

# Put This On Your Fridge

## Missed Recycling or Trash pickup?

Call the E.L. Harvey Customer Service Center (800) 321-3002  
 Mon.-Thurs. 8 am - 5 pm, Fri. 8 am - 4 pm, Sat. 8 am - Noon.

If your issue is not resolved in 24 hours, call the Town Manager's office at 978-692-5501.

If additional support is needed go to: [www.westfordma.gov/recycling](http://www.westfordma.gov/recycling)  
 or call Ellen at 978-692-2039.

## 2025-2026 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar

Put recycling out by 7 am.

No recycling or trash collection on certain holidays - indicated by a **O** below.

Collections are delayed one day following a designated holiday.

Recycling pickup is every other week on your trash pick up day.

Find your trash day at [www.westfordma.gov/recycling](http://www.westfordma.gov/recycling) and click on Schedules or call Ellen at 978-692-2039.

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## Special Collection Events are:

- Indicated on calendar by 
- Held at the Westford DPW, 28 North St. unless otherwise noted.
- Detailed on [www.westfordma.gov/recycling](http://www.westfordma.gov/recycling)

### Electronics & More:

September 13, 2025 and April 25, 2026

### Zero Waste Day:

Also on September 13, 2025 and April 25, 2026 at multiple locations. April 25 will include paper shredding.

### Brush Chipping:

September 20, 2025 and May 9, 2026

### Household Hazardous Waste:

Spring, 2026

### Composting Open

**Houses:** July 19, 2025 and August 16, 2025  
 Held at 39 Main St.  
 Learn about composting options. Discounted composters for sale.

**For our residents with color vision deficiency:** The week of July 1-5 is **BLUE**, the following week, July 7-11, is **GREEN**. This pattern follows throughout the year.

# Westford Recycling Commission

## 2025-2026

# Recycling Guide



**COLLECTION  
CALENDAR INSIDE**

### Resources:

Recyclopedia [www.RecycleSmartMA.org](http://www.RecycleSmartMA.org) • Send email to: [recycling@westfordma.gov](mailto:recycling@westfordma.gov)

*Last year Westford residents recycled over  
2,000 tons of reusable material.*

*Thank you for keeping all that waste out of our trash!*

Westford's vendor for both recycling and trash is E.L. Harvey. If you need assistance, call E.L. Harvey Customer Service at 1-800-321-3002, Mon.-Thurs. 8 am - 5 pm, Fri. 8 am - 4 pm, Sat. 8 am - Noon. If your issue is not resolved in 24 hours, then call the Town Manager's office at 978-692-5501.

Trash is collected curbside weekly, and recycling is included every other week. All recycling and trash must be out by 7 a.m. for pickup, separated and clearly marked. For certain holidays, recycling and trash pickups will be delayed by one day. See the collection calendar.

**Recycling is Mandatory:** The town is divided in half for recycling pickup every other week. There are two routes – blue and green. To find out which route color your street is, go to [www.westfordma.gov/recycling](http://www.westfordma.gov/recycling) and click on "Schedules."

**No Plastic Bags:** Recyclables that are in plastic bags will be rejected. No plastic bags at all are allowed in your recycling bins/toters.



**Bulk Waste:** In addition to recycling and trash pickup, E.L. Harvey is the curbside collector for bulk waste (burnable items too large for your trash barrel) and also for larger, non-burnable items such as appliances, computer monitors, and metal.

**Burnable Bulk items under 50 lbs.:** A \$15 sticker may be purchased at the Town Hall Clerk's office and area vendors – waste is limited to 1 item per week and is set out with your regular trash.

**Burnable Bulk items over 50 lbs. and large non-burnable items such as appliances and metal may be scheduled** for pickup by E.L. Harvey. Call 1-800-321-3002 to arrange a pickup and pay any fees. The town no longer arranges regular pickup for these items. However, please consider the town's next "Electronics and More" collections scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026.



**For further detail on  
Trash and Bulk Item pickup,**  
scan this QR code or go to:  
[westfordma.gov/recycling-trash](http://westfordma.gov/recycling-trash)



**E.L. Harvey  
(800) 321-3002**

Westford follows MA state guidelines on the DEP Recycle Smart website.  
What is recyclable? Consult the Recyclopedia [www.RecycleSmartMA.org](http://www.RecycleSmartMA.org).

# What can I recycle at the curbside?



Plastic milk jugs (with or without cap attached)  
Plastic soda and water bottles (with or without caps)  
Detergent and shampoo bottles

Aluminum cans/aluminum foil crushed into a ball.

Glass jars and bottles (with or without caps)  
Metal / steel cans (e.g. soup cans)  
Clear plastic take-out containers (no black ones)

Pizza boxes (empty, grease is OK)

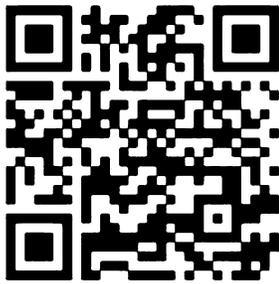
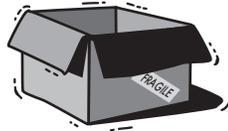
Newspaper  
Office paper

Mail

Catalogs and magazines

Food Boxes

Cardboard (flattened and broken down into 3' x 3' pieces and bound with string or tape)



## Can I Recycle THIS?

Use your phone to scan this handy QR code to access the Recyclopedia search tool. Enter the item and learn whether or not it should go into your recycle bin.



