



Use it, reuse it, compost or recycle

These options save us all money in multiple ways
 (purchase, shipping, disposal fees),
 gives new use to unwanted items,
 reduces waste disposal costs,
 helps the environment
 And it's fun!

Locations that accept the most items in our area:

- Devens HHW (Fees), Mar-Dec, 1st Wed & following Sat, 9-12
 - 9 Cook Street (Rear), www.DevensHHW.com (978) 501-3943
- Devens Recycling Center (Fees) Mon-Fri 7-5, Sat 7-1
 - 45 Independence Dr, www.devensrecycling.com, (978) 772-6500
- Groton Regional Recycling Center (Some fees) Wed-Sat 7:30-4:30
 - 600 Cow Pond Brook Road,
www.townofgroton.org/Town/TownDepartments/DepartmentofPublicWorks/TransferStation ,
 (978) 732-1900
 - Town, hauler or business, contact Tom Delaney 978-448-1162 to deliver full roll-offs of recycling & to share in profit.
- Lancaster Recycling Center (Some fees) Sat and Sun 10-12
 - Bridge Road, www.ci.lancaster.ma.us, (978) 368-1380
www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/Pages/LancasterMA_Recycling/index
- Townsend Recycling Center (Some fees) 1st & 3rd Sat, winter (Jan, Feb, Mar) 1st Sat only
 - 33 Greenville Road, www.townsend.ma.us/Pages/TownsendMA_Recycling/index,
 (978) 597-1713
- Your Local Recycling center. See detail of services offered in the center of this guide.

○ Ashby	○ Groton	○ Lunenburg
○ Ayer	○ Harvard	○ Pepperell
○ Bolton	○ Lancaster	○ Shirley
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Suggestions, additions, errors? contact MassToss at www.MassToss.com or Recycle@charter.net .

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Contact your favorite charity or search online for “car, boat donation”, “recreational vehicle donation”.
Possibilities: www.mareinc.org/Car-Donation , www.donateacar.com/massachusetts-charities

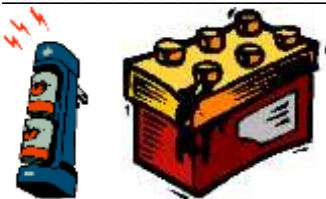
AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS

Automotive products contain many hazardous materials and must be handled with care.
Do not dump in your trash, on the ground or down the drain.

- **Motor oil**
Take to DevensHHW or your local town recycling center or where you purchased oil.
- **Motor oil filters**
Jiffy Lube will properly dispose of the old filters.
- **Empty motor oil bottles**
Bottles and other packaging that contained hazardous products are not recyclable, throw away.
- **Antifreeze**
Take to Devens HHW facility www.devenshww.com . Antifreeze is not only hazardous; its deceiving color and sweet taste may attract children, pets and wild animals.

TIRES

Your local community Recycling Center accepts tires
Liberty Tire Recycling www.libertytire.com/ContactUs/Locations/Littleton-MA,
256 Ayer Road Littleton (978) 772-4251
Devens Recycling Center, 45 Independence Dr, www.devensrecycling.com, (978) 772-6500



Batteries (Rechargeable & Car)

Common household batteries (**alkaline**, zinc and others in sizes A, AA, AAA, C and D) manufactured after 1994 **don't contain mercury or other hazardous/recyclable and can be thrown away in your regular trash**. All other types of batteries require special disposal because they contain hazardous materials.

Button batteries (found in watches, hearing aids, electronics and some toys):

Stores that sell button batteries and watch/jewelry shops accept button batteries for free;

- **Lead acid batteries** (found in automobiles, trucks, lawn mowers):
When you buy a new battery, the retailer is required to take your old one back at no charge. Your local recycling center accepts lead acid batteries.

- **Lithium batteries** (found primarily in cameras and other equipment):
All-American-Recycling, www.all-american-recycling.com Sculley Rd Ayer (978) 772-2854.

Check all batteries carefully before disposal; look for "Lithium" on the label. They may resemble alkaline batteries, but lithium batteries should be recycled properly.

