



2017—2018 Chelmsford Recycling and Trash

Your Annual Guide—Please Keep All Year



DPW | Office of Recycling/Solid Waste, 9 Alpha Rd | 978-250-5203 | www.townofchelmsford.us/200/Recycling-Solid-Waste

Help Chelmsford Reach Goal: 30% Recycling Rate

Help us **increase our recycling rate** from 24% to 30% and save the town money!

Chelmsford spends **\$\$\$** for trash disposal. By placing recyclables in your recycling bins or barrels, residents can help “lighten” this load and save the town money.

How can you help?

- Place **recyclables** in the recycling bin or barrel. For a complete list of recyclables for glass, plastic, metal and paper, visit the A-Z list on www.chelmsfordrecycles.org.
- Compost kitchen waste.** It is estimated that the average household produces up to 25 pounds per week of compostable waste. Composting helps lighten the trash tonnage and saves the town money. For more information on composting, check out www.compostthis.co.uk

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Recyclables are collected single stream—no need to separate your recyclable items. **NO Styrofoam or plastic bags.**



Trash barrels, up to two 32-gallons.
One oversized item per week (except on a holiday week).

Answers to the Top 6 Questions

- My **trash wasn't picked up.**
Call Republic Services Customer Service at 800-442-9006.
- My **recycling wasn't picked up.** Call Waste Management Customer Service at 800-972-4545.
- What do I do with **TVs, electronics, appliances, tires, and large metal items?**
Call Republic Services at 800-442-9006 to schedule a pickup. **Note: Fees** will be charged based on item.
- What do I do with **bulky or oversized items**, such as a couch?
One item per week per household can be placed at curbside. Items include tables, couches, chairs and mattresses. No collection on holiday weeks. **Consider donating** items if in good condition. See page 3.
- Can I put **Styrofoam** in my recycling?
NO Styrofoam in recycling, it contaminates sorted recyclables. Take the challenge to minimize Styrofoam use!
- Can I put **plastic bags** in my recycling?
NO plastic bags in recycling, they damage the sorting machines. Bring plastic bags to grocery stores, Lowes or other stores that recycle plastic bags.

Did you know?

- The average amount of garbage/trash produced per person in the U.S. is 30.1 pounds a week.
- Recycling 50 aluminum cans could light a bedroom for one week!
- Annually, 85% of textiles are NOT donated or recycled. Donate your textiles and keep them out of the trash. See page 3.

DISCLAIMER: Information in this flyer is current as of printing. Check the town website, www.townofchelmsford.us/200/Recycling-Solid-Waste, or call 978-250-5203 to confirm information.

RECYCLING—SINGLE STREAM ... all in same bin(s) or barrel(s)

Paper & Cardboard



RECYCLING

Books—soft & hardcover (remove hard cover)
 Boxes—cereal, shoe, gift, tubes, etc.
 Cardboard boxes (flatten & cut to 3'x 3')
 Colored and construction paper
 Envelopes with/without windows
 Juice cartons with/without plastic spouts
 Magazines and catalogs
 Milk cartons with/without plastic spouts
 Newspapers and inserts
 Notebooks (spirals okay)
 Paper (staples, paper clips, labels, stamps, okay)
 Paper bags
 Phone books
 Pizza boxes (CLEAN portions ONLY)
 Shredded paper (in paper bags stapled/taped)
 Wrapping paper (no foil-type)

Metal Cans & Foil




Aerosol cans (empty)
 Aluminum foil (clean)
 Aluminum pans (clean)
 Cans – food and beverage

Plastic



Plastic containers with one of these symbols:



Bottles – soda, water, sports drink, juice and milk
 Butter/margarine tubs
 Cottage/cream cheese tubs
 Egg clear plastic cartons
 Dressing/condiment bottles
 Shampoo/conditioner bottles
 Soap/hygiene bottles
 Soda/sport drinks bottles
 Detergent bottles/jugs
 Yogurt tubs

Glass Jars & Bottles



Beverage bottles (soda, water, alcohol)
 Food jars (jelly, jam, sauce, gravy, etc.)

TRASH

Carbon paper
 Ice cream containers
 Napkins
 Paper plates, bowls, or cups
 Paper towels
 Photographs
 Plastic straws
 Soiled paper/cardboard (contaminated with food)
 Tissues
 Waxed paper

Camping-sized propane fuel cylinder (16 oz)
 Helium tanks—used for balloons (8.9 cu ft)
 Paint cans—Latex paint only, see page 7
 Plumbing parts
 Pots and pans (consider donation)

Plastic bags (recycle at grocery stores, Lowes or other stores that recycle plastic bags)
 Plastic without a recycle symbol
 Hazardous waste containers
 Plastic cutlery
 Plastic furniture
 Packaging
 Packing peanuts – take to the UPS store on Drum Hill Road—978-454-4700, or put Styrofoam in the trash
 Styrofoam
 Toys

Broken glass Non-fluorescent light bulbs
 Ceramics Pyrex
 Drinking glasses Window glass

Tips for Successful Recycling

- CLEAN beverage and food from containers
- Remove straws, plastic liners and plastic bags
- Empty and flatten items to make more room in the truck for collection
- Plastic recycling numbers can be located on the bottom or edges of plastic items



View a full list of recyclable/non-recyclable items on www.chelmsfordrecycles.org.

