy** - [www.bestbuy.com](http://www.bestbuy.com). Drop-off boxes at the store entrances.

## Propane Gas Grill Tanks



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- **Mackay Ace Hardware** - 224 Littleton Road; 978-692-3346 (Mon - Fri. 8am-7pm, Sat. 8:30am-5:30 pm, Sun 10am-5pm). Fee: \$5.
- **Westford Ace Hardware** - 527 Groton Road, 978-692-0774 (Mon - Fri. 8am-7pm, Sat. 8:30-5:30pm, Sun 10am- 5pm). Fee: \$5.

Small Propane Cylinders (capacity approximately 1 pound): Empty cylinders can be disposed of in normal trash; cylinders containing any gas, treat as hazardous waste.

## Railroad Ties

- **E.L. Harvey&Sons** - 68 Hopkinton Rd, Westborough 01581; 800-321-3002. Fee

## Refrigerator Water Filters

- **RecycleWaterFilters.com**

## Riding Mowers - Small (see Yard Equipment)

## School Supplies

Please check the organization's Donation information to ensure you have the most up-to-date list of accepted items.

- **Project Learn** – <https://www.projectlearninc.org/welcome.html>
- **Cradles to Crayons** – <https://www.cradlestocrayons.org/take-action/donate-goods>

## Shoes and Sneakers (see Textiles)

## Smoke Detectors (see Electronics)

The most common type of smoke detector contains a small amount of Americium 241, a radioactive material. For this reason, all detectors must, by law, be labeled for

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radioactive content. The Mass Dept. of Environmental Protection states it is legal to dispose of old smoke detectors in the trash. Save until the next Electronics collection, free disposal.

## Snow Blowers (see Yard Equipment)

## Sporting Goods (for reuse)

- **Play It Again Sports** – 781-609-2506; 108 River St., Waltham. Store buys, sells, trades, and takes on consignment both new and used sporting goods.
- **Salvation Army** - Nashua (603-880-0271); Saugus (781-231-0803); <https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/>. Check the website or call 800-958-7825 for other locations.
- **Savers** - 224 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, NH 603-888-0409. Savers accepts many items. Please check website for details:  
<https://stores.savers.com/nh/nashua/community-donation-center-1151.html>

## Stuffed Animals (See Textiles or Household Goods)

## Styrofoam

Styrofoam cannot go in curbside recycling, please put Styrofoam cups, trays, egg cartons, block, etc. in your trash or keep an eye out for Styrofoam collections which are periodically conducted by First Parish Church United, Green Team, Westford Climate Action Committee. Collections are announced on the Westford Web Recycling webpage, Action Unlimited weekly, Town Managers Newsletter, Westford Eagle, and Westford Recycling Commission [Facebook page](#).

There are some drop-off options:

- **KDW** - 660 Dudley Street (Rt 116), Uxbridge, MA Please call 508-731-5020
- **Gold Circuit:** 2 Second Street, Palmer, MA, Mon-Fri 12-3; Sat 10-noon accepts #6 Please call: 413-328-3187

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## Televisions (non-working)

- Collected on annual Town Electronics Collection days; Click [here](#) to access Westford's Recycling site and select Upcoming Events. Some items require a fee. (See Electronics).
- **Atlas Recycling** - Monthly curbside pickup. Pick-up is every third Saturday year-round, dependent on holidays. Fee: \$30 per item, cash or check only; stickers available at Town Clerk's office.
- **Best Buy Stores** - [www.bestbuy.com](http://www.bestbuy.com). Accepts tube TV's up to 32 inches; flat panel TV's - Plasma or LCD up to 50 inches. Fee: \$25 per item.

## Televisions (working)

- **Household Goods, Inc.** - 530 Main St., Acton; 978-635-1710; [www.householdgoods.org](http://www.householdgoods.org). Dropoff items Tues., Thurs., and Sat. 9am- noon. Accepts working flat-screen televisions (must have attached base) No picture tube type (CRT) televisions accepted.