- **Rechargeable batteries**
 - (Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion), Nickel-Zinc (Ni-Zn), small Sealed Lead Acid (Pb) batteries) Bring to where you bought the batteries, your local recycling center or Devens HHW
 - Find other local options to recycle rechargeable batteries at www.rbr.org. 877-2 recycle See how they recycle the batteries- www.call2recycle.org/program-info/



Construction (Construction and Demolition Waste)

BUILDING & REMODELING MATERIALS

Construction & Demolition ("C&D") waste includes asphalt, asphalt shingles, bricks, cement, cinder blocks, clapboard, concrete, doors, flooring, insulation, lumber, mortar, plaster, plywood, roofing, sheetrock, shingles, tiles, windows and wood. Vehicles with a capacity greater than 5 cubic yards are subject to strict disposal requirements for C&D wastes in Massachusetts (see www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/solid/cdbanfaq.pdf)

- Reusable: Used building materials (in good condition) can be donated for re-use.
 - **Habitat for Humanity Habitat ReStore in Leominster (Rte 117)-** restorencm.org/donate
You can donate at the store or at events like the Oct 19, 2013 Recycle Your Reusable event in Shirley, or call to arrange pickup.
- Recycling All at one site
 - **Devens Recycling Center-** www.devensrecycling.com/services/main (978)772-6500
45 independence Drive, Devens, call about min fees
 - **Charles George Companies.(AKS)** 15 Cobbler Drive Fitchburg, (800)965-9425.
www.charlesgeorgecompanies.com
 - **E.L. Harvey Westborough Ma** 68 Hopkinton Rd. Westborough, (800)321.3002
www.elharvey.com/schedule-a-tour/
 - **E. L . Harvey in Fitchburg.** 50 Arbor Way Fitchburg,
- **Shingles** www.shinglerecycling.org/content/massachusetts-shingle-recyclers
- **Wooden pallets** can be reused or recycled as "clean wood waste." Wood: Biomass Combustion Systems, www.biomasscombustion.com 67 Millbrook Street, Suite 502, Worcester,(508) 798-5970
- **Wood**, take to your local town recycling center. Note that pressure-treated wood contains chemicals so it should only be disposed of in a modern landfill. Don't put it in a backyard compost, brush or chipping pile. Don't burn it or send it to a waste incinerator for disposal.

- **Stone, Gravel, asphalt** JP Keating, 998 Reservoir Road Lunenburg, 978-582-5200
www.pjkeating.com E.H Perkins Construction, Sterling (508) 358-6161 W.M Reisner Corp, Clinton, (978) 365-4585 www.reisner.com/materials
- **Disposal** Fee-based disposal options are available at most Recycling Centers; call your community representative* for more information.



Bulky Items (mattress, couch, upholstered furniture, etc.)

- Large household items in usable condition look at “Reuse” below
 - Repurpose consider how an item may be reused or made into other useable items. See GrotonFreeStuff
 - Mattresses, boxsprings, furniture
 - Acton-The Household Goods Ministry: www.hgrm.org/partners 978-635-1710
 - **Lowell- The Wish Project** www.thewishproject.org/recycle 978-441-9474
 - **All Towns Event: Recycle your Reusables October 19, 2013 in Shirley**
www.RecycleYourReusables.wordpress.com (978) 496-5839
 - Carpet
 - Fee-based disposal of area rugs, carpets and padding is available at most Recycling Centers.
- For disposal/ Recycling
 - Recycling Centers collect
 - Devens Recycling Center
 - Conigliaro- will take apart the upholstered items, 701 Waverly Street, Framingham, (508) 872-9668
www.conigliaro.com/programs/everything.cfm



Electronics (Any with a plug or battery powered)

This category includes computers/monitors/ television sets, answering machines, cell phones, copy machines, DVD players, fax machines, pagers, printers, satellite dishes, scanners, telephones, VCRs, video game systems, etc...

