

How to Recycle Most Everything

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In addition to the Westford Curbside Recycling program that is provided to Westford residents, the Westford Recycling Commission provides here within a detailed list of "other ways and methods" to "recycle and re-use" items that should be handled and disposed of properly and/or provided for other uses, as an alternative to placing items in the trash.

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 Curbside Recycling page 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.

We appreciate your support; your thoughts, comments, suggestions are welcome!

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

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.
- 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/. Drop-off items Tues., Thurs., and Sat. 9am-12pm.
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 Town Clerk's office.
- **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 vacation week of July 4th. 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

Appliances, Large (working, for reuse)

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

- **Household Goods, Inc.** - 530 Main St., Acton; 978-635-1710. Accepts gently used working household goods; www.householdgoods.org. Drop-off items Tues., Thurs., and Sat. 9am-noon. Accepts: Electric dryers, washers and refrigerators (no mini-fridges) 10 years old or newer. Donated items must be clean. Limited pick-up available - \$35 donation.
- **Salvation Army** - 1-800-728-7825 various; locations including Wilmington and Haverhill. For other locations, call 1-800-728-7825 for pickup or visit satruck.org. 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 for more information and program requirements. The Appliance Recycling Program offers National Grid Electric customers \$50 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 Tyngsboro, 440 Middlesex Rd, Tyngsboro; www.habitat.org/restores Drop off items Tues. – Sat., 10:30am-3:30pm. They accept 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 for pickup 978-649-1177.

Appliances, Small (working, for Reuse)

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

- **Household Goods, Inc.** - 530 Main St., Acton; 978-635-1710. Accepts gently used household small appliances; www.householdgoods.org. Drop-off items Tues., Thurs., and Sat. 9am-noon.
- **Wish Project** – 166 Middlesex St., Chelmsford; 866-947-4360; thewishproject.org. Drop off items Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat., 9am-2pm; no pick-ups. Accepts working small appliances and household goods in good condition.

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- Save for Electronics and More Events.

Asphalt Shingles

- **Devens Recycling Center** – 45 Independence Dr., Devens, MA

01434; 978-772-6500; devensrecycling.com/. Mon.-Fri. 7am-5pm, Sat. 7am-1pm. Fee.

- **Roof Top Recycling** – 369 Codmon Hill Rd., Boxboro, MA 01719; 978-263-1899 rooftoprecyclinginc.com. Fee.

Automobiles

Free pickup and it is tax deductible!

- **Big Brother/Big Sister Foundation** - 1-800-483-5503; www.bbbsmb.org.
- Educational radio stations **WBUR** and **WGBH** accept these donations to help keep their stations funded.
- **National Kidney Foundation Car Campaign** - 1-800-488-2277; or go to: www.kidney.org and fill in the online form.
- **Salvation Army**: 1-800-728-7825; satruck.org.
- **Special Olympics of Mass** - 1-800-590-1600; or go to: www.specialolympicsmass.org and fill in the online form.
- **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell** – 1-877-277-4344; or go to: lowellhabitat.org and fill in the online form.

Baby Goods (for re-use)

- **Household Goods, Inc.** - 530 Main St. (Rt. 27), Acton; 978-635-1710; www.householdgoods.org. Drop-off items Tues., Thurs., and Sat. 9am-noon. Check website for baby items accepted. No toys or stuffed animals.
- **Wish Project** - 166 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford; 866-947-4360; thewishproject.org. Drop off items Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat., 9am-2pm; no pick-ups. Accepts working small appliances and household goods in good condition. No toys or stuffed animals.

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, dependent on holidays. Fee: \$30 per item, cash or check only. Stickers available at Town Clerk's office.

