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
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.

Missed Trash pickup?
Call Acme Waste 781-935-6339, M-F 8 am-4 pm.

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.

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Indicates a Special Collection Event - See reverse side or www.westfordma.gov/recycling for details.

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?

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<th>Breakfast</th>
<th>Cereal boxes</th>
<th>Plastics milk jugs (with cap attached)</th>
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<td>Lunch</td>
<td>Plastic soda and water bottle (with cap)</td>
<td>Aluminum cans</td>
<td>Capri Sun containers or other flexible package</td>
<td>Sandwich bags</td>
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<td>Dinner</td>
<td>Pizza boxes (without pizza or lots of grease)</td>
<td>Glass jars and bottles</td>
<td>Metal / steel cans (e.g. soup cans)</td>
<td>Clear plastic take-out containers (no black ones)</td>
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<td>Household Items</td>
<td>Newspaper</td>
<td>Office paper</td>
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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

WESTFORD RECYCLING COMMISSION  www.westfordma.gov/recycling
Recyclopedia www.RecycleSmartMA.org

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**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.

**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.


**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