Collection sites

- Local Recycling Centers, see table
- Devens HHW accepts
- All-American-Recycling.com, (978)772-2854, 1 Sculley Road, Unit B, Ayer
- PCLan www.pclan.net/ (978)597-0300, 267 Main Street, Townsend

- East Coast Recycling www.eastcoastrecycling.com/collectionEvents (877)537-9940, 68 Walker Road, Shirley
- Salvation Army will accept electronic items at stores, Fitchburg. Will pick up at the house only if other items are included. 1-800-SATruck www.SATruck.org
- Best Buy and Staples will recycle any eligible item at no charge.

ELECTRONIC MEDIA

- New or used CDs -You can sell new or used CDs through www.murfie.com and many other websites.
- Book collection programs also accept good DVD's, CD's and games
- GreenDisk offers a mail-in option for spare computer cords, cables, boards, chips, and computer peripherals, as well as all kinds of electronic media and their cases. For more information, go to www.greendisk.com.
- **Best Buy** collects CDs and DVDs for recycling at in-store kiosks.
- The electronic recyclers want your wires too.

LIGHT BULBS

Old-fashioned incandescent light bulbs are not recyclable and should be thrown away. Halogen bulbs, fluorescent bulbs and compact fluorescent bulbs ("CFLs") require special disposal (see "Mercury & mercury-containing products" under hazardous).

INK, PRINTER & TONER CARTRIDGES

- Many local schools and non-profit organizations collect cartridges for fundraising purposes.
- Cartridges are accepted for recycling at Devens HHW, Staples and Target.

LIGHT STRINGS Your local recycling center can collect with the electronics.



Food & Compost

COMPOST BINS contact your community representative* to find out if compost bins are available at your Recycling Center

LEFT OVER FOOD

- Garden surplus- donate to local pantry such as Loaves & Fishes www.loavesfishespantry.org/, 978-772-4627, 234 Barnum Rd, Devens
- Kitchen scraps can be composted, see "compost bins".

PIZZA BOXES

Clean & soiled pizza boxes can be compost in your home compost bins

VERMICOMPOST AND WORMS can be purchased seasonally at: Mass Natural [\(978\) 874-0744](tel:978-874-0744) 65 Bean Porridge Hill Road Westminister,



Hazardous (Antifreeze, Oil Paint, Pesticides, etc)

www.DevensHHW.com

Open March to December, 1st Wed and following Sat

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Read the product label to determine if the product is considered hazardous, requiring special handling. Look for warnings and words like caustic, toxic, corrosive, poison, flammable, danger, and “keep out of reach of children.” First, consider using up the product according to package directions, or giving it away to someone who will. Take to Devens HHW; go to www.Devenshhw.com for the full list of what can be taken.

MERCURY & MERCURY-CONTAINING PRODUCTS

Take to your local recycling center or www.Devenshhw.com. Mercury is highly toxic and requires special disposal. It is not hazardous when contained in a sealed device. Exposure may be reduced by placing items in sealed plastic bags and handling them carefully to avoid breakage. Do not place mercury or items containing it in the trash or down a drain, and do not vacuum even the smallest spill. Instructions for handling mercury exposure can be found at www.mass.gov - search "broken cfl" or “mercury spill”.

- **Fluorescent light bulbs**

Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) **Free CFL recycling is offered at :**

Aubuchon Hardware stores, Home Depot, Lowes, and Ace Hardware.

Larger fluorescent tubes Commercial organizations generating large numbers of bulbs may contract directly with a lamp recycler; licensed mercury recyclers can be found at www.mass.gov - search "recycle mercury"

- **Thermometers**

A mercury thermometer can be easily identified by the presence of a silver bulb at the end of a glass tube. Most recycling centers accept or take to Devens HHW.

- **Thermostats**

Thermostats with digital displays typically do not contain mercury switches. Switches containing liquid mercury are found in older wall-mounted thermostats. Carefully handle to avoid breakage. Most recycling centers accept or take to Devens HHW.

- **Ballasts**

Most fluorescent light fixtures produced before July 1979 contained ballasts with small amounts of PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls), a highly toxic substance. PCB-free ballasts are marked “non-PCB.” PCB ballasts are typically collected at the same sites as larger fluorescent tube-type bulbs. Contact your community representative* for more information.

