



AZ Recycling Guide



HOW TO USE THE A-Z GUIDE

This guide provides suggestions for how to dispose of items you no longer need; it includes many items that can be donated to charity. The guide also includes materials that require special handling, such as hazardous waste or compact fluorescent bulbs. Contact individual organizations for more information on what they accept and hours and fees if applicable. Try Earth 911 at <http://earth911.com/> or MassDEP at <http://www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/>.

APPLIANCES –WORKING:

The Lowell Wish Project, Lowell, Mass., 978-441-9474, www.thewishproject.org.

Mission of Deeds, Reading, Mass., 781-944-9797, www.missionofdeeds.org.

Project Home Again, Andover, Mass., 978-470-1356, www.projecthomeagain.us/.

Salvation Army, Call 1-800-728-7825, www.salvationarmyusa.org.

APPLIANCES – NON-WORKING: (fees apply)

Appliances containing *freon* require special handling. Scrap metal dealers may take your old appliance; make sure they are licensed to handle freon if you are disposing of a refrigerator, freezer, air conditioner, or dehumidifier. Contact your municipal recycling or solid waste office for local options.

Appliance Recyclers collects appliances for residents of Billerica, Burlington, Chelmsford, Tewksbury, and Tyngsborough. Call 1-877-228-2898 or go to www.applrecyl.com.

AUTOMOBILES:

Many charities will accept unwanted automobiles. Here are a few examples:

MA Special Olympics Recycle for Gold Program, www.recycleforgold.org/.

Boys & Girls Clubs, http://www.bgcb.org/donate_special_car.cfm.

Habitat for Humanity, www.habitat.org/carsforhomes/.

NH Public Radio, <http://www.nhpr.org/support/cardonation>.

Cars for U.S. Troops, <http://www.carsforustroops.org/>.



AUTOMOBILE TIRES: (fees apply)

J.P. Routhier, Littleton, Mass., 978-772-4251.

Holland Auto Parts, Billerica, Mass., 978-667-9235.

AUTOMOBILE -USED MOTOR OIL:

Contact your municipal recycling or solid waste office for local options. In Massachusetts retailers that sell motor oil should accept used oil if you purchased it from them and have a receipt. Next time you buy oil, ask if they accept used motor oil.

BABY GOODS:

The Lowell Wish Project, Lowell, Mass., 978-441-9474. Items must be in good condition, clean, and fully functional. www.thewishproject.org.

Cradles to Crayons, <http://cradlestocrayons.org/>. Check their website to see if they have a drop off event near you.

Young Parents of Lowell, Lowell, Mass., 978-459-2387.



BAGS:

DO NOT put plastic bags in your curbside recycling bin and don't use them to hold recyclable material.

Plastic bags: Return clean plastic grocery bags to area grocery stores for recycling.

Paper bags: Use bags to hold your paper for curbside recycling.

Try to bring a reusable shopping bag with you when you shop. Leave a few in your car so you always have one.

BATTERIES:

Alkaline batteries (post-1994) no longer contain mercury. They can safely go in the trash.

Button batteries: These batteries contain mercury; do not put them in the trash. Many communities have mercury recovery programs and can tell you the location of the nearest collection box.

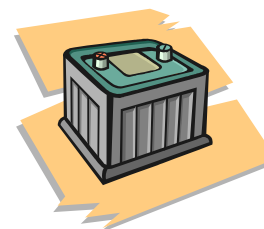


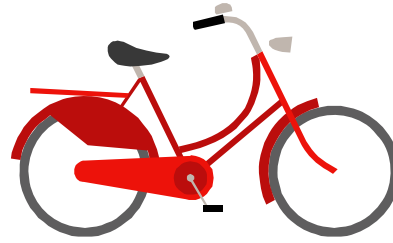
Rechargeable batteries contain toxic metals; do not put them in the trash. Many rechargeable batteries can be collected for recycling. The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation, www.rbcc.org, lists collection points sorted by zip code.

