



RECYCLING NEWS



Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee of Hingham

Recycling at the Transfer Station

Put the Caps On for Recycling

The plastic resins used in manufacturing plastic bottle caps and lids are valuable commodities and the plastic recyclers want them back! Once you rinse out a plastic bottle or container, please put the plastic cap or lid back on and drop off at the Plastics recycling bay at the Transfer Station.

The baler at the Transfer Station has no trouble compacting plastic bottles with caps on. And even though the caps and lids are often made of different kinds of plastic resin, the recyclers grind all the plastics and then separate the flakes of the different resins using a float/sink process.

Check out what this looks like at <http://www.plasticsrecycling.org/education/faqs/caps-on>

Note: Loose plastic caps become trash as they fall through the machinery used in recycling operations, so be sure to rinse out your plastic bottles and containers and then PUT the CAPS BACK **ON!**

Test your Recycling Knowledge

Recycling Education and Compliance Officer visits Hingham

Hingham was one of the first towns to take advantage of the services of Julie Sullivan, Recycling Education and Compliance Officer, whose time and educational materials were paid for by the South Shore Recycling Cooperative's grant from DEP. For five weeks in May and June, she wore a bright yellow vest and talked with residents as they brought their trash to the compactors at the Transfer Station. She called attention to some materials that were about to go into the compactors but should be recycled instead, answered questions, and passed out educational materials. Even if you've been recycling for years recycling regulations and procedures change as we strive to reduce waste and recycling technology improves so take the time to read through and test your recycling knowledge.

Here are some of the most frequently asked question:

Q: What do you do with aerosol cans?

A: If the contents were non-hazardous (ie did not have a warning about hazardous content), hold the can upside down and depress the top until empty of contents, then recycle in the metal can bin. Cans that cannot be emptied and contain toxic or hazardous chemical should be brought to the annual Household Hazardous Waste collection: look for announcements of the annual date, usually in May/June.

Q: What to do with books?

A: Books of all sorts (paperbacks, hardcovers, old textbooks, children's books, etc.) and records, DVD's, CD's are all collected for re-use or recycling in the Book Collection bin, on the right side, after the scale, at the Transfer Station.

Q: What about Pizza boxes?

A: Any part of a pizza box that is not food soiled and greasy can be recycled and it takes just a second to rip off the part that can be recycled.

Test your recycling knowledge continued:

Q: What do you do with latex paint?

A: Latex paint is messy but not hazardous. You can dry it up with paint hardener or kitty litter, then dispose of as trash in the compactors. The signs read No Paint, meaning no liquid paint. Or if there is a good quantity in the can and the paint is in good shape (no smell, no curdling), you can put in the new Latex Paint Shed at the Transfer Station, located on the right after the textile bins before the compactors. Ask one of the staff to open the shed for you.

Note: all oil-based paints and stains must be disposed of at the HHW collection.

Q: What to do with plastic bottle lids and metal lids from glass containers?

A: As noted in the Caps On info in this newsletter, it is important to rinse out and then put plastic caps and lids back on to their plastic bottle/containers and then into the plastics recycling area. Metal lids should be rinsed and recycled in the metal can bin.

Q: What do you do with empty plastic/metal containers that held pesticides, oil, or other hazardous contents?

A: These containers need to go in the trash (to be incinerated).

Q: What do you do with paperboard boxes (tissue boxes, cereal boxes, paper towel rolls etc)?

A: All of these kinds of paperboard go into the paper compactors for recycling. Only corrugated cardboard (with the wavy lines) goes into its own area recycling area, the first bay on the left at the transfer Station. Be sure to empty out all packing materials, but it is OK to leave labels, tape and staples attached.



Julie Sullivan, Recycling Education and Compliance Officer

Q: What kinds of textiles can be recycled?

A: Anything made of cloth or fabric that is clean and dry can be put in the textile bins, the large containers on the right between the Swap Shop and the Trash compactors. This includes clothing (in good shape or full of holes and stains), household linens, curtains, pillows, stuffed animals, and even shoes/belts and handbags. The only exception is rugs, which must be disposed of as bulky waste (by getting a free permit from the DPW office).

HHW Day a Success

HHW day on June 10th was a busy one. 252 Hingham residents and 54 residents from neighboring towns were able to properly dispose of the household hazardous waste material they had at their homes. Long lines have South Shore Recycling Cooperative looking at how they can improve the flow for next year's event. Notes from the most recent HHW: Old gasoline is accepted only at HHW day. It **should not** be brought to the Transfer Station. All batteries are recyclable at the Transfer Station all year long. Ask Transfer Station staff if you are unsure where they go.

Free Document Shredding/ Recycling

Capital Paper Recycling of Weymouth is offering free document shredding service at their plant

200 Libbey Industrial Parkway
Weymouth, MA 02189

Hours: Monday to Friday 7am to 4pm
Saturday 7am to 11 am.

Bring a box (or several boxes) of documents you would like shredded prior to recycling the paper. Enter 200 Libbey Industrial Parkway via the entrance to the left of the building and pull up at the doorway at #200, marked CPR. Office personnel will direct you to where to bring your box(es) of documents for shredding. Note: On weekdays your documents will be taken by CPR personnel to their secure shredding room. If you would like to witness the shredding of your confidential documents, you can do so on Saturday mornings when the plant is not in full operation and it is safe for you to accompany your documents to the shredding room.

Remember, by Hingham Town Regulation (as well as Commonwealth regulation), all paper must be recycled and office quality paper is a valuable commodity. Ensure that your paper is recycled by safely shredding any confidential documents before recycling.

Thank you to the Transfer Station Staff

The LRWDRC wants to recognize and thank the Transfer Station staff for their tremendous work at educating and helping town residents with recycling. We have heard lots of compliments about how helpful the staff have been in responding to questions from residents!

We invite all residents to stop and ask one of these friendly guys in the bright shirts if you are unsure where something goes to be recycled or disposed of properly.



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Contact Us:

We welcome your questions or comments about recycling or waste issues. Let us know what you'd like to see in upcoming newsletter editions. You can reach us at recycling@hingham-ma.gov

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