Batteries

- Alkaline: Alkaline batteries can be thrown in the regular household trash.
- Automobile: Take to **Autozone** - 63 Drum Hill Road, Chelmsford; 978-453-2300; 177 Church St., Lowell; 978-452-2999. \$5.00 store credit is given for returned auto batteries. Batteries may also be brought to a **Sears Automotive** facility; locate a store at www.sears.com.
- Button Type: Collected at **Mackay Hardware**, 978-692-3346; **Ace Hardware**, 978-692-0774; **Westford Board of Health**, 978-692-5509; **Best Buy**.
- Laptop Computer Batteries: **Best Buy, Staples**.
- Lead-Acid, sealed: - Used by Verizon FIOS box as a backup battery and other uses: **Staples** (must weigh less than 11 lbs). Or, save for Household Hazardous Waste Collection.
- Lithium (typically AA battery size): Save for Household Hazardous Waste collection.
- Lithium Ion (used in cell phones and other devices): Staples.
- Rechargeable: NICAD (Nickel-Cadmium), NiMH (Nickel-Metal Hydride), laptops, cell phones, etc.: Take to any **Staples, Best Buy, Home Depot, Lowes, Ace Hardware**, 978-692-0774.
- **Staples** and **Best Buy** accept UPS batteries for recycling. Staples has an 11 lb per battery weight limit.

Bicycles (for re-use)

- **Bikes Not Bombs** - www.bikesnotbombs.org/. 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.org) or post at www.freecycle.org.
- **Chelmsford Boy Scout Troop 74** - Collects bicycles and other household items for their Giant Yard Sale held every May 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://www.westfordlibrary.org). Donate your 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.westfordlibrary.org.
- **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, recycle with for-profit Discover Books - www.discoverbooks.com. Drop-off items in self-serve collection container located in the old Water Dept. building parking lot at 63 Forge Village Road.

Discover Books Container rules:

- Please place books and other items at the back of the container.
- All books should be in boxes; no plastic bags.
- No magazines accepted. Please 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.
- All items can be of any subject.
- No notebooks.
- Paperback books not suitable for donation: Include these in your recycling bin in same bag(s) that contains mixed paper.
- **More Than Words Bookstore & Cafe** – 56 Felton Street, Waltham, 02453; 781-314-9330; 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** www.cdrecyclingcenter.com – Accepts CD's, DVD's, floppy discs (donation requested). Mail in 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.

Brush & Branches

- **Town Brush Collection and Chipping – Please see our website**

for event schedules, 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. Dump site is open M-F (year-round) 7:30am-4pm, Sat. (April to 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 nothing painted, stained, or pre-treated. Fee per yard; dumpster pick-up arranged. Please call Community with any questions.
- **BMC Corporation** - 1079 South St., Tewksbury (composting site); 781-273-0398 or 978-667-2171; www.tsoil.com (M-F 7am-4pm, Sat. 7am-noon, weather permitting). Check the list at the bottom of their home page for towns included. Cost for load of brush and branches is \$15.00/yard (2 yard minimum). Note: The average size pick-up truck bed holds 2 yards. They also accept logs, call for pricing and size restrictions.

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 Tyngsboro, 440 Middlesex Rd, Tyngsboro; www.myrestorema.org/. Call for pickup: 978-215-9975. Donations: Wed.-Sat. 10am-3pm; Store hours: W-F 9am-5pm, Sat. 9am-3pm. 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; 617-442-8917; www.bostonbuildingresources.com/ and click DONATE for a list of materials accepted. BMRC accepts donations of reusable building material and house fixtures, providing a pick-up service (fee) with two week's notice. Types of items collected include kitchen cabinets, countertops, bathroom vanities, sinks, faucets, tubs and enclosures, windows (no lead paint). 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) 508-797-4895; greenbagpickup.com Residents may purchase and use any brand of dumpster bag (Bagster, Load-a-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 local facility for recycling and waste management.
- **Longleaf Lumber** – Purchases antique lumber. Check website for wood species they purchase. Showroom in Cambridge and a mill in Berwick, Maine; 115 Fawcett Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; 617-871-6611, www.longleaflumber.com. E-mail: info@longleaflumber.com.
- **Nor'east Architectural Antiques** - 16 Exeter Road (Route 150), South Hampton, NH; 603-394-0006; www.noreast1.com. E-mail: mail@noreast1.com.
- **Olde Bostonian** - 66 Von Hillern Street, Boston, MA 02125; 617-282-9300; www.oldbostonian.com.
- **Radical Radiator Restorations** (Steam and hot water radiators) – 940 Eastern Ave., Malden, MA; 617-733-7163; Web site: www.radicalradiator.com.
- **Restoration Resources** – 468 Shawmut Ave, Boston, MA 02118; 617-542-3033; 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; <http://www.conigliaro.com>. Call for drop-off hours. Fee.