Vehicle batteries (lead-acid batteries)

Interstate Battery, <http://corporate.interstatebatteries.com/recycling/>.

Check with your municipal recycling or solid waste office to see if you can bring them to a household hazardous waste collection, or contact the store where they were purchased to see if they'll take them back for recycling.





BICYCLES:

Bikes Not Bombs: Check their website for drop off events. www.bikesnotbombs.org. A \$10 donation is requested to help defray the cost of shipping bikes overseas. No badly rusted bikes please.

Pedals for Progress: www.p4p.org, or 908-638-4811.

BOOKS:

Check with your local library. They may have a regular book sale. If the book is in poor condition it can be recycled for its paper content.



Reading Tree, <http://www.surplusbooksforcharity.org/whoweare.html>

Drop-off locations on the website.

Young Parents of Lowell, Lowell, Mass., 978-459-2387.

Got Books, Inc., 978 327-7600 or <http://www.gotbooks.com/>.

Note: Donations of older encyclopedias are usually not wanted. If you can't find someone who would like to use it, see if can be recycled in your local recycling program.

BOTTLES and CANS RETURN CENTERS:

Massachusetts DEP registered centers are listed at:

www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/reduce/redempt.htm



BUILDING MATERIALS: REUSABLE:

Carefully deconstructed material can often be reused, if it's in good condition. Contact the following for more information.

Building Materials Resource Center, Boston, Mass., 617-442-8917, www.bostonbmrc.org.

Pick ups may be available in your area for a fee.

Habitat for Humanity/Restore, <http://www.habitat.org/restores/>. New Lawrence location.

<http://www.merrimackvalleyhabitat.org/ReStore.htm>

Building Materials Reuse Association (BMRA), www.bmra.org/ or 1-800-990-2672.

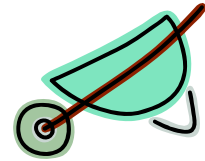
LL & S Inc., Salem, N.H., 1-603-894-9800.

BUILDING MATERIAL: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS: (fees apply)

If you are using a contractor, get him/her to remove the construction debris. C&D is banned from disposal with household trash. The company that picks up your curbside trash may be able to collect construction debris for a fee.

Or contact one of the following for more information:

E.L. Harvey, Westborough, Mass., 800-321-3002, <http://www.elharvey.com/>.



GranitevilleRecycling, Westford, Mass., 978-692-3532. <http://www.granitevillerecycling.com/> .

Agretech, Dracut, Mass., 978-475-8153.

Conigliaro Industries, Framingham, Mass., 508-872-9668 or www.conigliaro.com.

CARDBOARD BOXES:

Cardboard is banned from disposal with the trash in Massachusetts. Recycle clean cardboard.



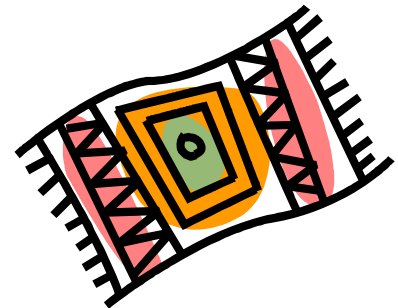
Many communities do not accept pizza boxes for recycling due to risk of contamination from food or grease. Check with your municipal recycling or solid waste office.

The UPS Store. Most company stores accept clean cardboard boxes for reuse. Drop off gently used boxes and help yourself if you need some, as supply allows. Check for locations at <http://www.theupsstore.com/>.

CARPET:

Check with your municipal recycling or solid waste office . Carpet may be considered “construction debris” and banned from the trash. In some communities carpet can be collected as bulky waste. Fees may apply.

Conigliaro Industries, Framingham. They recycle carpet. (Fees apply) Call 508-872-9668. or www.conigliaro.com.



CELL PHONES: –Ask about recycling your old phone when you buy a new one. Many charities collect old cell phones. Here are a few suggestions:

Cell Phones for Soldiers, <http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com> .