PAINT & PAINT-RELATED PRODUCTS

- Reuse-If your unwanted paint was purchased recently and is in good condition, consider donating it for use instead of throwing it away. Many school/community theatre groups and charitable organizations (such as Habitat for Humanity) will accept quality paint products. You may also offer it for reuse through GrotonFreeStuff or www.FreeCycle.org. See “Reuse” below

- Petroleum (oil-based) paints, stains, thinners, and varnishes are considered hazardous materials, requiring proper disposal .Take to Devens HHW, www.DevensHHW.com, open 20 times a year.
- Latex paint and water-based stains are accepted at Devens hazardous waste collections, but it can be thrown away when completely hardened. Speed up the process by adding paint hardener (available in hardware stores) or by stirring in clean kitty litter and allowing the mix to harden. When there are no free-flowing liquids, you may place the open paint can (without the lid) in your household trash.



Medications & Pharmaceuticals

Free medication collections:

- Periodically at local Police Departments. **Next event is April 27, 2013, 10 AM – 2 PM** Visit www.dea.gov or for more information on Take Back day*. Check here for [Drug Take Back locations](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/) www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/
- Ayer Police Station collection container is available 24/7 just inside the lobby at 54 Park Street*
- Groton Police Station collection container is available 24/7 just inside the lobby at 99 Pleasant St.*
- *No questions asked and non-residents welcome. Note that they do not accept needles, liquid, aerosol or biological hazards (blood, body fluids, etc).

View drug fact sheet here: www.justice.gov/dea/druginfo/factsheets.shtml



Needles & sharps

According to Massachusetts Sanitary Code, hypodermic needles, syringes, lances, and all other “sharps” cannot be placed loose in your trash or recycling bin. A State-wide ban on sharps disposal started July 1, 2012.

Nashoba Associated Boards of Health has implemented a sharps collection program which most area communities are members. Containers are picked up and returned to their 30 Central Avenue, Ayer office, (978)772-3335 Mon - Fri, 9am-4:30pm, www.nashoba.org, Sharps containers come in 2 sizes, \$5 for 5 quarts and \$8 for 8 quarts. www.nashoba.org/public-health/hot-topics. Sharps can only be accepted in approved containers. If not associated with Nashoba Associated BOH contact your Board of Health for more information.



Metal (Scrap Aluminum, Steel, Cooper, etc.)

APPLIANCES

All local recycling centers accept appliances, Fees may apply.

SCRAP METAL

Reuse or take to your recycling center. Discarding scrap metal as trash is banned by State regulations.
Area Metal recyclers

www.all-american-recycling.com	1 Sculley Road, unit A	Ayer	(978) 772-2854
MJS Metals www.mjsmetals.com	60 Turnpike Rd	Townsend	(978) 597-2927
Withington Scrap	70 Pleasant Street	Lunenburg	(978) 342-3922
AKS Recycling	15 Cobbler Dr	Fitchburg	(978) 345-9425



Recycling Centers (Center table)



Paper

All Town Recycling Centers accept all paper

All private hauler recycling programs accept paper

Open to all:

Devens Public Works open 24/7, 99 Buena Vista Street

Groton Recycling Center, Wed-Sat 7:30-4:30, 600 Cow Pond Brook Rd

Lancaster Recycling Center, Sat & Sun 10-12, 435 Center Bridge Road

Townsend Recycling Center, 1st & 3rd Sat, 7a - 2p, winter (Jan, Feb, Mar) 1st Sat only, 33 Greenville Rd

CARDBOARD BOXES

All clean boxes are recyclable.