**NO** Recyclables packed in Plastic Bags  
In fact - No Plastic Bags at all! No Plastic Film, Plastic Wrap or Cereal Bags

Food and Liquid

Loose caps and lids  
Black plastic take-out containers

Paper Towels or Napkins, Plates, Cups and Tissues  
Shredded paper

Paper milk and juice cartons (because the paper is coated on the inside)

Capri Sun containers or other flexible package

Electronics and Small Appliances

Textiles, Bedding, Rugs  
and Carpets (Also banned from Trash)

Holiday lights, hangers,  
extension cords – anything that  
will tangle when sorted

Styrofoam™

Yard Waste and wood  
Construction Debris

Glassware

Window or decorative glass (e.g. vases)

School binders 6-pack rings

Plastic toys Coat hangers (Bring metal to dry cleaners)



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Please check our website ([www.westfordma.gov/recycling](http://www.westfordma.gov/recycling)) or [www.RecycleSmartMA.org](http://www.RecycleSmartMA.org) for information on how to handle recycling.

## REMEMBER

**EMPTY. CLEAN. DRY:** Empty all liquids, clean out any food residue, and ensure the material is dry before placing in curbside recycling bins/toters. Bottles, cans, plastics, paper, and cardboard can be mixed together.

**Recycling on one side of the driveway, Trash on the other – and clearly marked.** There is a limit of three 32/35 gallon containers of trash at curbside, no more than 96 gallons total. Weight limit per containers is 50 pounds. A sturdy, closed bag

is acceptable as a container for trash.

**Cardboard** must be flattened and cut into sizes no greater than 3 x 3 foot sections, bound with string or tape, or stacked inside another cardboard box not exceeding 3 x 3 ft.

### Recycling is unlimited.

Recycling will be accepted in the yellow/black or green wheeled toters or other sturdy recycling bins/toters. Each container must be less than 50 lbs.

**DON'T TOSS IT!** Before you throw anything away check our “A to Z Guide: How to Recycle Most Everything.”

- Donate to those in need
- Bring items like batteries for proper collection, some are not trash
- Safely dispose of hazardous materials



Everything from “aerosol” to “yard waste” is listed – use this QR code or go to: [www.westfordma.gov/recycling](http://www.westfordma.gov/recycling) and click on “A to Z Guide.”

## Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste includes common household items that contain toxic chemicals. Products such as oil-based paints and stains, cleaners, many types of batteries, pesticides, and similar products typically contain hazardous ingredients and need to be disposed of properly. Some electronic devices, such as Cathode Ray Tube TVs and Monitors, also contain toxic chemicals and need to be disposed of properly.

## Westford's Special Waste Collection Events

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event  
Westford DPW at 28 North Street.  
(HHW) Collection Spring, 2026.  
See page to the right for details.  
Westford residents can participate in some other towns' HHW Collections.  
Go to [www.westfordma.gov/recycling](http://www.westfordma.gov/recycling) for specifics.

Electronics & More Collection Events  
Westford DPW at 28 North Street.

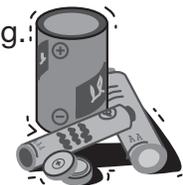
September 13, 2025 (9 am-1 pm)  
April 25, 2026 (9 am-1 pm)  
Visit [www.westfordma.gov/recycling](http://www.westfordma.gov/recycling) for details.

## Batteries

Many types of batteries contain hazardous chemicals that state law prohibits from disposing in the trash. There are local options for safely disposing of these batteries:

- Button batteries (contain mercury). Take to Staples for recycling.
- Lithium Ion and NiCad Rechargeable batteries (contain toxic heavy metals, including lead and mercury). Bring to any Staples (FREE) or Westford's "Electronics & More" Collection events (Small Fee) for recycling.
- Lead Acid Batteries (car and tractor batteries). Take to AutoZone in Chelmsford for recycling.

Note: Alkaline batteries manufactured since 1974 are not deemed hazardous. Still, they can be recycled if taken to Staples (FREE) or to Westford CAT for their battery recycling fundraiser (small donation requested). Can also be put in the trash.



## Mercury Waste

Mercury is toxic and state law prohibits the disposal of mercury products in the trash. There are local options for safely disposing of products containing mercury:



- Fluorescent tubes and Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs): Take to Staples for recycling.
- Button batteries: Take to Staples for recycling.
- Electrical switches: Bring to "Electronics & More" Collection events.
- Mercury thermometers and thermostats:  
Call Westford Health Department, 978-692-5509.



## Medical Waste

### Prescription Drugs – Unused Pills

Unused pills can be dropped off in sealed plastic bags in the disposal box located at the north lobby entrance vestibule of the Westford Police Station, 53 Main Street. The lobby is open 24x7.