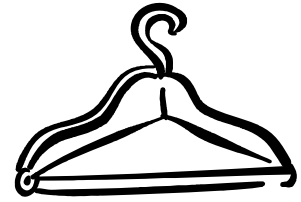
911 Cell Phone Bank, <http://www.911cellphonebank.org/> .

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, <http://www.ncadv.org/> .

GRC Wireless Recycling, <http://www.grcrecycling.com/index.cfm>.

CLOTHES HANGERS:

Return metal hangers to a dry cleaner, or check with a local thrift shop to see if they can use them. Clothes hangers (metal or plastic) do not get recycled curbside.



CLOTHING and SHOES:

Look for a local drop off box from the following organizations



Saint Vincent De Paul, Retail Stores in Lowell and Lawrence,

<http://www.svdpboston.com/>

Salvation Army Thrift Stores, (1-800-728 -7825) www.salvationarmyusa.org/.

Angels Above, Lowell, Mass., (978) 452-4833.

<http://www.angelsabovecharity.org/>.

Young Parents of Lowell, Lowell, Mass., 978-459-2387.

Big Brother, Big Sister Foundation, 800-483-5503, <http://www.bbbsfoundation.org/>.

Planet Aid, www.planetaid.org.

Check with local churches to see if they have thrift shops.



ELECTRONICS – CRTs VCRs PRINTERS:



When buying a new computer, ask about manufacturer programs to take back old computers or peripherals.

BestBuy, Stores offer electronics recycling. There are fees to cover the cost of recycling but they will give a merchandise credit in exchange.

Staples, In store recycling program accepts old electronics including used computers, monitors, laptops, printers, faxes. There is a \$10 fee for larger items.

You may be able to donate your working electronics. Try

The Lowell Wish Project, Lowell, Mass., 978-441-9474. For more information see

www.thewishproject.org.

Goodwill Industries and Dell, Inc.

They work together to responsibly recycle unwanted electronics

<http://www.goodwill.org/get-involved/donate/donation-acceptance-guidelines/>.

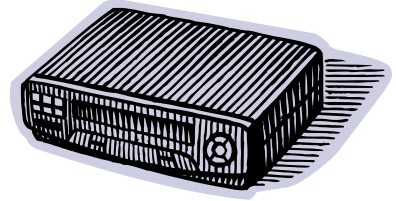


The following companies will accept old and non-working electronics for recycling: (fees apply)

Electronic Recyclers International, (ERI) Gardner, Mass., 978-632-7666. www.electronicrecyclers.com.

RST Electronics, Hudson, N.H., 603-595-8708.

Appliance Recyclers, Collects electronics for residents of Billerica, Burlington, Chelmsford, Tewksbury, and Tyngsborough. Call 1-877-228-2898 or go to www.applrecyl.com.



Electronics -CD's, DVD's, VHS tapes:



For Videos, CDs, Records/LP's, Computer software and games try:

Goodwill, <http://www.goodwillmass.org/> or

<http://www.goodwillnne.org/>.

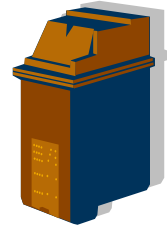
Salvation Army, www.salvationarmyusa.org/.

Got Books, Inc., <http://www.gotbooks.com/>.

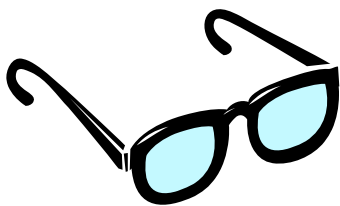
Electronics-Cartridges (printers and copiers)

Try **Office Max** or **Staples** for current programs.

Cartridge World, www.cartridgeworld.com.



EYE GLASSES / HEARING AIDS: Check with your local **Lions' Club** Ask at your community's **Senior Center** or **Council on Aging**

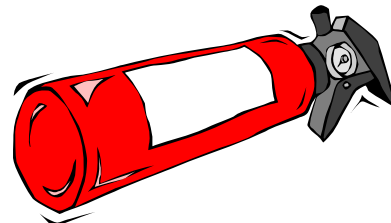


When you buy new glasses check to see if the store the will take your old ones . The following retailers have collection programs:

Pearle Vision, **Center Lenscrafters**, **For Eyes**, **Walmart**, (stores with vision centers)

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:

Fire and Safety Corp, 978-649-4945. Call for information.