## Textiles

As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, textiles will be banned from the trash. The exceptions are textiles that are wet, mildewed, hardened by paint, or contaminated with hazardous chemicals.

All textiles (including clothing, outerwear, shoes/sneakers, towels, bedding, pillows, curtains, fabric and yarn, and stuffed animals) can be donated or recycled.

RECYCLING: Textiles that are ripped, stained, and otherwise not suitable for donation (including clean underwear, mis-matched gloves and socks, fabric and yarn scraps) can be recycled:

- **Bay State Textiles:** please check website for locations: [Locations - Bay State Textiles](#). Phone: 617-877-2432
- **New England Clothes Recycling** – Place all textiles in plastic bags. Drop-

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off in the yellow metal collection bins located at Abbot School (25 Depot St, right parking lot, near the base of the field) and Blanchard School (near the school exit at 14 West St) and the Preschool at Old Nab (in front of the tennis courts at 170 Plain Rd). Please do not leave any bags outside the bins. Also, note that any items put in these bins that are not textiles will be thrown in the trash.

- **Various Organizations' Fundraisers** – Some regional organizations (such as the Wish Project in N. Chelmsford) provide Fabric Recycling as a fundraiser. This is another way to divert old textiles from the trash while supporting a cause that is important to you.
- **Nike Reuse A Shoe** – See link: <https://www.nike.com/gb/help/a/recycle-shoes>

## DONATING TEXTILES IN GOOD (REUSABLE) CONDITION

**DROP-OFF** options include the following:

- **Cameron Senior Center** - 28 Pleasant Street, Westford; 978-692- 5523. The Center hosts a clothing thrift shop Mon. – Fri., 9am- 3pm. Used clothing in excellent condition may be dropped off during these hours; please **no shoes, underwear, or swimwear**. The shop also accepts household knick-knacks and small appliances.
- **Planet Aid** – Accepts clothing, shoes, bedding, draperies, and curtains (does not accept stuffed animals). Collection bins located in Westford: Pizzeria Presti, 2 East Prescott St, Dollar Tree, 1 Carlisle Rd.
- **Whole Foods** – 160 Littleton Road. Collection for Epilepsy Foundation – Accepts clothing, shoes, fashion accessories, and linens.
- **Wish Project** – 166 Middlesex St., N. Chelmsford; 866-947-4360. See website for hours and the list of accepted items. <https://www.thewishproject.org/donations/>
- **St. Vincent De Paul** - 1488 Middlesex St., Lowell; 978-453-7750; <https://www.svdpboston.org/>

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- **Angels Above** - 99 Mammoth Road, Lowell;  
<http://www.angelsabovecharity.org/> 978-452-4833 (M-F 10am-6:30pm, Sat. 10am-5pm; closed Sundays). Accepts women's and children's clothing and more.
- **Good Shepherd Thrift Shop-Lazarus House Ministries** - Accepts clean, usable clothes and more. 229 South Union St, Lawrence; 978-557-5449;  
[www.lazarushouse.org](http://www.lazarushouse.org) (M-Sat. 10am-2:30pm).
- **St. Anne's Episcopal Church Thrift Shop** - Accepts clean, usable clothes and more. 14 Treble Cove Road, North Billerica 01862; 978-667-6268. Call for current drop-off hours; [stannes-billerica.org/ThriftShop.html](http://stannes-billerica.org/ThriftShop.html).
- **Children's Orchard** – Accepts gently used children's clothing. 18 Lyman Street, Westborough; 508-366-5437; [www.childrensorchar.com](http://www.childrensorchar.com) (M-Fri. 9:30am-6pm, Sat. 9:30am-5pm, Sun: 12pm-5pm).
- **Savers** - 224 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, NH 603-888-0409. Savers accepts many items. Please check website for details:  
<https://stores.savers.com/nh/nashua/community-donation-center-1151.html>

