

Recycling Information



Recycling - It's easier than you think!

Think recycling is difficult or confusing? Well, good news! Recycling requirements have changed over the years, making it even simpler for you to take part. You no longer have to remove labels or keep track of many other recycling rules. Most items can just be dropped in the bin!

Check inside for details and find out just how easy recycling is!

Did you know...?

Massachusetts prohibits the disposal of the following items:

- Paper and cardboard
- Bottles and cans
- Narrow neck plastics
- Leaves and yard waste
- Car batteries
- TV's and computers
- Large home appliances

Be sure to keep these items out of your trash.

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**Check inside for
details on how to
recycle them or call
888-888-0784,
ext. 2293 or
1-800-CLEAN-UP.**

Your efforts are making a difference!

Your community sends its recyclable materials to the Springfield Material Recycling Facility (MRF). Last year the "MRF" collected more than 50,000 tons of recyclables. That included enough paper to save 595,000 trees and enough plastic soda bottles to make 160,000

fleece jackets. Enough energy was saved by recycling aluminum cans to run a refrigerator for 65,500 days. You have helped make our recycling program a success. With your continued commitment, we will achieve our recycling goals.



Keep up the good work!

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Please Recycle

DON'T FORGET TO REUSE WHEN POSSIBLE



Paper

Keep these materials together and separate from mixed containers.

- ♦ All paper and cardboard must be clean & dry
- ♦ Junk mail, *including window envelopes*
- ♦ Boxboard - Cereal, shoe, cracker boxes, etc., *Discard plastic liners*
- ♦ Newspapers & inserts
- ♦ Magazines & catalogs
- ♦ Paper bags
- ♦ White and colored office paper
- ♦ Computer paper
- ♦ Corrugated cardboard, *flatten*
- ♦ Paperbacks and phone books, *remove covers*
- ♦ *No soda or beer holders/cartons*
- ♦ *No waxed paper or waxed cardboard*
- ♦ *No pizza boxes, egg cartons or wrapping paper*



Containers

RINSE CLEAN. Keep these materials together and separate from paper.

- ♦ Glass bottles & jars, all colors
- ♦ Aluminum, tin/steel cans and lids and aluminum foil products
- ♦ Milk & juice cartons (tent top), drink boxes, *remove straws*
- ♦ Plastic bottles, jars and tubs, less than 2 gallons, *discard plastic caps and lids*
- ♦ *No light bulbs, window or auto glass, dishes, glasses, Pyrex, ceramics, or broken glass*
- ♦ *No paint or aerosol cans or other metal objects*
- ♦ *No plastic bags, containers over 2 gallons, motor oil jugs, chemical containers, Styrofoam flower pots or trays*

Tips for Recycling Other Materials



Rechargeable Batteries

Most Radio Shacks & national hardware chains have free drop boxes.



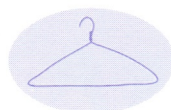
Textiles

Goodwill and Salvation Army accept clothes, draperies, etc.



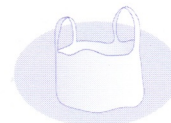
Books

Donate to libraries. Some book stores buy used books.



Wire Hangers

Accepted by many dry cleaners in the region.



Plastic Bags

Recycled at some area supermarkets.



Polystyrene "Peanuts"

Call 1-800-828-2214 or 1-800-789-4623

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For answers to specific questions about your community's program, call your local recycling coordinator. For questions on types of recyclables taken, call the DEP at 413-755-2293 or 1-888-888-0784, ext. 2293 or 1-800-CLEAN-UP