

Put This On Your Fridge

Missed recycling pickup?

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

Missed Trash pickup?

Call Acme Waste 781-935-6339, M-F 8 am-4 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.

2021-2022 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 \$55. 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 or call Ellen at 978-692-2039.

July 2021							August 2021							September 2021							October 2021						
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△ Indicates a Special Collection Event
See p. 3 or

www.westfordma.gov/recycling for details.

For our residents with color vision deficiency: The week of July 5-9 is BLUE, the following week, July 12-16, is GREEN. This pattern follows throughout the year.



Westford Recycling Commission 2021-2022 Recycling Guide

**COLLECTION
CALENDAR INSIDE**

EVERYTHING IN A NUTSHELL

Resources:

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

Our recycling vendor is Waste Management. Should you encounter an issue, call the Waste Management 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.

Mandatory Recycling: On recycling weeks, a resident's trash will not be picked up if they have no recycling container at curbside when trash is picked up. These rules will be strictly enforced and non-compliance will result in curbside rejection of your trash with an explanatory sticker.

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 side is best – 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.

No white or colored foam packaging: Recycling bins/toters with foam pieces will not be emptied.

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 Recyclopedia www.RecycleSmartMA.org.



What can I recycle at the curbside?



Breakfast	Cereal boxes Plastic milk jugs (with or without cap attached)	Cereal bags Paper milk and juice cartons (because the paper is coated on the inside)
Lunch	Plastic soda and water bottles (with or without caps) Aluminum cans	Capri Sun containers or other flexible package Sandwich bags Loose caps and lids
Dinner	Pizza boxes (empty, grease is OK) Glass jars and bottles (with or without caps) Metal / steel cans (e.g. soup cans) Clear plastic take-out containers (no black ones)	Food stained packages Black plastic take-out containers Paper napkins Glassware
Household Items	Newspaper Office paper Mail Catalogs and magazines Cardboard (flattened and broken down into 3' x 3' pieces and bound with string or tape) Detergent and shampoo bottles	PLASTIC BAGS!!! Shredded paper Paper towels School binders Plastic toys 6-pack rings Coat hangers Window or decorative glass (e.g. vases)

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 calendar on the reverse side of this page.

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

- Electronics & More: September 25, 2021 and April 30, 2022. 9 am - 1 pm. See website for details.
- Brush Chipping: October 2, 2021 and April 23, 2022. 10:30 am - 4:30 pm. \$10/load. See website for details.
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection: May 14, 2022. 9 am-1 pm. Please visit www.westfordma.gov/recycling for other options for disposing of HHW prior to Westford's collection next spring.



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.

May 14, 2022 (9 am-1 pm)

See page to the right for details.

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

September 25, 2021 (9 am-1 pm)

April 30, 2022 (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. Put in 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 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

Is Scheduled for: Saturday, May 14, 2022 (9 am – 1 pm)

at the Westford Town Highway Garage, 28 North Street

PREREGISTRATION WILL BE REQUIRED! Details at: www.westfordma.gov/recycling.

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)

* Take large propane tanks to Westford Ace or MacKay Ace Hardware year-round (fee); 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)

What more can you do?

Recycle your Fabrics!

Nearly 95% of all textiles - clothing, outerwear, shoes/sneakers, towels, bedding, pillows, curtains, fabric and yarn, stuffed animals - can be donated or recycled. Exceptions are textiles that are wet, mildewed, hardened by paint, or contaminated with hazardous chemicals.

Even fabric items that are ripped, stained, and otherwise not suitable for donation - clean underwear, mis-matched gloves and socks, outdated drapery, and fabric and yarn scraps can be recycled.

Take your items to one of the many bins located throughout Westford. All take clothing, and the yellow textile collection bins are also for fabric recycling.



Compost!

Organic food scraps – fruit and veggie peels, egg shells, coffee grinds, 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 Denise Seyffert at 978-692-6986.



Budget time in your cleanouts and renovations to rehome items that are reusable.

For even more ideas, go to westfordma.gov/recycling and click on “How to Recycle Most Everything”.