

Put This On Your Fridge

Missed Recycling pickup?

Call the WM Customer Service Center 800-972-4545 M-F 7:30 am-5 pm.

Missed Trash pickup?

Call Acme Waste 978-479-2434, M-F 8 am- 5 pm.

If your issue is not resolved in 24 hours, call the Town Manager's office at 978-692-5501. Questions? www.westfordma.gov/recycling or call Ellen at 978-692-2039.

2023-2024 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar

Put recycling out by 7 am.

Use any sturdy barrel marked RECYCLE or buy a wheeled 64 gallon recycling toter for \$60. Send a check payable to Westford Recycling Commission to 55 Main Street.

No trash or recycling 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 and click on Schedules at the top of the menu list on the left, or call Ellen at 978-692-2039.

July 2023							August 2023							September 2023							October 2023						
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For our residents with color vision deficiency: The week of July 3-8 is BLUE, the following week, July 10-14, is GREEN. This pattern follows throughout the year.



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.

△ Indicates a Special Collection Event
See that section in this guide or go to: www.westfordma.gov/recycling for details.

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)



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
Plastic toys
6-pack rings
Coat hangers (Bring metal to dry cleaners)

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

Special Collection Events

Marked  on the 2023-2024 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar.

Held at the Town of Westford Highway Garage, 28 North Street.

- **Electronics & More:** September 23, 2023, and April 27, 2024. 9 am - 1 pm. See website for details.
- **Brush Chipping:** September 16, 2023, and April 20, 2024. 10:30 am - 4:30 pm. \$10/load. See website for details.
- **Styrofoam™ Collection:** October 21, 2023. 9 am - 2 pm. See important details on website.
- **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection:** 2024. For details and other options for disposing of HHW, please visit www.westfordma.gov/recycling.
- **Composting demos:** Learn to start composting and purchase your own composter. July 22, August 5, and August 19, 2023, 9 am - 11 am. Note: Held at 39 Main Street.





Westford Recycling Commission 2023-2024 Recycling Guide

**COLLECTION
CALENDAR INSIDE**

EVERYTHING IN A NUTSHELL

Resources:

www.westfordma.gov/recycling • Recyclopeda www.RecycleSmartMA.org
Send email to: recycling@westfordma.gov

Our recycling vendor is Waste Management (WM). Should you encounter an issue, call the WM Customer Service Center at 800-972-4545, M-F 7:30 am - 5 pm. If your issue is not resolved in 24 hours, then call the Town Manager's office at 978-692-5501.

Recycling is Mandatory: The town is divided in half for recycling pickup, which is 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 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.

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.

Collection time: Recycling and trash must be at the curb no later than 7:00 am. Holidays: Recycling and trash pickups will be delayed by one day on the week of certain holidays.

Recycling on one side of the driveway, trash on the other – and clearly marked. There is a limit of three 32/35 gallon barrels of trash at curbside. Weight limit per barrel is 50 pounds.

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.

Westford follows MA state guidelines on the DEP Recycle Smart website.
What is recyclable? Consult the Recyclopeda www.RecycleSmartMA.org.

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 Highway Garage at 28 North Street.
To be scheduled in 2024.
See page to the right for details.
Westford residents can participate in some other towns' HHW Collections.
Go to www.westfordma.gov/recycling for specifics.

Electronics & More Collection Events
Westford Highway Garage at 28 North Street.

September 23, 2023 (9 am-1 pm)
April 27, 2024 (9 am-1 pm)
Visit 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 Westford Ace or MacKay's Ace Hardware for recycling.
- Lithium Ion and Nicad Rechargeable batteries (contain toxic heavy metals, including lead and mercury). Bring to "Electronics & More" Collection events or take to Westford Ace or MacKay's Ace Hardware for recycling.
- Lead Acid Batteries (car and tractor batteries). Take to AutoZone in Chelmsford for recycling.

Note: Alkaline batteries manufactured since 1974 do not contain hazardous materials. Can be put in trash or taken to Westford CAT for their battery recycling fundraiser (small donation requested).

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 Westford Ace or MacKay's Ace Hardware.
- Button batteries: Take to Westford Ace or MacKay's Ace Hardware.
- Electrical switches: Bring to "Electronics & More" Collection events.
- Mercury thermometers and thermostats: Bring to Westford Health Department.

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.

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

To be scheduled for 2024 at the Westford Town Highway Garage

Check www.westfordma.gov/recycling for updates.

What to Bring:

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

From the Yard:

- ✓ Poisons, Insecticides, Fungicides
- ✓ Chemical Fertilizers
- ✓ Weed Killers

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

- ✓ 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 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 as well as Lithium and NiCad batteries to Westford Ace or MacKay Ace Hardware year-round (no charge)

* For options on propane tanks, go to: www.westfordma.gov/recycling and click on "A to Z Guide: How to Recycle Most Everything"
Dispose of small, empty propane cylinders in the trash

* Take up to 5 gallons of motor oil (oil only, no mixed fuels) to Autozone in Chelmsford (no charge)

Before Throwing Anything Away, Consult the A to Z Guide: How to Recycle Most Everything

The Westford Recycling Commission has developed the A to Z Guide to list items that cannot be recycled curbside and provide an alternative to placing items in the trash. Simply go to www.westfordma.gov/recycling and click on “A to Z Guide: How to Recycle Most Everything.”

This list is in alphabetical order from ‘Aerosol’ to ‘Yard Waste.’ Simply find the category you are interested in, click on it, and you will be brought to good alternatives to keep unnecessary items out of the waste stream and utilize “best-practices or green” methods of disposal. Additionally, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection offers other recycling suggestions through their Recyclopedia page accessible at recyclesmartma.org and www.westfordma.gov/recycling.

We appreciate your support. Your thoughts, comments and suggestions can be sent by e-mail to us at 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. Please call the listed organization for up-to-date information.

Volunteers Wanted!

The Recycling Commission is looking for Volunteers!
Email us at: recycling@westfordma.gov



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 Highway Department, 692-5520 or email nfeliciano@westfordma.gov.



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

Come to our Composting Demos on July 22, August 5, and August 19, 2023, 9 - 11 am, at 39 Main St.