FLAG DISPOSAL:

Don't throw your old flag in the trash. Contact one of the following:

Flagkeepers, www.flagkeepers.org. Mail your old flag to Flagkeepers for proper disposal. Send flags to: Flag Keepers, 1108 Lee Ave, Kannapolis, NC 28081.

Contact a local VFW or American Legion Post No. Andover V.F.W. Post 2104, (978) 687-9614

VFW Lowell, (978) 453-6231.

American Legion Post 87, in Lowell, Mass.

American Legion Post 437, in Westford, Mass.

Try your local Veteran's Services office.

FURNITURE/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

The Lowell Wish Project, Lowell, Mass., 978-441-WISH (9474), www.thewishproject.org.

Big Brother, Big Sister Foundation, 800-483-5503, <http://www.bbbsfoundation.org/>

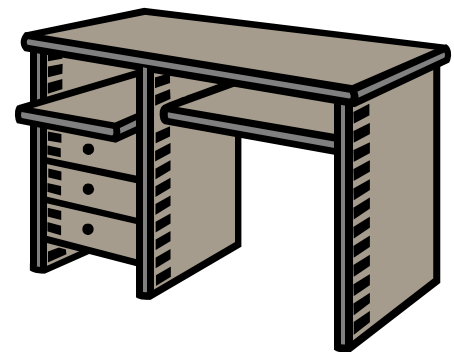
Goodwill of Massachusetts, <http://www.goodwillmass.org/>.

Goodwill Industries of Northern New England,
<http://www.goodwillnne.org/>

Saint Vincent de Paul. Retail Stores in Lawrence and Lowell. <http://www.svdpboston.com/>.

Salvation Army Thrift Stores, (1-800-728-7825), or visit www.salvationarmyusa.org/. 625 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887; 217 West Hollis Street, Nashua, NH 03061; 132 Merrimac Street, Haverhill, MA 01830.

Household Goods Recycling Ministry, Inc., Acton, Mass., 978 635-1763 or <http://www.hgrm.org/>.



GREETING CARDS:

Reuse as gift tags on next year's gift packages or check with local senior center or after school program or recycle with other paper.

HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE(HHW): (fees apply)

Many communities have special collection programs for Household Hazardous Waste. HHW includes pesticides, solvents, toxic chemicals, pool chemicals, acids, bases, and flammable materials. These should NOT be put into the trash even in small quantities. They can become very dangerous, especially if mixed with other material. Risk of contamination to ground water is significant. Contact your municipal recycling or solid waste office for information.



Minuteman Hazardous Products Collection Facility, Hartwell Ave, Lexington, Mass. Monthly collection dates start in April and go through November. Residents of *nonmember* towns pay a fee based on quantity. <http://www.lexingtonma.gov/dpw/hhhwfacility.cfm> for list of material collected.

LIGHTBULBS:



All fluorescent light bulbs (Compact bulbs and fluorescent tubes) contain a small amount of mercury and are banned from the trash. Most communities have mercury recovery programs and can tell you where to bring old fluorescent light bulbs.

Standard (incandescent) light bulbs can be thrown into the trash. Wrap in old paper to avoid injury.

LINENS:

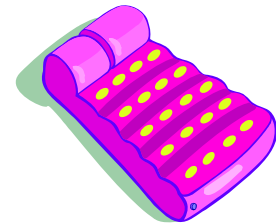
Animal shelters often need linens and can use ones that are in poor condition or ask your local dog pound.

MSPCA, For list of animal care and adoption centers go to www.mspca.org . Lowell Humane Society: 951 Broadway St, Lowell, Mass., 978-452-7781, or Nevins Farm at 400 Broadway, Methuen, Mass., (978) 687-7453.