Cell Phones

- **Staples** (staples.com) and **Best Buy** (bestbuy.com) – Dropoff at any store.
- Donate your phone and give the proceeds to the charity of your choice. Refer to www.charitablerecycling.com for details.
- **Whole Foods Westford** – Dropoff at collection bin at store exit.
- Collected at the Electronics Collection days. Free (see [Electronics](#)).

Christmas Trees and Christmas Lights

- **The Westford Fire Fighters Association** - 978-392-0028. WFFA collects Christmas trees annually on designated dates in January. Price: \$10 per tree via check payable to Westford Fire Fighters Association. Place check in a clear plastic bag and attach to tree; have trees curbside by 7am on date of pick-up. Call WFFA at (978) 392-0028 to place your information on the pick-up list.
- **Christmas Tree Lights** – See **Electronics**

Clothing

Shoes - (also see **Shoes and Sneakers**)

- **Cameron Senior Center** - 28 Pleasant Street, Westford; 978-692-5523. The Center hosts a clothing thrift shop Mon. –Thurs., 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.
- **New England Clothes Recycling** - Place clothing and shoes in plastic bags. Drop-off in collection bins located at Abbot and Blanchard

Schools, Rt. 110 Gulf, Concord Rd. at the Rt. 495 overpass.

- **Planet Aid** - Collection bins located in Westford: Child Care Center 21 Carlisle Rd., The Willows 75 Brookside Rd., and Pizzeria Presti, 2 East Prescott St.
- **Angels Above** - 99 Mammoth Road, Lowell; 978-452-4833 (M-F 10am-6:30pm, Sat. 10am-5pm; closed Sundays). Accepts women's and children's clothing. No snow boots or snowshoes.
- **Children's Orchard** - Accepts gently used children's clothing. Billerica Commons, 446 Boston St., Billerica; 978-671-0008; www.childrensorchar.com (M-Sat. 10am-5pm).
- **St. Vincent De Paul** - Accepts clean, usable clothes. 701 Merrimack St., Lowell; 978-453-7750; www.svdpboston.com (Mon-Sat: 9am-5pm; closed Sundays).
- **Good Shepherd Thrift Shop-Lazarus House Ministries** - Accepts clean, usable clothes. 412 Hampshire St. (and other locations), Lawrence; 978-269-5285; www.lazarushouse.org (click on Donate Clothes) (M-Sat. 10am-3:30pm).
- **St. Anne's Episcopal Church Thrift Shop** - Accepts clean, usable clothes. 14 Treble Cove Road, North Billerica 01862; 978-667-6268. Call for current drop-off hours; stannes-billerica.org/ThriftShop.html.

Coat Hangers

Many dry cleaners will take back coat hangers for reuse. Anton's and Lapels also recycles their plastic clothing protection bags.

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

- **Re-use Opportunities** - The following sites list organizations that will accept reasonably new computers and color monitors; they upgrade and redistribute equipment:
 - [Cristina Foundation](#).
 - Goodwill: Collection trailer at 299 Chelmsford St., Chelmsford (Behind Stop and Shop).
- **Manufacturer Takeback Programs** - Electronics and computer manufacturers and retailers are creating electronics recycling opportunities for customers:
 - [Apple](#)
 - [Dell](#)
 - [Hewlett-Packard](#)

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, bundled, and requires a bulk item sticker for ACME (Westford' trash hauler) to remove on regular trash days.

- **Agretech** (Division of Deloury Industries Recycling) - 50 Jackson Street off Rt. 110, Dracut; 978-475-8153; www.deloury.com (M-F 7am-4:30pm). 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 (M-F 7am-4pm, Sat. 8am-noon). Brick, concrete and reinforced concrete, solid fill, and steel; fee based on load size; must deliver.
- **Green Bag Pickup** – (Construction waste and unwanted junk) 508-797-4895; greenbagpickup.com Residents may purchase and use any brand of dumpster bag (Bagster, Load-a-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 local facility for recycling and waste management. Acceptable items include but are not limited to: household junk from moving, flood or fire-damaged items, cleanouts of basements/attics/closets/sheds/barns, renovation and construction debris (Heavy materials: stone, brick, masonry, concrete, asphalt shingles, etc not accepted in all areas. Contact company for details)-cabinets, drywall, roofing materials, siding, flooring, tub, toilets, furniture, even the kitchen sink! Company re-purposes bulk bags, works with local haulers to cut fuel consumption, and disposes of debris at recycling centers.
- **TBI-North Andover Facility** - 200 Holt Road North Andover 01845; 978-686-2020; www.thomsonbrothersindustries.com. Hours: Mon-Fri: 6am-4pm, Sat: 7:00am-11pm; closed Sundays. Accepts general demolition materials. No yard waste accepted.
- **V-MAC Junk Removal Company** - 6 Rock St., Lowell; 978-453-4333; www.VMACRemoval.com. Construction materials, household items office equipment, yard debris.
- **1-800-Got Junk** - 1-800-468-5865; www.1800gotjunk.com. Also accepts electronics.