- No needles
- No liquids
- No questions are asked

### Sharps

Sharps can be taken to the Sharps Container Disposal site located in the Police Station lobby, in the south entrance vestibule, open 24x7.  
For safe disposal:

- No loose needles
- Sharps must be in a personal sharps container or a puncture resistant (metal or plastic) container

# Westford Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Scheduled for Spring, 2026 at the Westford DPW, 28 North St.

Check [www.westfordma.gov/recycling](http://www.westfordma.gov/recycling) for updates.

**Fees Apply (Checks Preferred, made out to the Town of Westford)**

## From the Workbench/Garage:

- ✓ Oil Based Paints (NO LATEX PAINT)
- ✓ Stains & Varnishes
- ✓ Wood Preservatives
- ✓ Paint Strippers/Thinners
- ✓ Solvent Adhesives
- ✓ Lighter Fluid
- ✓ Gasoline/Kerosene/Mixed Fuels
- ✓ Antifreeze
- ✓ Engine Degreaser
- ✓ Brake Fluid/Carburetor Cleaner
- ✓ Transmission Fluid
- ✓ Car Wax, Polishes
- ✓ Driveway Sealer
- ✓ Roofing Tar
- ✓ Lead Acid (Car/Tractor) Batteries
- ✓ Tires



## From the House:

- ✓ Hand Sanitizer contaminated with methanol
- ✓ Rubber Cement, Airplane Glue
- ✓ Fiberglass Resins
- ✓ Photo Chemicals
- ✓ Chemistry Sets
- ✓ Furniture Polish
- ✓ Floor and Metal Polish
- ✓ Oven Cleaner
- ✓ Drain and Toilet Cleaner
- ✓ Spot Remover
- ✓ Rug and Upholstery Cleaner
- ✓ Hobby Supplies, Artist Supplies
- ✓ Fingernail Polish and Remover
- ✓ Flea Collars



## From the Yard:

- ✓ Poisons, Insecticides, Fungicides
- ✓ Chemical Fertilizers
- ✓ Weed Killers
- ✓ Swimming Pool Chemicals
- ✓ Moth Balls
- ✓ Flea Control Products

## How Can I Safely Transport These Hazardous Materials?

- Leave materials in original containers.
- Tighten caps and lids.
- Sort and pack separately: Oil paint, pesticides, and household cleaners.
- Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper.
- NEVER MIX CHEMICALS.
- Pack your car and drive directly to the site.
- NEVER SMOKE while handling hazardous materials.

## What Not to Bring!!

- ✗ NO LATEX or WATER-BASED PAINT
- ✗ No Empty Containers/Trash
- ✗ No Commercial or Industrial Waste
- ✗ No Radioactive Waste
- ✗ No Smoke Detectors
- ✗ No Infectious & Biological Wastes
- ✗ No Ammunition, Fireworks, or Explosives
- ✗ No Fire Extinguishers
- ✗ No Prescription Medicines or Syringes
- ✗ No Computers or other Electronics

- ✗ No Asbestos
- ✗ No Pressurized Cylinders
- ✗ No Fluorescent Light Tubes or CFLs\*
- ✗ No Lithium or NiCad Batteries\*
- ✗ No Propane Tanks or Propane Cylinders\*
- ✗ No Motor Oil\*



\* Take fluorescent tubes/bulbs to Westford Ace or MacKay Ace Hardware year-round (no charge)

\* Take Lithium and NiCad batteries to any Staples for recycling (no charge)

\* For options on propane tanks, go to: [www.westfordma.gov/recycling](http://www.westfordma.gov/recycling) and click on "A to Z Guide: How to Recycle Most Everything".

Westford Recycling Commission  
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## Meet Barbara, A mindful Westford resident!

She buys yogurt in a 2 lb container.



Buying yogurt in a 2 lb container compared to a 6-oz container

- can save 14.5% of the life cycle energy and decrease solid waste by 27.2%!!! ([tinyurl.com/bdz4k8s3](https://tinyurl.com/bdz4k8s3))

Join Barbara in making a difference!

#EverydayisEarthDay #BarbaralsMe

## Here's what Westford residents are saying...

**"The way forward, in a state like ours, with aging incinerators and closed landfills, must be less trash."**

– Elizabeth Sawyer, Holly Lane

**"Everyone should learn to compost - it's easy!"**

– Ken Teal, Beaver Dam Drive

**"If you are not recycling, you are throwing it all away."**

– Anonymous, via Ellen Harde, Main St.

## Compost!

Organic food scraps – fruit and veggie peels, egg shells, coffee grounds, tea bags and more – are a hefty portion of your trash. Get that weight out and save the town money.

Buy an Earth Machine backyard composter for \$25. Call Nicole Feliciano at the Westford DPW, (978)692-5520 or email [nfeliciano@westfordma.gov](mailto:nfeliciano@westfordma.gov).



## Want to see an Earth Machine composter and talk it through?

Come to our Composting Demos on  
July 19 and August 16, 2025,  
9 - 11 am, at 39 Main Street.

## Volunteers Wanted!

The Recycling Commission is looking for Volunteers!  
Email us at: [recycling@westfordma.gov](mailto:recycling@westfordma.gov)

