

Shutesbury Residents Can Use the Leverett Transfer Station

Over the years, the **Recycling and Solid Waste Committee (RSWC)** has received many inquiries about disposal of bulky waste before or after Shutesbury's Bulky Waste Day (BWD) in June. Starting in 2018, the October BWD will no longer happen as recommended by the RSWC and approved by the Board of Selectmen due to the success of our Leverett Transfer Station (LTS) access program. We've received calls and emails from people who are moving; people who have bought new furniture and have to dispose of the old stuff; and people whose air conditioners, TV's, or dehumidifiers need replacement.

In the past, the best we could do was refer Shutesbury residents to professional haulers, who generally charge a lot to remove bulky items. Since 2017, Shutesbury residents displaying a valid (LTS) sticker are able to use the LTS to dispose of bulky waste any time during the year. In addition, Shutesbury residents will be able to take advantage of the "Take It or Leave It" feature of the LTS. You can bring good stuff that you no longer need, browse through books, toys, clothing, furniture, etc., and take what you want at no cost. There *is* a charge for bulky waste disposal; cash or checks are accepted. The LTS is located at 15 Cemetery Rd. in Leverett (off Still Corner/January Hills Road).

Here's how it works:

- The valid period for each sticker runs from July 1 through the following year's June 30 (the fiscal year). Shutesbury residents can purchase an LTS sticker for \$20.00. This sticker gives you access to bulky waste disposal and Take It or Leave It at the LTS. Disposal costs for various bulky items are listed [here](#).
- Purchase LTS stickers at trash bag distribution dates from RSWC members. After the bag distribution dates end, purchase stickers at Shutesbury Town Hall when open (typically M-F from 8:30 – 4:00) from Town Clerk Susie Mosher, Administrative Secretary Linda Avis Scott, or Town Administrator Becky Torres. Shutesbury residents CANNOT purchase stickers at the LTS.
- Mount the LTS sticker on the front windshield of your car behind the rearview mirror.
- Hours of LTS operation: Saturday and Sunday 9:30 – 1:00. Beginning in January, Wednesday 2:00 – 5:00 until daylight savings time in March, then 4:00 – 7:00. Hours may change, so confirm on the [LTS website](#) before heading there.
- **Shutesbury residents may NOT dispose of trash or recycling at the LTS.** We have curbside pickup of trash and recycling; Leverett residents pay for each bag of trash disposed of at LTS.
- **No hazardous waste** is accepted.
- Bring good, usable stuff for Take It or Leave It. No junk, please. The LTS can use additional volunteers, especially at Take It or Leave It. If you want first dibs on items that come in, you might consider volunteering (check with staff at LTS or the Shutesbury Recycling Coordinator if interested).

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