



RECYCLING NEWS



Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee of Hingham

Recycling at the Transfer Station

Wondering where something goes?

Ask. The Transfer Station staff are easily identifiable in bright colored shirts and happy to help you. Taking a minute to ask saves everyone time and work. As well as reduce costly contamination.

CARDBOARD: Boxes need to have all Styrofoam and packing peanuts removed before going into cardboard area. Soiled pizza boxes **cannot** be recycled. Food is one of the worst contaminants in the paper recycling process. When paper products, like cardboard, are recycled, they are mixed with water and turned into a slurry. Since we all know water and oil don't mix, let's keep the oil out of our recycling.

REDEEMABLE BOTTLES AND CANS:

Plastic and Aluminum only. Youth groups handle the redeemables and want to avoid injuries from broken glass. Glass bottles with deposits can be redeemed at your local store or redemption center or can be recycled with glass.

Holiday Recycling Tips

How to recycle used cooking oil after holiday meals:

Used cooking oil is valuable as a biofuel additive and is collected at the Transfer Station.

Bring the oil to the back entrance of the baler building (same area where automotive fluids are recycled) where you will find a large container into which to pour your used cooking oil. Recycling of cooking oil is available all year long.

Composting Christmas Trees and other organic holiday decorations:

Bring your Christmas tree and other plant materials to the yard waste area and leave in the brush pile for composting. Please be sure to carefully inspect the tree to ensure that all ornaments, tinsel and other man-made decorations have been removed. These can tangle and break the grinders used to prepare these materials for composting and also contaminate the finished compost. You may compost wreaths, but only if the metal ring on the back is removed along with all the wire used to form the wreath. If you do not want to do this, put your used wreaths in the trash compactors and not into the compost area.

Wrapping Paper:

Most wrapping paper is recyclable in the paper compactors. Do not include metallic wrapping paper and ribbons, tape and staples are OK for recycling.

Paperboard Gift Boxes:

These boxes, without the wavy internal area, are recyclable with paper and should be placed in the paper compactors.

Cardboard:

For all those holiday deliveries see the sidebar regarding cardboard.

More Recycling Updates

PLASTIC BAGS: The Transfer Station accepts plastic grocery bags for recycling. Look for the marked chute on the side of the plastics bay in the baler building. If you have other kinds of plastic bags and plastic wraps you would like to recycle, please take them to your local store (Stop & Shop, Big Y, Shaws, Lowes, Target, Walmart, or Whole Foods) where the Trex Co. collects them for re-use into plastic lumber.

SWAP SHOP: No large furniture that you cannot lift yourself can be accepted at the Swap Shop. It's a hazard for Swap volunteers to handle. If you have a large piece of furniture in good shape (including upholstered furniture) it can be donated to South Shore Friends of the Homeless Furniture Bank, 48 Sea St, North Weymouth. Call to arrange a time to drop off furniture and other household items 781-340-1604

BATTERIES: All batteries are recyclable at the Transfer Station: Rechargeable, NiCad batteries and alkaline batteries (non-rechargeable) are collected in the universal waste section of the baler building. Automobile and lawn mower batteries are collected in the rear entrance of the baler building, adjacent to the Waste Oil Center.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO SORT AND SEPARATE RECYCLABLES FROM WASTE CORRECTLY - you will help the Town save money!!

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Did You Know

Do you know how textiles from the collection bins at the Transfer Station get re-used? Baystate Textiles, one of the vendors who pick up textiles from the Transfer Station, reports that 45% of the materials they collect get reused as is (as wearable clothing or usable household textiles), 30% get turned into wiping cloths, 20% are converted to fibers for upholstery or other fill and 5% are contaminated with oil or chemicals and must be discarded. Please keep any clean textile or clothing/shoes/bags/belts out of the trash compactors and deposit in textile bins.

Materials that are worn, have broken zippers, stains, and or holes....**ARE** still very reusable! Each ton kept out of the compactors saves the town \$65 in disposal costs as well as earning the town \$100 from vendors such as Baystate and Red Cross.

Did you know that plastic bags contaminate recyclables and cause a hazard for those working at recycling plants? Do not bag your recyclables or make sure you dump your recyclables out of any bags you have used to bring to them to the transfer station. Plastic bags of any sort can get wrapped around recycling machinery and must be cut out by hand, leading to slow downs, increased costs, and hazards for recycling workers.

Only plastic shopping bags (Plastic #4) can be recycled at the Transfer Station (look for the chute on the side of the plastics recycling bay). All other plastic bags must be put into the trash compactors or taken to your local grocery store for recycling.

Did you know that Salt is available at the Transfer station for all residents? A sand and salt mixture is available at the Transfer Station, Thursday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thank You

We look forward to hearing from you on how we can help make Hingham GREENER. If you have questions about recycling or waste issues, you can reach us at recycling@hingham-ma.gov

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