

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.

2020-2021 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar

Put recycling out by 7am.

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.

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For our residents with color vision deficiency: The week of July 6-10 is BLUE, the following week (July 13-17) is GREEN. This pattern follows throughout the year.




What can I recycle at the curbside?



Breakfast	Cereal boxes Plastics milk jugs (with cap attached)	Cereal bags Paper milk and juice cartons (because the paper is coated on the inside)
Lunch	Plastic soda and water bottle (with cap) Aluminum cans	Capri Sun containers or other flexible package Sandwich bags Loose caps and lids
Dinner	Pizza boxes (without pizza or lots of grease) Glass jars and bottles Metal / steel cans (e.g. soup cans) Clear plastic take-out containers (no black ones)	Pizza boxes (with grease on it) 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 placed in your toter or beside it, bound with tape or string. Detergent and shampoo bottles with tape or string.	PLASTIC BAGS!!! Shredded paper Paper towels School binders Plastic toys 6-pack rings Coat hangers Window or decorative glass (e.g. vases)

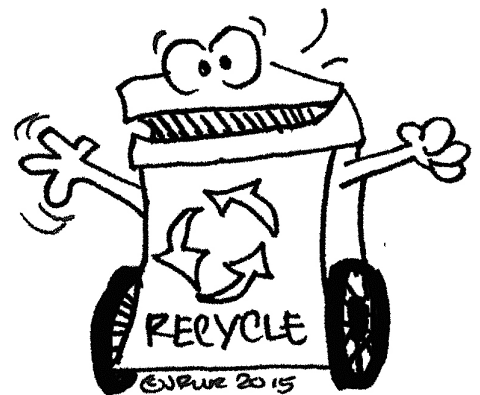
Please check our website (www.westfordma.gov/recycling) or www.RecycleSmartMA.org for information on how to handle recycling.

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 19, 2020 and May 1, 2021.
9 am - 1 pm. See website for details.
- Brush Chipping: October 17, 2020 and April 24, 2021.
10:30 am - 4:30 pm. \$10/load.
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection: May 8, 2021.
9am-1pm. Please visit www.westfordma.gov/recycling for other options for disposing of HHW prior to Westford's collection next Spring.



EVERYTHING IN A NUTSHELL

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Recyclopedia www.RecycleSmartMA.org

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 recycling 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 gallon barrels of trash at curbside.

Cardboard must be flattened and cut into sizes no greater than 3 x 3 foot sections.

...and placed in your toter or beside it, bound with tape or string.

No Styrofoam: Recycling bins/toters with Styrofoam 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.

Take the Next Step – Get composting!

Get the garbage out of your trash.
Start composting.

Buy an Earth Machine backyard composter for \$25.
Call Denise Seyffert at 978-692-6986.



Did you know...

- That Westford volunteers and Waste Management (our recycling contractor) hand measured 3,000 pounds of our recycling collection during eleven days in January and February, 2020.
- We were being charged based on a 10% contamination rate and verified that the rate is actually 8.41%.
- This results in a savings of \$24 a ton or \$3,560 savings a month – Thank-you Westford!!
- We will do even better and save more when we STOP including:
 - Anything in the “No” column in the curbside list in this mailer.
 - Plastic wrap and plastic bags.
 - Containers with liquid or anything else in them.
 - Padded packaging or padded envelopes.
 - Metal or wood of any kind. It is the heaviest part of the contamination.
 - Styrofoam
- The most unexpected items that were rejected included:
 - Child’s pink boot, windshield wiper, tools, flashlight, full can of shellac, an outdoor thermometer

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