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Guide to recycling/reusing materials that can't go in curbside containers:

Plastic bags- Return (clean and dry) to:

- Target
- Wal-Mart
- Lowe's
- Big Y
- Stop and Shop
- Whole Foods

CFLs – Recycle:

- Lowe's
- Home Depot
- Whole Foods
- Amherst Transfer station (\$1 per bulb)

Long fluorescent tubes can be brought to the transfer station or hazardous waste collections

Small electronics:

Phones -Target

Home Depot
Whole Foods
Staples

- Staples takes back **ALL** small electronics, working or non-working (laptops, hard drives, monitors, printers, fax machines, music players- not appliances) for free
- Amherst Transfer Station (Fees from \$3-25)
- Gold Circuit E-Cycling (fees apply) – in Palmer, MA
- Goodwill and Salvation Army accept all working electronics in good condition.

Rechargeable batteries- Recycle:

- Lowe's
- Home Depot
- Amherst Transfer Station

Used motor oil- Bring to:

- Wal-Mart, Autozone, or Firestone
- Amherst Transfer Station
- Hazardous Waste Collections

Garden pots and trays

- Lowe's takes back all plastic trays and pots, including broken ones, for recycling
- Hadley Garden Center takes back trays and pots in good condition for reuse

Ink and toner cartridges- Return for reuse to:

- Staples (You get store credit)
- Lowe's
- Target
- Whole Foods

Furniture

- Goodwill and Salvation Army take donations of any kind of furniture in good condition (they will also pick up for free! Call to schedule)
- Furniture in good condition can be left at the Transfer Station swap shop (with approval)
- Old or damaged furniture and area rugs can be disposed of at the Transfer Station for \$10

Mattresses

- Salvation Army will take donations of mattresses in good condition (no stains or tears)
- Amherst Transfer Station takes mattresses for recycling (\$15-25 depending on the size)
- Gold Circuit E-Cycling (\$20-40, in Palmer, MA)

Appliances (working) - Donate:

- Goodwill and Salvation Army (they will pick up for free)
- Amherst Survival Center (small appliances in good condition only)
- Transfer Station swap shop

Appliances (not working)

- Lowe's takes back all appliances for a \$20 fee
- Amherst Transfer Station takes appliances without Freon for \$15, and appliances with Freon (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers) for \$30

Household Items (Cookware, toys, etc.)

- Salvation Army, Goodwill, Amherst Survival Center, and the Transfer Station swap shop all take these items in good condition

Textiles (Clothing, linens)

- Salvation Army, Goodwill, Amherst Survival Center, and the Transfer Station swap shop all take these items in good condition
- Leave these items, even in bad condition, in Planet Aid or other donation boxes for resale, donation, and recycling.

Books

- Salvation Army, Goodwill, Amherst Survival Center, and the Transfer Station swap shop all take books in good condition. Paperback books can also be recycled.

Hazardous Materials:

Save up household hazardous materials such as paint, and anything containing lead, mercury, petroleum, pesticides, and herbicides, and bring them to hazardous waste collection events. This is a list of 2018 events in Western MA:

<https://www.amherstma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/43106>