

TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING STATION

Cross Road, Hampden, MA 01036

HOURS OF OPERATION:

FOR HOUSEHOLD TRASH DISPOSAL: Tues: 1-4 pm; Sat: 8am-4pm

RECYCLING: 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month; 8am-4pm

ALL VEHICLES ENTERING THE TRANSFER STATION MUST HAVE A TRANSFER STATION STICKER.

The stickers are sold at the Board of Health office. First car sticker costs \$15.00*; additional stickers within the same household: \$5.00. * (as of march 2005)

Stickers are valid for one year and expire on June 30th of the following year.

HOUSEHOLD TRASH

All household trash must be disposed of in yellow preprinted bags purchased from the following locations:

- Board of Health Office
 - Transfer Station
 - Council on Aging / Senior Center
 - The Grog Shoppe
- The bags are sold in packages of 10.
- 16 Gallon bags= \$10.00**
33 Gallon bags= \$20.00

Massachusetts prohibits the disposal of the following items:

- ❖ Paper and cardboard
- ❖ Bottles and cans
- ❖ Narrow neck plastics
- ❖ Leaves and yard waste
- ❖ Car batteries
- ❖ TV's and computers
- ❖ Large home appliances
- ❖ Hazardous waste

Be sure to keep these items out of your trash.

What are considered hazardous items?

Products with labels that say “caustic”, “toxic”, “corrosive”, “poison”, “flammable”, “warning”, “danger”, or “caution”, are considered hazardous items.

Examples: antifreeze, mercury, creosote, chemistry kits, DDT, drain cleaners, fertilizers, pesticides, gasoline, pool chemicals, paint thinner, wood stain, lead based paint, brake fluid, etc. *Call the Board of Health office` for a complete list.*

Wait for the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, held in September of every year, to dispose of these items.

Recycling Information

Recycling – It’s easier than you think!

Recycling requirements have changed over the years, making it even simpler for you to take part. You no longer have to remove labels or keep track of many other recycling rules. Most items can just be dropped in the bin!

Your efforts are making a difference!

Our town sends its recyclable materials to the Springfield Material Recycling Facility (MRF). Last year, the “MRF” collected more than 50,000 tons of recyclables from communities in Western Massachusetts. That included enough paper to save 595,000 trees and enough plastic soda bottles to make 160,000 fleece jackets. Enough energy was saved by recycling aluminum cans to run a refrigerator for 65,500 days. You have helped make our recycling program a success. With your continued commitment, we will achieve our recycling goals. Keep up the good work!

RECYCLING GUIDE

MIXED PAPER:

All paper and cardboard must be clean & dry

- **Junk Mail**, *including window envelopes*
- **Newspaper & Inserts**
- **Magazines & Catalogs**
- **Paper Bags**
- **Paperbacks & Phone Books**, *Remove Covers*
- **Computer Paper, White and Colored office paper**
- **Cardboard**, *flattened*
- **Cereal Boxes, Shoe Boxes, etc.**, *Remove Plastic liners*
 - **NO egg cartons, pizza boxes, or wrapping paper**
 - **NO take-out containers**
 - **NO soda or beer holders /cartons**
 - **NO waxed paper or waxed cardboard**
 - **NO Plastic Grocery Bags**

CONTAINERS:

All containers must be rinsed to remove all residue.

- **Glass bottles & jars**, *all colors*
- **Aluminum/Tin/Steel Cans & lids**
- **Aluminum Foil**
- **Milk & Juice Cartons (Tent-Top) Drink Boxes**, *remove straws*
- **Plastic Bottles, Jars, Tubs, less than 2 gallons (With the Recyclable Symbol, # 1-7)**, *discard plastic caps and lids*
 - **NO light bulbs, window or auto glass, dishes, glasses, Pyrex, ceramics, or broken glass**
 - **NO paint or aerosol cans or other metal objects**
 - **NO plastic bags, containers over 2 gallons, motor oil jugs, chemical containers, Styrofoam flower pots or trays**

CLEAN METAL:

- **Pipes, Aluminum Gutters, Bikes**
 - **NO appliances**
 - **NO gas engines**

YARD WASTE:

- **Leaves**
- **Grass**
 - **NO branches**

Maximum Wt. per item: 25-lbs.

MORE RECYCLING TIPS

Clothing:

Goodwill and Salvation Army take clothes, draperies, etc.

Books:

Donate to libraries. Some bookstores buy used books.

Wire Hangers:

Accepted by many dry cleaners in the region. May be accepted in scrap metal bin if hangers have no plastic.

Plastic Bags:

Recycled at some area supermarkets

Polystyrene "Peanuts":

Call 1-800-828-2214 or 1-800-789-4623

Motor Oil and Paint Disposal

Used motor oil is accepted at Auto Zone and other stores where motor oil can be purchased. Do not bring this to the Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

Latex paints can be disposed of with your regular trash after it is allowed to dry out. See the drying procedure below.

Empty Cans:

Remove the lid and let dry completely to a solid state. Place in your trash. If it does not completely dry, treat as a partial can.

Partially Full Cans:

Remove the lid. Pour in absorbent kitty litter. Stir the mixture. Let dry to a solid state — usually happens overnight. Check to make sure that it is completely dry. If there is still liquid residue left, repeat the procedure. Once paint is completely dry, place can without lid in the trash. Place lid separately in the trash.

Stains and Lead based Paints should be saved for Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

WHAT ABOUT TIRES, BATTERIES, OLD CELL PHONES?

Car tires:

Remove the rim, place the rubber tire in a 33 gallon trash bag (only 1 tire per bag) and this can be disposed of as trash. You may throw the rim in the scrap metal recycling container.

Alkaline batteries can be thrown in the regular trash.

Rechargeable batteries should be recycled. Most Radio Shack stores & national hardware chains have free drop boxes.

Old cell phones must be recycled. While the toxic materials (including arsenic in semi-conductors) in a single phone are minimal, consider the number of discarded cell phones in the relatively short time the technology has been available. Throwing these devices in landfills will cause lasting damage to the environment. There are various recycling programs and drop off centers for recycling. The phones are either refurbished and used for domestic violence victims or taken apart and the various components recycled. Please call your cell phone company to get information on their recycling program or drop off center.

BULKY ITEMS

(Furniture, mattress, appliances, etc.)

Call **Bulk Disposal, Inc.** at 596-9276. Pick-up and Drop-off rates available.

CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS DISPOSAL

Call **Waste Management Western Processing Facilities**, 120 Old Boston Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 for rates, directions and hours of operation.

Tel. 596-4635 or 1-800-545-4560

For any other questions regarding the Transfer Station operations or trash disposal and recycling, contact the Board of Health office at **566-2152**
Mondays thru Thursdays, 9am—3pm.