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.

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.
- Collected at the Electronics Collection days. Free (see [Electronics](#)).

Electronics (working or non-working)

Westford Electronics Recycling Events: Please see our website 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 only.

For electronics recycling event(s), please consult the Westford Recycling Guide.

Other places to recycle working and non-working electronics:

- **Northeast Materials Handling of Lowell, MA** - Free electronics recycling and many other items www.liquidatedstuff.com; 978-772-

4545.

- **The National Cristina Foundation** and **eBay** have partnered to provide computer technology to organizations and schools that assist people with disabilities, students at risk, and economically disadvantaged persons. Program combines training with resources, allowing clients to lead more productive lives. www.cristina.org - (203) 863-9100.
- **1-800-Got Junk** - 1-800-468-5865; www.1800gotjunk.com. Also accepts construction and yard debris. Fee.
- **Staples, Inc.** - www.staples.com.
- **Atlas Recycling** - Call Town Clerk to arrange pick-up; 978-692-5515; fee.
- **Gazelle** - www.Gazelle.com. Buys electronics. Great organization fundraiser idea.
- **Best Buy Stores** - www.bestbuy.com. 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.

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

Local eye glass drop-off sites include:

- **Family Eye Care Center and Optical Gallery** - 5 Cornerstone Square, Westford.
- **Nabs One Stop Shop** - 60 Brookside Road, Westford.
- **LensCrafters** - Burlington and Pheasant Lane Malls.
- **Lexington Eye Associates** - Emerson Hospital Medical Bldg., 133 Littleton Rd.-Suite. 204, Westford; 978-589-9919.

Flag Disposal

- **American Legion** - Post 87 (684 Westford St., Lowell 01851); Post 437 (114 Dunstable Road, Westford; 978-692-7400); contact@legionpost437.com.
- **VFW** - North Andover Post 2104 (32 Park St, North Andover 01845; 978-687-9614) 11am - 5pm, M - F; VFW Lowell (90 Plain St., Lowell 01852; 978- 453-6231).

Fire Extinguishers

Good quality fire extinguishers (mostly made of metal) can be recharged. Companies providing this service can be found under "Fire Extinguishers" category in the phone book Yellow Pages.

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**).

Fluorescent and Compact Fluorescent (CF) Bulbs

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.
- **Lowes** - 50 Lowes Way, Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 677-5679; <http://www.lowes.com>
- **Home Depot** ("Returns" desk) -. Accepts expired (but not broken) compact fluorescent bulbs; <http://www6.homedepot.com>

Furniture (useable – no rips or stains)

- **The Salvation Army** - 800-958-7825 to arrange pick-up date

(requires four-week notice). Drop-off at local thrift stores:

