



# RECYCLING NEWS



## Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee of Hingham

### Recycling at the Transfer Station

**TEXTILES: Textiles of all sorts can be re-used or repurposed.** Join the statewide effort to make sure textiles end up in re-use bins and not in the trash. The Transfer Station bins **accept gently used and very worn out/stained/torn clothing, curtains, towels, stuffed animals, pillows, and even holey socks!** Gently used shoes, bags, and belts also accepted. Did you know? The Town is paid \$100 per ton for all textiles put into the first two collection bins.

**RIGID PLASTICS: These can now be recycled in the plastics bay.** Check the website for a full list of what can be recycled including trash barrels, outdoor play equipment and furniture.

**PAPER: Our current recycler does NOT accept waxed/sealed boxes from frozen food or milk/juice cartons.** Single layer paper and paperboard such as cereal, tissue or shoe boxes can be recycled with paper.

### Welcome

**Welcome to our new quarterly newsletter!!** We've designed this newsletter to provide you information on recycling resources and requirements and answer frequently asked questions. This will be our only physical mailing. Future newsletters will be available on the Town's website. You may sign up to receive notification that a newsletter is available. To sign up, go to [www.hingham-ma.gov](http://www.hingham-ma.gov), click on the "Notify Me" button, sign in, and select the "General News and Announcements" list. You will receive an email announcing each new newsletter which will include a link for viewing.

**Who are we?** We are appointed members of a Town Committee with a shared interest and knowledge in waste reduction and recycling. We are charged with providing education to the town about ways we can reduce the town's waste through the three "Rs": **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.** Our goal is to engage the citizens of Hingham to be active concerned residents who care about reducing waste (and waste costs), making environmentally sound choices and promoting a greener Hingham.

#### What we would like you to know:

Our committee welcomes new members and citizens who are interested in attending our monthly committee meetings, usually held on the third Tuesday evening of each month. We have lots of information on recycling on the town's website under the Transfer Station and Recycling which can be found at [www.hingham-ma.gov/Transfer-Station](http://www.hingham-ma.gov/Transfer-Station). You will find detailed information about what materials are accepted in each recycling area, as well as a video demonstrating the different areas.

If you have questions about recycling or waste issues, you can reach us at: [recycling@hingham-ma.gov](mailto:recycling@hingham-ma.gov)

## More Recycling Updates

**PLASTIC BAGS: The Transfer Station now 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, Hannaford, Shaws, Lowes, Target, Walmart, or Whole Foods) where the Trex Co. collects them for re-use into plastic lumber.

**MATTRESSES: The Transfer Station now has a special dumpster for recycling mattresses and box springs.** The dumpster is located in the bulky waste and C & D area. Residents still need to get a permit to drop these items at the transfer station.

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

It costs the Town \$74 per ton to dispose of trash from the compactors, while most of our separated recyclables are handled at no cost and the Town receives payments for our Rigid Plastics, Corrugated Cardboard, Metal and Textiles. You are helping your tax dollars stretch further as well as helping the environment by making sure waste materials are re-used and recycled.

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## Swap Shop

Please help keep re-usable materials out of the trash by bringing them to the Swap Shop. The Swap Shop at the Transfer Station has been improved with the purchase of a storage unit so now items can be protected from the weather and remain available for pick up for multiple days.

**The Swap Shop is open Thursday through Sunday from 10 am to 2 pm, except when weather or other conditions warrant.** If the Swap is busy, please pull over to the side to wait for an open parking spot at the Swap area in order to allow traffic to pass behind you to the compost area and trash compactors. Residents are limited to parking for 15 minutes per visit to drop off or pick up items at the Swap Shop and are welcome to visit up to twice per day.

**Swap Shop Volunteers are always needed and welcome!** So if you like the Swap Shop and want to see it open more hours per week, then please consider volunteering. **Training is provided!** You may view and download the Swap Shop Volunteer Form online at:

<http://www.hingham-ma.gov/Transfer-Station>

### Items Accepted at the Swap Shop:

- Intact, usable items that are clean and ready to be re-used.

### Prohibited Items:

- Mattresses
- Upholstered furniture and rugs
- Computers
- Paint
- Hazardous materials

## 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](mailto:recycling@hingham-ma.gov)

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