**PICK-UP** options include the following:

- **CMRK** - 508-466-4590; <https://www.cmrkne.com/> Schedule a home pickup
- **Helpsy** - 800-244-6350; <https://www.helpsy.co/pickup> Schedule a home pickup
- **Epilepsy Foundation** - 888-609-2030;  
<https://www.epilepsyfoundationmn.org/donate-used-goods/schedule-a-pick-up/>  
Schedule a home pickup

## Thermometers and Thermostats

- **Mercury type** – Hazardous. Do not throw in the trash. See [Mercury Thermometers and Thermostats](#) regarding safe disposal.
- **Electronic type** – Recycle at Westford's "Electronics & More"

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Collection" events which take place twice a year. Please see our website for the schedule and details.

## Tires

- Check with tire installer/vendor about recycling policy when replacing or purchasing new tires. This is the best time to recycle.
- **Sullivan Tires**, 426 Littleton Rd, Westford, MA, (978) 486-4351, \$4/ tire if not on the rim, \$9/tire if still on the rim
- **Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project**: In recognition

of Earth Day 2010, a tire collection and recycling program has been launched as a value-added service to member communities. This "source reduction" technique of the Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM) aims to reduce breeding habitats for mosquitoes, prevent the transport of eggs/larvae/pupae, and impede the potential introduction of species into new areas. Tires accepted for this program will be sent to an approved facility for recycling or disposal at no additional cost to residents or member cities or towns. For the latest information on this collection project: [www.cmmcp.org/tires.htm](http://www.cmmcp.org/tires.htm) or call Tim Deschamps at 508-393-3055; M-F 7am - 3:30pm.

## Toilets

- **Conigliaro Industries** – [www.conigliaro.com](http://www.conigliaro.com); Framingham 01702; 508-872-9668. Call first to confirm drop-off hours and to confirm the item is still accepted for recycling. (The list can change on short notice due to changing markets.) Fee varies.
- **TBI-North Andover Facility** - 210 Holt Road North Andover, MA 01845; 978-686-2020. M-F 8:00am–6:00pm, Sat. 8:00am- 2:00pm, Sun. Closed. Accepts general heavy-duty recyclable materials, construction items, etc. Fee (\$75 minimum charge).

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- **Atlas Recycling** - Monthly curbside pickup. Pick-up is every third Saturday year-round, depending on holidays. Fee: \$30 per item, cash or check only; signup/stickers available from the Westford Town Clerk's office.

## Tyvek Mailing Envelopes

Tyvek mailing envelopes are made from #2 plastics, but they cannot go into curbside recycling. No local recycling program is available. Must be placed in normal trash. How to distinguish Tyvek envelopes from paper: Tyvek envelopes are as thin as paper, usually white, with a soapy smooth rice paper-like finish. They are identifiable because they are almost completely indestructible. Often the envelope will say Tyvek or #2 plastics (but not always).

## Umbrellas

Umbrellas cannot go in curbside recycling. Remove the fabric and bring the metal frame to a steel recycler (see **Metals**).

Some umbrella manufacturers have a lifetime warranty against defects and may support mailing umbrella's back for a small postage fee for replacement. One example is Totes; refer to the Totes' [warranty page](#) for details. For other major brands, check their websites for warranty policies.

## Vinyl LP Records

Usable - Sell or Donate. There are local vendors such as [The Vinyl Vault](#) in Littleton who may offer you money for your collection. For options on donating your records, refer to the Books section above. Unusable vinyl records cannot be recycled curbside. Place in the trash.

## Yard Equipment

Includes: Gasoline powered - chain saws, small riding mowers, snowblowers. (Remove gas and oil before recycling the item)

- **Atlas Recycling** - Monthly curbside pickup. Pick-up is every third



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Saturday year-round, depending on holidays. Fee: \$30 per item, cash or check only; stickers available at Town Clerk's office.

- **Electronics and More Collection** – These collection events happen twice a year. Please see our [website](#) for the schedule and details.

## Yard Waste (see Brush or Leaves)