JUNK MAIL & CATALOGS

Unwanted mail and catalogs are recyclable. You can reduce them at the source:

- www.DirectMail.com – a free service that gets your name off commercial mailing lists (www.directmail.com/directory/mail_preference);
- www.OptOutPrescreen.com – a free service that ends pre-approved credit card and insurance offers
- www.YellowPagesGoesGreen.com – a free service that takes your name off phonebook mailing lists;

PAPER DUMPSTERS

The Abitibi Paper Retriever www.paperretriever.com
KLT- www.kltindustries.com , (888)949.1122, 3 Nemco Way, Ayer

SHREDDING PAPER

Shredded paper can be placed with paper in stapled paper bag, or call to find out specifics

Oct 19, 2013 event in Shirley Recycle Your Reusables, free event open to all,

www.recycleyourreusables.wordpress.com 978-496-5839

E. L Harvery www.elharvey.com/ (508)836.3000

Cintas www.cintas.com/DocumentManagement/DocumentShredding, (978)250-1300,

PIZZA BOXES

Only clean portions of pizza boxes (completely free of grease and food) can be recycled with your paper and cardboard. Soiled portions can be composted in your home compost bins or thrown away as trash.



Plastic, Metal & Glass Containers

All Town Recycling Centers accept plastic, metal & glass containers

All private hauler recycling programs accept plastic, metal & glass containers

Open to all:

Devens Highway Dept open 24/7, 99 Buena Vista Street

Groton Recycling Center, Wed-Sat 7:30-4:30, 600 Cow Pond Brook Rd

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Plastic (Bulky, Plastic Bags, Styrofoam, etc.)

PLASTICS

Technological advances and new markets have recently expanded plastic recycling guidelines:

- **Clear, hinged “clamshell” containers** (clear molded plastic containers) typically used to include with your bottles and cans. Do not include Styrofoam or colored plastics like black trays) or any container labeled “compostable” in your recycling bin.
- **Caps and lids** – keep on the empty container

BAGS

Most supermarket and grocery stores, dry cleaners, and large retail stores will take plastic bags. **Do not put in with recyclables at the curb or the drop off**; they create litter and clog machinery at the processing facility.

For cloth bags (see “Textiles”)

BOATS plastic: -EL. Harvey can recycle the seasonal wrap

PACKAGING MATERIALS

Most of these materials are reusable; some are also recyclable:

- **Cardboard boxes** can be reused, and flattened boxes can be recycled with mixed paper.
- **Foam peanuts:** Antique & shipping stores take them
- **Cornstarch pellets** may be composted in a backyard bin or reused. However, these will not be accepted by commercial composting facilities or packing shipping stores.
- **Styrofoam blocks and shapes:** www.Reforamt.com (508)864-8723 1 Sculley Rd Ayer Free, Townsend Recycling center, or RYR event 10/19/13
- **Packing paper** is reusable as well as recyclable.
- **Plastic sealed air packaging** is reusable. Once deflated, it can also be recycled with shopping bags
- **Miscellaneous** packaging, clean and dry such as prepackaged food bags, frozen food, prewashed salad bags (unless they have #2 or #4), chip bags, cracker or cereal bags, foil lined coffee bags and animal feed bags (dog, cat, chicken, horse, fish), other plastic bags or wrappers can be made into new products by mailing them to:
 - Lou's Upcycles, www.lousupcycles.com, lousupcycles@gmail.com
 - Trashebags.com 11 South Park, Montrose, Colorado 81401
- **Pellet fuel Bags**
 - In Mass, Trex has partnered with Big Y, Shaw’s, Whole Foods, Target, Wegman’s and Market Basket to accept pellet and salt bags
- **Rigid, bulky plastics** are large, durable, molded items. Please do not place them in your recycling bin. Many recycling centers now accept.
- **Expanded polystyrene foam** (commonly referred to as Styrofoam) ReFoamIt collects Styrofoam and other previously non-recyclable plastics (e.g., plastic utensils) ReFoamIt, 1 Sculley Rd, Ayer, M-F 8-5, S 8-2 (508)864-8723
- **Plant pots and trays** are not recyclable with bottles and cans. Lowe’s garden centers accept rigid plastic plant pots and trays at no cost. Many Recycling Centers now collect rigid plastic items including plant pots and trays. Thin (flimsy) black plastic trays are not recyclable in

either of these programs. Garden Clubs, garden centers and florist shops may also accept clean plastic planting containers for reuse. TEO in Townsend accepts for community garden.