DONATE ... repurpose and reuse



Donation Options

Boy Scout Troup 74

Drop-off at Central Congregational Church parking lot, 1 Worthen St. For dates and time call 978-935-9474, or visit www.giantyardsale.org

- Household goods
- Outdoor equipment
- Books, toys, games, bicycles



Habitat for Humanity Restore

440 Middlesex Rd, Tyngsboro, MA 978-649-1177

- New and gently used building materials and household goods

Big Brother Big Sister	800-483-5503
Household Goods Recycling	978-635-1763
Lowell Wish Project	978-441-9474
Mass Coalition for the Homeless	781-595-7570 ext. 13
Salvation Army	800-958-7825; 603-880-0271
St. Vincent de Paul	800-675-2882; 978-453-7750
Goodwill Industries	617-628-3618; 603-742-4299
Drop-off at Goodwill location Stop & Shop parking lot, 299 Chelmsford St Open 7 days every week, 8am-4:30pm DOES NOT accept TVs, or any item that uses gas or oil	

Friends of the Library

Drop-off box at Chelmsford Library
For more information, visit
chelmsfordlibrary.org/friends/booksale.html

- Books
- Usable CDs and DVDs
- Maps and recent text books (no older than 4 years old)



Book drop off

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 7/29/2017

Town Offices (Gym) 50 Billerica Rd.

Check <http://www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/get-involved/friends/>
for more drop off times through out the year.



MOVING? SPRING CLEANING?

PLAN AHEAD!

If you have extra trash, buy Town overflow trash bags before trash day (see page 4 for stores).

Some reminders:

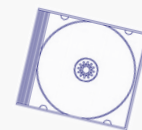
- One bulky item/week, none on holiday weeks
- Donate usable goods
- Leave your recycle bins and this flyer for the new occupants
- If you are moving within Chelmsford, pick up your new bins at the Recycling Office

See the "Construction/Demotion Debris" section (page 7) for more information on disposing debris.

While packing, did you find some items that need to be RECYCLED?

Unusable CDs/DVDs and jewel cases

- Bring to CD Recycling Center of America, Salem, NH—603-894-5553
- For more information, CDrecyclingcenter.org



Propane Tanks

Bring old propane tanks to:

- Chelmsford Agway, 978-256-9991
- Taylor Rental, 978-937-5544
- Colonial Oil, 978-256-0151

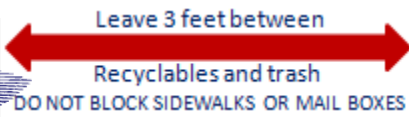


Textile Recycling

Watch for a mailer from Simple Recycling who will be offering free curbside recycling of textiles in Chelmsford this fall. The EPA estimates 70 lbs./person of clothing are thrown away each year – 85% of textiles are not recycled or donated! For more information, check out simplerrecycling.com or call the Recycling Office at 978-250-5203.

Guidelines for RECYCLING and TRASH

RECYCLING



TRASH

Limit: NONE—put out as much recycling as you like!

Time: At curb by **6:30 AM**, every other week on your trash day. See calendar.

Recyclables: See page 2 for items.

Containers: Should weigh 50 lbs. or less. Options include:

1. Trash barrels (up to 64 gallons) with recycling stickers (free from Recycling Office), and/or
2. Recycle bins (free from Recycling Office).

Requirements:

- **ALL recyclables** can go in the same container—no need to sort, but you can if you want to!
- **Corrugated cardboard** should be flattened, cut to 3'x3' and place in, under or between recycling containers.

Limit: TWO 32-gallon barrels/bags, 1 oversized/ bulky item

- Town overflow bags are available for a fee at:
 - Agway, Maple Road
 - Chelmsford Lumber, Boston Road
 - Hannaford, Drum Hill
 - Stop & Shop, Chelmsford Street
 - Walgreens, Chelmsford Street

Time: At curb by **6:30 AM** every week

Containers: Barrels/bags up to 32-gallons. The trash collection company is not required to empty containers larger than 32-gallons.

Requirements:

- Barrels/bags cannot weigh over 50 lbs
- Barrels must not be filled over 3 inches from top

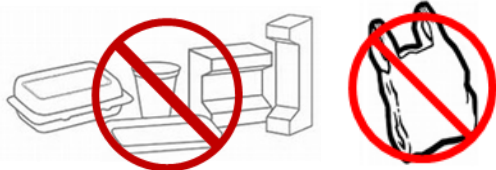
Oversized/Bulky Items:

- Tables, couches, chairs, and mattresses
- No banned items (see below)
- No oversized/bulky items on holiday weeks

BANNED from RECYCLING



- × **NO STYROFOAM**
- × **NO PLASTIC BAGS**



- See page 4 for more information.