- 625 Main Street, Wilmington; 978-988-9488.
- 132 Merrimac St., Haverhill; 978-374-7355.
- 74-76 Cluff Road, Salem, NH; 603-898-8571.
- **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell** – Local contact: Kim Trainor; 978-692-0927; E-Mail: info@lowellhabitat.org. HHGL also coordinates “Cars for Homes” program; call to confirm acceptable conditions.
- **Household Goods, Inc.** - 530 Main St., Acton; 978-635-1710; 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.
- **Goodwill Industries of New Hampshire** – 9 Wanson Rd, Hudson, NH; 603-718-6111; <http://www.goodwill.org>. Call for hours and what’s accepted.
- **Wish Project** – 166 Middlesex St., Chelmsford; 978-441-WISH (9474); thewishproject.org. Drop-off Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat., 9am-2pm; no pick-ups. Visit website or call to confirm what’s accepted.
- **Project Home Again** – www.phama.org/. Also accepts working appliances and household goods. e-mail for pickups info@phama.org. Drop-off items to warehouse at Heritage Place/Bldg. #2, 439 So. Union St., Lawrence (Tues. 11am-1pm, Wed. 10am-noon). Please send an email before dropping off items.
- **Mass Coalition for the Homeless** – Call 781-595-7570, ext. 13 for pickup information; www.masshomeless.org.
- **St. Vincent De Paul** - 701 Merrimack St., Lowell; 978-453-7750; www.svdpboston.com (Mon-Sat: 9am-5pm; closed Sundays). For pick-up call 1-800-675-2882, 8:30am – 3:30pm (Mon. – Fri.).

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

Place the item curbside on your trash collection day.

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.

Hearing Aids (useable)

- **Massachusetts Lions District 33 S Hearing Foundation** – Mail to: District 33S Hearing Foundation, P.O. Box 249, Somerset, MA 02726.
- **Help The Children Hear** – Mail hearing aids to: Help the Children Hear, P.O. Box 171, Blairstown, NJ 07825; www.helpthechildrenhear.org.

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 and home décor items.

- **New England Clothes Recycling** - (Only accepts: clothing, shoes, purses, small toys and small household items). Collection bins are located at Abbot and Blanchard Schools, 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. Drop-off useable items Tues., Thurs., and Sat. 9am-noon. Check website for list of useable 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. Call for volume rates.
- **Animal Control Department** – Recycle useable items at the Old Highway Garage, 30 Beacon Street; 978-692-4574; www.westfordma.gov. Needs clean and useable blankets, pillowcases, towels, animal crates and carriers, stainless steel dog/cat bowls to assist with the care and safe transportation of animals. Call to make a drop-off appointment, M-F, 8am-4pm.
- **Goodwill Industries** – Collection trailer at 299 Chelmsford St., Chelmsford (Behind Stop and Shop). ; <http://www.goodwill.org>. Visit

their website to see what's accepted; www.goodwill.org.

- **Wish Project** - 166 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford; 866-947-4360; thewishproject.org. Drop off items Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat., 9am-2pm; no pick-ups. Visit website or call to confirm what's accepted.
- **Project Home Again** - www.phama.org/. Also accepts working appliances and household goods. A list of the items they accept is [here](#). When donating, drive to PHAMA in Lawrence and then call 978-270-9878. A volunteer will answer. Please let them know what you have in tow, and our team will meet you at your vehicle in just a few minutes to collect your items. Drop-off items to warehouse at Heritage Place, 439 So. Union St., Lawrence (Tues. 11am-12:45pm, Wed. 10am-11:45am, Sunday from 10am-11:45pm).
- **St. Vincent De Paul** - 701 Merrimack St., Lowell; 978-453-7750; www.svdpboston.com (Mon-Sat: 9am-5pm; closed Sundays). For pick-up call 1-800-675-2882, 8:30am - 3:30pm (Mon. - Fri.).

Household Hazardous Waste

Westford Household Hazardous Waste Collection: Please see our website for events and schedules.

- Westford typically holds a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day every two years - Westford residents only; proof of residency required (driver license, phone bill, etc.). Fee: \$20/car. New payment policy - CHECKS PREFERRED made payable to "Town of Westford"; residents are encouraged to work with neighbors to consolidate volume. Please call the Town Hall for collection date/site/hours; 978-692-5515.
- **Minuteman Household Hazardous Waste Collection** - Lexington; <http://ci.lexington.ma.us/dpw/hhhwfacility.cfm> Holds FREE collections on selected Saturdays during the months of April to November from 9am-2pm for those residents in the consortium of "participating communities." Westford is not a member of this consortium; however, both residents and businesses of Westford may participate on a fee basis (itemized at the Lexington website). Small businesses with small volume of hazardous waste drop off are encouraged to first contact Clean Harbors (781-380-7121) to receive confirmation of items/quantities of items CH will accept on chosen date. For more information: Board of Health, Town of Lexington; 781-862-0500. Directions: Exit 31 off Rt. 128 South (Rt. 4/225) towards Bedford. Take a right at first light onto Hartwell Ave. via jug handle. Site is 1/4 mile on the left just after the bike path at the composting facility, 60 Hartwell Avenue.
- **Clean Harbors** - 1 Hill Ave (off Quincy Ave), Braintree; 781-380-

7175; www.cleanharbors.com. Accepts small amounts of residential household waste materials and products every Saturday from April 1 to October 31; 9am-noon. There is a fee. No fire extinguishers or cylinders of any kind.