Recyclables in Large Volumes

Groton Regional Recycling Center is available to small businesses and private haulers serving the Town of Groton and Partner Communities, Ashby, Dunstable and Littleton. Materials collected include recyclable cardboard, mixed paper; metal cans, plastic containers and rigid plastics. The facility will accept deliveries from neighboring municipal drop-off centers, local businesses and small recycling haulers. There are potential revenue sharing opportunities for partner communities. This service will further expand the recycling capacity for the region. Please contact Tom Delaney by emailing highway@townofgroton.org or call 978-448-1162 for more information.

REUSE

TOO-GOOD-TO-TRASH ITEMS:

Free online swap shop

- Open to ALL area communities. Groton Free Stuff Yahoo Group
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/GrotonFreeStuff/
- Lunenburg: groups.yahoo.com/group/lunenburgfreestuff
- Shirley: www.FreeCycle.org/SHirleyMA

Organizations that come to your house for free

- Salvation Army 1800- SA Truck satruck.org
- Epilepsy foundation with Savers (888) 322-8209 donatenewengland.org

Clothing bins around town and at local schools and recycling centers accept **ALL** textiles. Clothing, footwear, stuffed animals & household textiles in any condition, just **NO Wet** and **NO Smell**.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters	www.bbbsfoundation.org	In Leominster	1-800-483-5503
Goodwill	www.goodwillmass.org	1010 Harrison Ave. Boston, Amherst NH	1-888-828-GIVE
Habitat ReStore	restorenem.org/	637 Lancaster St Leominster	(978) 227-5556
Household Goods Recycling	hgrm.org	435 Central St, Acton, MA	(978) 635-1763
The Wish Project	www.thewishproject.org	1A Foundry St. Lowell	(978) 441-WISH

ARTS, CRAFTS & HOBBY ITEMS

Go to www.crazycrayons.com for information about recycling old crayons. Schools can recycle Elmer's glue bottles and sticks through the Glue Crew Program (www.elmersgluecrew.com).

Talk to your local recreation departments and preschools about donating your extra items.

BABY GOODS

Baby R US has events to collect not-needed supplies in exchange for discounts vouchers. Charities love discount vouchers. The Lowell Wish Project, will take car seats and boosters less than 5 years old in great shape. (978) 441-WISH (9474) www.thewishproject.org

BEDS

- Lowell- The Wish Project www.thewishproject.org/ 1A Foundry St. Lowell, (978) 441-WISH (9474)
- Fitchburg, Nashua Salvation Army satruck.org/national-family-stores 1800- SA Truck
- Leominster Habitat for Humanity 637 Lancaster Street (Route 117) restorencm.org/ (978) 227-5556
- Household Goods Recycling [435 Central St, Acton, MA](http://435CentralStActonMA.com) (978) 635-1763 - hgrm.org

BICYCLES

- To give away a bicycle in good condition, try GrotonFreeStuff (open to all) www.groups.yahoo.com/group/GrotonFreeStuff/, www.freecycle.org, www.pedalpeople.com.
- Friends of Pepperell library, Sue Boswell (978) 835-0133 Collect bikes year round for their annual used bike sale, bike sale in April and leftovers go to the Worcester earn a bike program, worcesterearnabike.org/
- For recycling options, see “Scrap Metal” Or “**Rigid, bulky plastics.**”

BOOKS

Take to public libraries, used bookstores, or to a book exchange area at your local Recycling Center. Salvation Army will take any book even encyclopedias. Books that are unsuitable for reuse can be recycled. Paperback books and phonebooks can be recycled as is, but the covers/spines from hardcover books must be removed prior to recycling.

