

Drop-off Recycling

For residents of Amherst, Pelham & Shutesbury

The Transfer Station is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8am-2pm.

Items in red may be affected by Covid-19



Appliances

Household appliances are accepted for a fee. Refrigerator doors & contents must be removed.



Batteries

Alkaline, auto, "button," nickel-cadmium, & lithium rechargeable batteries are accepted free of charge. A drop box for household batteries is located in the Take It or Leave It.



Books

The Book Shed is an exchange site for books in good condition. Textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, manuals, audio tapes and damaged or soiled books are not accepted.



Clothing

Clean clothing & shoes may be placed in the Salvation Army box on site.



Construction Waste

Construction & demolition waste (including asphalt, brick & concrete) is accepted for a fee. Wood must be less than four feet in length.



Electronics & Accessories

Fees apply for TVs, computers, stereo equipment, microwave ovens, & large electronic goods. Ink cartridges & cell phones are free.



Fluorescent Bulbs

Compact fluorescent & cylindrical tube bulbs are accepted for a fee. Thermometers, thermostats & other mercury-bearing items are accepted at no charge.



Furniture

Sofas, chairs, bureaus, & other furniture items are accepted on fee-by-item basis. Non-upholstered items in good condition may be taken to the Take It or Leave It Shed.



Household Items

Usable "tag-sale" type items may be taken to the Take It or Leave It. Mattresses, rugs, large electronics, dirty, broken, & upholstered items are not accepted.



Leaves, Grass &

Leaves & grass clippings may be left at no charge.



"Styrofoam"

Clean, white, block & "molded" Styrofoam only. Must be free of tape and labels. No food containers. "Peanuts" must be in an enclosed box or bag and turned in to an attendant.



Mattresses

Box springs & mattresses of all sizes are accepted. Fees apply.



Needles

The Amherst DPW operates a safe needle disposal program in conjunction with the Health Department. Fees apply.



Automotive

Waste motor oil is accepted free of charge. No other auto-chemicals are accepted. Do not bring amounts greater than three gallons per visit.



Propane Tanks

Large propane tanks are accepted for a fee.



Scrap Metal

Scrap metal is accepted for a small fee.



Brush

Organic wood waste is accepted for a fee. Wood must be less than 12 inches in diameter & less than 6 feet in length. Christmas trees are accepted for free.



Tires

Auto & truck tires are accepted. Fees apply.



Clean Wood

"Clean" wood, or that which is free of stains, paint, pressure-treatments & glue (this includes plywood & pressboard), must be separated from other wood. Fees apply.



Food Scraps

Small amounts of food scraps may be composted free of charge. Do not leave scraps in a conventional plastic bag.

The Household Recycling Guide: What to Put in Your Bins

Container Recycling: The Red Bin



Plastic →

ONLY containers smaller than 2.5 gallons are recyclable.

Food containers (from margarine, yogurt, cooking oil, condiments, peanut butter, etc.)
Beverage bottles & jugs (soda, water, juice, milk)
Personal care bottles (shampoo, soap, conditioner, etc.)
Detergent bottles

Empty, rinse & flatten. Caps & lids are OK only if attached.

Foam (commonly referred to as Styrofoam®) of *any kind*
Bags of *any kind* (e.g. grocery, sandwich, frozen food pouches)
Containers from hazardous materials (e.g. motor oil, antifreeze, pesticide, pool chemicals)
Cups, plates, utensils, & straws
Small food trays, egg cartons, & reusable plastic water bottles
Wrap/sheeting (e.g. dry cleaner sheeting) & liners from food packaging
Furniture & toys, packaging material from toys & electronics
Bins, baskets, pails, buckets & trays
Medicine/pill bottles, VCR, CD & DVD cases
Swimming pools, flower pots, black plastic, hoses, PVC piping/tubing, tarps

Steel (tin) →

Food & beverage cans, pet food cans, aerosol cans from food, laundry & health or beauty products

Empty & rinse. Labels OK.

Hangers, scrap metal, toys
Paint cans & hazardous material spray cans (e.g. insecticide, paint, adhesive, lubricant)

Car parts, fuel tanks
Plumbing material/pipes
Pots & pans, appliances

Glass →

Food & beverage bottles & jars

Empty & rinse. Discard lids in trash. Labels OK.

Ceramics, dishware, coffee mugs
Baking dishes & cookware (e.g. Pyrex)
Drinking glasses, vases
Medicine bottles

Light bulbs, fluorescent lights
Plate glass, windows & mirrors
Eye glasses, glass art

Aluminum →

Cans, pie & roasting pans, fairly-clean aluminum foil

Empty & rinse. OK to flatten.

Siding
Scrap
Kitchen utensils, cooking & bakeware

Cartons →

Milk & juice cartons, soup & drink boxes

Empty, rinse, & flatten. Remove all straws. Caps OK only if attached.

Foil-wrapped beverage pouches, frozen juice cartons
Frozen food packaging, plastic straws

YES

NO

Paper Recycling: The Blue Bin



Newspaper, inserts, magazines, junk mail
White, colored, glossy & construction paper
Shredded paper (place in a paper bag)
Corrugated cardboard (grease & food-free pizza boxes OK)
Boxboard (such as cereal, pasta, cracker & nasal tissue boxes)
Gift bags, cards, boxes & wrap (no metallic embossing or foil)
Phone & paperback books, spiral-bound notebooks, hanging file folders

*Clean paper only. Flatten boxes.
Envelope windows, staples, paper clips, tape OK.*

Soiled paper (food, pet waste, paint)
Soda, beer, egg, & frozen juice cartons
Take-out containers, paper towels, napkins, cups
Butter & margarine boxes
Glossy boxes that show white strands when torn (frozen food boxes)
Tissues & tissue paper
Hardcover books
Tyvek (plastic—won't rip) or padded envelopes
Stickers & sticker sheeting
Copy paper packaging
Blueprints