Inkjet & Toner Cartridges

- **Staples, Inc. Stores** - www.staples.com.
- **Best Buy Stores** - www.bestbuy.com.

Junk

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

Latex Paint

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

Lawn Mowers

(Remove gas and oil before recycling the mower)

- **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.
- **Electronics and More Collection** - Collected at Westford Electronics Recycling event.

Leaves & Grass Clippings (Yard Waste)

Westford Yard Waste Collection in the Fall: Please see our website for events and schedules

To register for a pickup, please call the Westford Town Clerk's office at

[978-692-5515](tel:978-692-5515). Place your leaves, grass clippings and pine needles into brown paper leaf bags and have them at the curb by 7am on those days. Leaves will not be picked up if they are not in brown paper leaf bags. You pay Acme directly by attaching a check payable to Acme Waste Systems to one of your leaf bags on the collection day. There must be a minimum of 50 resident requests to ensure the yard waste collection is held. Please tell your neighbors!

- Please Note: Leaves may not be burned. Use 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.
- Compost leaves and grass clippings. The resulting compost can be used to fertilize trees, shrubs and gardens. Discounted compost bins are available from a Recycling Commission member (978-692-5483).
- See 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:
 - **Red Wagon Landscaping** - 20 Oak Street, Chelmsford; 978-250-9866; 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. 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.
 - **BMC Corporation** - 1079 South St., Tewksbury (composting site); 781-273-0398 or 978-667-2171; www.tsoil.com (M-F 7am-4pm, Sat. 7am-noon). Plastic bags are not accepted but can be emptied; biodegradable bags can be left. Leaves and grass clippings drop-off charge is \$10/yard. Small brush is \$15/yard.

Linoleum Flooring

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

Mattresses and Box Springs (non-useable)

- Mattress and box springs may be placed for curbside pick-up on your

normal trash day but will require a [Bulk Item Sticker](#). Stickers cost \$5 each and may be purchased from:

- Town Clerk - **Westford Town Hall, 55 Main Street**
- Main Street Convenience - **103 Main Street**
- Brookside Convenience Store - **64 Brookside Road**
- Market Basket - **6A Cornerstone Square**
- Nab's One Stop Shop - **60 Brookside Road**
- Westford Ace Hardware - **527 Groton Road**
- Mackay Ace Hardware - **224 Littleton Road**
- Cumberland Farm - **180 Littleton Road**

Mattresses and Box Springs (useable – for re-use)

- **Household Goods, Inc.** - 530 Main St., Acton; 978-635-1710; www.householdgoods.org. Drop-off items Tues., Thurs., and Sat. 9am-noon. Mattresses must not be ripped or stained. Limited pick-up available - \$35 donation.

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, 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 sharps materials must be delivered in puncture-proof non-glass containers (i.e., bottles, 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)

- **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 vacation week of July 4th. 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
- **Cubelli and Sons** - 377 Howe Street, Methuen; 978-618-2121 or 978-688-1773.
- **BHS Inc.** - 17 Rock St., Lowell; 978-454-0311 (M-F 7:30am-4pm). Accepts non-ferrous metals only (brass, copper, aluminum, etc.). bettyscrapmetal.com

Motor Oil

- **Whitney's Service** - 105-107 Main St.; 978-692-7093 (M-F 7:30am-5pm). Fee: \$1 per gallon.
- **Autozone** - 63 Drum Hill Road (978-453-2300); 177 Church St., Lowell (978-452-2999). No fee; possible quantity limit; 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 in 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.
- **Staples** - 145 Great Road, Acton, MA; 978-263-6150. Fee: \$0.99 per pound. [Staples Shredding](#).

