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

Plastic bags- Return (clean and dry) to:

- Retail Stores:
Target, Wal-Mart, Lowe's, Big Y, Stop and Shop, Whole Foods

CFLs – Recycle:

- Lowe's, Home Depot, or 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 and Best Buy take back **ALL** small electronics, working or non-working (laptops, hard drives, monitors, printers, video and gaming devices, music players- NOT appliances or TVs) for free
- Amherst Transfer Station (Fees from \$3-25)
- Gold Circuit E-Cycling (fees apply) – in Palmer, MA
- Goodwill, Salvation Army, and Savers accept all working electronics in good condition.

Furniture

- Goodwill, Salvation Army, and Hartsprings Foundation (Big Brothers Big Sisters) take donations of furniture in good condition (they will also pick up for free!)
- Non Upholstered 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)- they will pick up for free
- Amherst Transfer Station takes mattresses for recycling (\$15-25 depending on the size)
- Gold Circuit E-Cycling (\$20-40, in Palmer, MA)

Household Items (Cookware, toys, etc.)

- Salvation Army, Goodwill, Hartsprings Foundation, Hospice Shop of the Fisher Home, Amherst Survival Center, and the Transfer Station swap shop take these items in good condition

Appliances (working)

- Salvation Army and Hartsprings Foundation (they will pick up for free)
- Amherst Survival Center and Goodwill take small appliances in good condition only
- Transfer Station swap shop (Small only, check first)

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

Textiles (Clothing, linens)

- Salvation Army, Goodwill, Hartsprings Foundation, Amherst Survival Center, Hospice Shop of the Fisher Home, and the Transfer Station swap shop all take these items in good condition. Salvation Army and Hartsprings pick up for free.
- Leave these items, clean and dry (ripped, torn or stained is fine) in Planet Aid or other donation boxes for resale, donation, and recycling.

Building Materials in Good Condition (lumber, cabinets, windows, plumbing, etc.):

- EcoBuilding Bargains in Springfield
- Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Westfield

Used motor oil- Bring to:

- Wal-Mart, Firestone, Autozone in Northampton
- 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
- Amherst Transfer Station (seasonal)

Ink and toner cartridges- Return for reuse to:

- Retail Stores:
Staples (You get store credit), Lowe's, Target, Whole Foods
- Amherst Transfer Station

Rechargeable batteries- Recycle:

- Lowe's or Home Depot
- Amherst Transfer Station

Books

- Salvation Army, Goodwill, Hospice Shop, 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>

*** To bring materials to the Amherst Transfer Station, you need to have purchased a sticker. Students with a current student ID don't need a sticker.**