Collection box is at Route 113/Route 119. GotBooks! 978.284.2500 www.gotbooks.com 255 Andover Street, Wilmington and in Nashua NH

Hands Across the Water 734-477-0135 www.hatw.org/ (Local location: Groton School, 282 Farmers Row)

Reading Tree/Discover Books 1-(888) 402-BOOK - www.surplusbooksforcharity.org/

CELL PHONES

Most stores that sell cell phones and electronics will also accept them back for free (see list under “electronics”)

TEXTILES & CLOTHING

Take to your local recycling center and put into drop-off box. Local reuse and donation opportunities exist for all kinds of textiles and shoes. Deliver clean/dry/used textiles and clothing to donation centers. **Include items that are torn, stained, with missing buttons or broken zippers.** These organizations will also welcome old hats, gloves, (mismatched) socks, underwear, belts, ties, purses, handbags and shoes in any condition, as long as they are NOT Wet and have NO smell. Donations of household goods like curtains, pillows, drapes, comforters, sheets, pillow cases, towels, stuffed animals, table cloths and linens can be donated as well.

Animal shelters also accept old sheets, blankets, pillowcases, bedspreads, throw rugs and towels for reuse.

Townsend Ecumenical Outreach (TEO) 82 Bayberry Hill Road, Townsend 978-597-2209

Ginny's Helping Hand, (978) 537-1387, www.ginnyshelpinghand.org/, 52 Mechanic Street, Leominster-

Devens Loaves and fishes (978) 772-4627 www.loavesfishespantry.org 234 Barnum Road Devens,
All the clothing bins around town and at recycling centers and at schools.

CLOTHES HANGERS

Metal hangers are accepted for reuse by some dry cleaners and are also accepted for recycling as scrap metal at most Recycling Centers. Wal-Mart accepts plastic hangers. Plastic hangers are recyclable at “bulky rigid plastics” collections not in curbside or container collection bins

COSTUMES

Uncommon costume in Townsend (978) 597-6102
Thrift shops (see below)

EYE GLASSES:

Most eye care providers will accept and have Lions box for glasses.
Workers Credit Union has a Lions box for glasses in Townsend.

FOOD PANTRIES THAT ACCEPT CLOTHES, FOOD, CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Loaves and Fishes- Devens (Ayer, Groton, Harvard, Littleton, and Shirley)
PACH- Pepperell
TEO- Townsend

FURNITURE

Furniture in good condition can be sold or donated for reuse. When you purchase a new mattress, ask the retailer to take back the old one. The Wish Project www.thewishproject.org/goods will take mattresses especially crib and twin mattresses. Salvation Army, Goodwill, Epilepsy foundation- Savers will take furniture as will Habitat ReStore as about pick up.

GREETING CARDS

Cards are recyclable with paper if they don't have any foil, metal or batteries (see “Batteries”). St. Jude’s Ranch for Children will take and reuse and recycle cards for all occasions year round www.stjudesranch.org/shop/recycled-card-program/. Townsend Recycling Center is taking cards for Townsend Recreation.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

Salvation Army, Wish project, Home Goods Recycling and Habitat ReStore

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

- Hungry for music (www.hungryformusic.com) distributes quality musical instruments and sheet music to underserved children in the US and abroad.
- The Minor Chord, in Littleton, accepts instruments and hands them off to the Veterans' Medical Center in Bedford, MA. <www.theminorchord.com>.
- Joy of Music Program (JOMP) in Worcester accepts used instruments in working order or which at least will not cost more to fix than the instrument is worth. Joy of Music Program 1 Gorham Street Worcester (508) 856-9541

PET SUPPLIES:

Animal control officer in town, and local vet offices

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Buy or sell quality sports equipment through Play It Again Sports (for locations and other information, visit www.playitagainsports.com . Scouts often take sports equipment for fundraisers.

SKIS

Schools and Ski clubs often have annual ski exchange and sales

STUFFED ANIMALS

Reuse and Recycle in area clothing bins around your community.