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 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. Call first, not all locations accept laser printer cartridges. Cartridges provide StaplesReward benefits!
- **Best Buy** - www.bestbuy.com. Drop-off boxes at the store entrances.
- **Quill.com** - www.quill.com. Free pre-paid shipping and rewards program.

Propane Gas Grill Tanks

- **MacKay Ace Hardware** - 224 Littleton Road; 978-692-3346 (Mon - Fri. 8am-7pm, Sat. 8:30am -5:30 pm, 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 Road, Westborough 01581; 800-321-3002. Fee.

Scrubs (for re-use)

- **Global Links** – www.globallinks.org. Global Links is a medical relief and development organization dedicated to supporting health improvement initiatives in resource-poor communities and promoting environmental stewardship in the U.S. healthcare system. Accepts gently worn scrubs and other medical equipment for re-use. Mail to address provided on website.

Shoes and Sneakers (for re-use)

- **Sneakers** - Visit [Nike Reuse A Shoe](#) for drop-off locations.
- **Sneakers and Shoes** - Whole Foods Westford - 160 Littleton Road (Bin located at near store exit door).

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

Sporting Goods (for re-use)

- **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.
- **Goodwill Industries of New Hampshire** - 2454 Lafayette Street, Portsmouth NH; 603-430-2040; www.goodwillnne.org for list of acceptable donations.
- **Goodwill of Massachusetts** - 230 Elm St., Somerville; 617-628-3618 (Mon.-Sat. 10am-7pm, Sun. noon-6pm); www.goodwillmass.org.

- **Salvation Army** - Nashua (603-880-0271); Saugus (781-231-0803); www.salvationarmy.org. Call 800-958-7825 for other locations.

Styrofoam

- You can put Styrofoam cups, trays, egg cartons, block, etc. in your trash. Do not put Styrofoam in your recycling bin.
- Store your materials for Styrofoam collections conducted by First Parish Church United, Green Team. Collections are announced on the Westford Web Recycling webpage, Action Unlimited weekly, Town Managers Newsletter, Westford Eagle, and Westford Recycling Commission [Facebook page](#).
- Gold Circuit E-Cycling, LLC, 1 Third Street, Palmer, MA 01069 Website: <http://www.goldcircuitcycling.com> Phone: (888) 283-0007, Drop off hours are anytime during normal business hours, Mon-Fri 8am-3:00pm & Saturday 10am-Noon

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. 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. Dropoff items Tues., Thurs., and Sat. 9am-noon. Accepts working televisions manufactured in 2005 or later (check label on back of TV for year manufactured).

Thermometers and Thermostats

- **Mercury type** – Treat as hazardous waste. Do not throw in the trash. See [Mercury Thermometers and Thermostats](#) regarding safe disposal.
- **Electronic type** – Recycle at Electronics Collection.

Tires

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 or call Tim Deschamps at 508-393-3055; M-F 7am - 3:30pm.

- **FBS Tire Recycling** – 978-772-4251; 256 Ayer Rd., Littleton; M-F 7am-4pm; Sat. 8am-noon. Accepts any number of car and light truck tires (call for current fees); pay with cash, check, or credit card.
- Check with tire installer/vendor about recycling policy when replacing/purchasing new tires. This is the best time to recycle.

Toilets

- **Conigliaro Industries** – www.conigliaro.com; 701 Waverly Rd., Framingham 01702; 508-872-9668. Call for drop-off hours (products accepted for recycling may change; call before dropping off the item). Fee.
- **TBI-North Andover Facility** - www.thomsonbrothersindustries.com; 200 Holt Road North Andover, MA 01845; 978-686-2020. M-F 5:00am–5:00pm, Sat. 7:00am-noon, Sun. Closed. Accepts general heavy-duty recyclable materials, construction items, etc. Fee (\$75 minimum charge).
- **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.

Tyvek Mailing Envelopes

Tyvek mailing envelopes are made from #2 plastic and are not collected at curbside. 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 plastic, but not always.

Umbrellas

Remove the fabric and bring the metal frame to a steel recycler. Some umbrella manufacturers, (example: Totes brand - see [website](#) for details) have a lifetime warranty against defects and may be mailed back for a small postage fee for replacement. For other major brands, check their website for warranty policies.

Vinyl LP Records (useable - see Books)

Unusable vinyl records may not be recycled curbside. Place in the trash.