MATTRESSES:

The Lowell Wish Project accepts stain free mattresses in good condition. www.lowellwishproject.org/. Call 978-441-9474 for information.

Check contact your municipal recycling or solid waste office for regulations on curbside pickup



MEDICAL WASTE -Expired medications and used syringes:

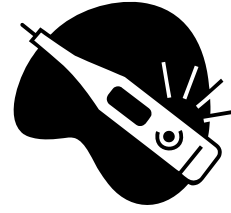
DO NOT flush medications down the toilet.



****Watch for a National Prescription Take Back Day at*
<http://www.justice.gov/dea/>***

MERCURY CONTAINING ITEMS:

All of the following items contain mercury and require special handling: thermostats, thermometers, mercury switches, blood pressure gauges, barometers, flow meters and fluorescent bulbs. These items are banned from disposal with the trash. Most communities have mercury recovery programs and can tell you where to bring these items



METAL: SCRAP (fees apply):



The following companies process scrap metal:

Max Levine & Co., Lowell, Mass., 978-454-7786. Call for information.

Interstate Metal and Alloy, Nashua, N.H., 603-883-0093.

<http://www.interstatemetalandalloy.com/>.

Granite State Salvage, Hudson, N.H., 603-882-9325. <http://www.granitestatesalvage.com/>.

Winfield Alloy, Lawrence, Mass., <http://www.winfieldalloy.com/>.

Black and Blue Demolition and Salvage, Tewksbury, Mass., 978-804-8894.

The Metal Men, Chelmsford, Mass., 978-398-9695.

Cubelli and Sons, Methuen, Mass., 978-618-2121 or 978-688-1773.

BHS, Lowell, Mass., 978-454-0311. Accepts non-ferrous metals only (brass, copper, aluminum, etc).

Tombarello & Sons, Windham, N.H., 603-231-7035.

PACKAGING MATERIAL (STYROFOAM):

Clean Styrofoam, packing peanuts, bubble wrap, and packing pillows can reused.

The Peanut Hotline, The Peanut Hotline (800-828-2214) is a 24-hour, toll-free service that directs callers to the nearest location that accepts plastic loose peanuts

The UPS Store, Most company stores accept clean packing material. Check for locations at <http://www.theupsstore.com/>.

Postal Center USA, Check <http://www.postalcenterusa.com/> for store locations. Call to find out if they are accepting packing material.

PAINT – LATEX:

Latex paint is **not hazardous**. Let it dry out, use a Paint Hardener, available at most paint or hardware stores, then put it out with your regular trash

PAINT – OIL-BASED:

Oil-based paint is flammable and considered **hazardous waste** and should not be thrown in the trash. See Household Hazardous Waste.



PHONEBOOKS:

Phonebooks can be recycled at curbside with your other paper.

PROPANE TANKS:

Do not put propane tanks in the trash; many towns have a collection day or a drop off location for Propane tanks. Check with your municipal recycling or solid waste office for local options.

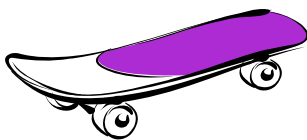


SMOKE DETECTORS:

Remove battery and dispose of the smoke detector in the trash. See Batteries for disposal information.

SPORTING GOODS:

Play It Again, Sports, <http://www.playitagainsports.com> . They buy and sell new and used sporting goods.



TOOLS:

Goodwill of Massachusetts, <http://www.goodwillmass.org/>.

Goodwill Industries of Northern New England, <http://www.goodwillnne.org/>.

Salvation Army, www.salvationarmyusa.org/.

TOYS:

Many of the same places that accept furniture or household items also accept toys in good condition.

YARD WASTE: (fees apply)

Consider setting up a compost bin in your back yard. Contact your municipal recycling or solid waste office for yard waste options.



B. M. C. Corporation, Tewksbury, Mass., 978-667-2171. Will accept yard waste, stumps, and clean wood. Call for hours and fees.

Landscape Express, Woburn, Mass., 978-462-5348. Accepts yard waste and clean wood. Call for hours and fees.