STYROFOAM ReFoamIt, 1 Sculley Rd, Ayer, M-F 8-5, S 8-2 508-864-8723, Townsend Recycling center, or RYR event 10/19/13

THRIFT SHOPS

Littleton- Noah's Ark 320 Great Rd (978) 952-6788

Townsend-Unique boutique 536 Main St - (978) 597-1916 www.wandasuniqueboutique.com

Groton- Give & Take, 38 Court Street - (978)877-6787

TOYS

Salvation Army, Savers

TOOLS

Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army

TOILETRIES

Home Goods Ministry, Homeless shelters, Food banks

TROPHIES

The Boys and Girls Club of Lowell www.lbgc.org (978)458-4526

UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE,

- Habitat for Humanity ReStore
- Salvation Army

VIDEO GAMES (See "Book")

School exchanges, Salvation Army, Savers

YARD SALE ITEMS:

- Groton Labor Day Scout yard Sale
- Littleton yard sales in July
- Pepperell Community yard sales April
- Shirley Town Wide Yard Sales - May and October (weekends vary)
- Shirley St. Anthony's Bazaar every August, first weekend, huge white elephant sales



Yard / Garden (Brush, Leaves, Yard Waste, etc)

YARD WASTE, LEAVES, BRUSH, CHRISTMAS TREES

Throwing away leaf and yard waste as trash is prohibited by State regulations. Consider composting your organic materials in a backyard compost bin or contact your community representative* to find out if yard & leaf waste is accepted at your Recycling Center.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Check your Recycling Center. Groton and Townsend take Christmas trees. Some Boy Scouts will have collections.

Miscellaneous- items for reuse or recycling

ALUMINUM FOIL & PRODUCTS

Clean and recycle with your bottles & cans. Check with your local collection

CARTONS & DRINK BOXES

Paper cartons (“aseptic packaging” for dairy products, soy milk, soup, juice) can be recycled with bottles and cans. Rinse/flatten containers. Terracycle (www.terracycle.net) or local programs, see Drink Pouches & Wrappers, below.

CORKS

Corks should not be put in your recycling bin. Great for art supplies. Natural corks can be crumbled and added to a backyard compost bin or taken to Whole Foods.

DIAPERS (CLOTH)

Amherst, NH, the thrift store “Mother and Child” - 650 Amherst St Nashua, NH (603) 886-6727

DRINK POUCHES & WRAPPERS

Terracycle drop off location at Florence Roche Elementary School called UPCYCLEIT! Put empty drink pouches; (such as Capri Sun and Honest Kids) energy bar wrappers; (granola, cereal, protein bars, including Rice Krispie Treats) Chip bags, candy wrappers, and GoGo squeeZ containers in the drop off container at the Florence Roche Cafeteria. Questions? contact Groton Grange sponsor, Sally at SallyL13@gmail.com or 978-448-3418. TerraCycle will upcycle the materials into cool new eco-friendly and affordable products such as tote bags, pencil cases, kites, shower curtains. www.terracycle.net

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

Reuse- Free stuff, yahoo group for our area.

Recycle- metal- (see Metal) / bulky plastic (see plastic)

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Residents can call their fire department or community representative* to find out if fire extinguishers are accepted.

- O'Connell Fire Protection 508-852-7227 261 Brooks Street Worcester, MA 01606

Refills and accepts all types of fire extinguishers for a fee

FLAGS

For the proper disposal of U.S.A. flags bring to the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Groton Town Hall has a bin outside Town Clerk's office for retired U.S.A. flags.

MAGNETS

Used for crafts. Ask your local scouts if they need them. Townsend Earth Day celebration collects them.

REDEMPTION CONTAINERS

Supermarkets, Groton General Store, Recycling Centers

SMOKE DETECTORS

Certain smoke detectors contain a radioactive sensing device, but the radioactivity is so low that it is considered harmless. Remove battery and dispose of smoke detector in the trash, per MassDEP,

www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/hazardous/smoke.htm



Disposal

Before disposing of items, look above to see if someone needs it or can recycle it. If you need to dispose of it check with your Board of Health to find out who is licensed in your community to transport your trash. Check out www.earth911.com, A national data base on where to recycle.

AMMUNITION & EXPLOSIVES

Call your local Police Department for proper disposal instructions.

ASBESTOS

There are strict removal and disposal requirements for asbestos. Check the "Yellow Pages" or Google (under "Asbestos Abatement and Removal Services" or "Asbestos Consultants") also see www.epa.gov/asbestos/