BANNED from TRASH

- × Batteries-Rechargeable and Button—drop off in boxes at Town Office, lower level. Alkaline batteries go in trash. Bring vehicle batteries to Household Hazardous Waste event or call DPW office 978-250-5203.
- × Cardboard—recycle it!
- × Cell phones, MP players, PDAs—drop off in boxes at Town Office, lower level.
- × Construction/demolition debris—for disposal options, see page 7; for donation options see page 5.
- × Electronics, TVs, tires, appliances, large metal items (grills, lawn mowers, snow blowers, car parts, exercise equipment, etc.)—call Republic Services, 800-442-9006 for fee-based curbside collection.
- × Medical sharps—see calendar and page 6.
- × Yard waste (leaves, grass, brush, etc.)—see page 7.

Multi-family properties—see page 8 for guidelines and requirements.

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- Weeks shaded red are for red route recycling weeks
 - Weeks shaded blue are for blue route recycling weeks
 - Call Recycling Office for your route and trash/recycling day for your address
 - 6:30—place trash/recycling at curbside
 - Do not block sidewalks or mail boxes
 - Leave 3' between recyclables and trash
-  BRUSH drop-off: Community Tree, 163 Billerica Rd.
 Leaf Bag drop-off: DPW 9 Alpha Rd.
 FLOURESCENT BULB shed: Open 9am-6:30pm, first Wednesday of month, April-November
 MEDICAL SHARPS collection: Register in advance at Board of Health, 978-250-5241
 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE drop-off: Town Hall, lower level lot
 COMMUNITY SHRED day: Town Hall, lower level lot
 Circles denote weekday holiday observances:
 - No collections on day of holiday
 - One day delay for rest of the week
 - NO oversized items collected

- △ BRUSH drop-off: Community Tree, 163 Billerica Rd.
Leaf Bag drop-off: DPW 9 Alpha Rd.
9am-3pm— November 18th; May 12th 2018
- FLOURESCENT BULB shed: Open 9am-6:30pm, first Wednesday of month, April-November
- ♥ MEDICAL SHARPS collection: Register in advance at Board of Health, 978-250-5241
9am-4pm Sep 13th; Dec. 13th; Apr. 11th 2018
- ◇ HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE drop-off: Town Hall, lower level lot
April 28th 2018 9am-1pm
- ⬡ COMMUNITY SHRED day: Town Hall, lower level lot
9am-1pm Sep 23rd; May 12th 2018

REMINDER: NO bulky or oversized items on holiday weeks.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



HOUSEHOLD WASTE

Household hazardous waste includes common household items that contain *toxic* chemicals. Products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, pesticides and similar products can contain hazardous ingredients and need to be handled properly.

Hazardous Waste Collection

Town Hall, Lower Lot, 50 Billerica Rd—978-250-5241

Saturday, April 28, 2018, 9am—1pm

Fees may be charged for these items—call for more information about these or other items.

- Antifreeze
- Batteries—lithium, rechargeable, vehicle (e.g., car, boat, etc.) (alkaline batteries can go in the trash)
- Brake fluid
- Car polishes and waxes
- Degreasers
- Drain openers, oven cleaners
- Driveway sealers
- Epoxies, adhesives
- Fertilizers, fungicides, herbicides, pesticides, weed killers
- Hobby/photography chemicals
- Metal or furniture polish
- Oil paint, paint thinner, solvents, stains, varnishes, wood strippers and preservatives
- Transmission fluid
- Motor oil
- Pool chemicals



Missed Chelmsford's Hazardous Waste Collection Day?

Chelmsford residents can drop off items at the Lexington event. Avoid the \$35 fee by pre-registering with the Chelmsford Recycling Office, 978-250-5203, at least one week in advance.

Minuteman Regional Hazardous Products Facility, Lexington

Jul 15, Aug 12, Sep 17 * Sunday, Oct 14, Nov 4

Spring 2018 dates TBA



MERCURY

Mercury is toxic. State law prohibits the disposal of mercury and mercury added products in the trash.

- Blood pressure cuffs contain mercury
- Button batteries—bring to Recycling Office
- Devices with backlit screens, such as hand held video games, portable DVD players, etc.
- Electrical switches—bring to Recycling Office or Board of Health to receive a FREE digital thermometer replacement while supplies last
- Flat panel computer monitors and TVs—call Republic Services, 800-442-9006, for fee-based collection
- Fluorescent and neon bulbs—bring to light bulb shed behind Town Hall, open first Wednesday of every month, April-November
- Mercury thermometers and thermostats—bring to Board of Health to receive a FREE digital thermometer replacement while supplies last

For Elemental mercury and other mercury devices, call the Recycling Office, 978-250-5203.



MEDICAL WASTE

Sharps Disposal Collection

Board of Health—preregister 2 weeks prior
Sep 13, 2017; Dec 13, 2017; Apr 11, 2018

- Needles, syringes with needles
- Lancets
- Empty or full EpiPens



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Seal unused pills (no needles or liquid) in plastic baggie and drop off (no questions asked) in the disposal box at the Chelmsford Police Station. Available 24/7.

YARD WASTE and CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION DEBRIS



YARD WASTE

- Stack up to 2 feet high
- Keep 20 feet away from road or 40 feet from highway
- Do not dispose on Town owned land or wetlands
- Brush may be burned with a permit
Jan 15—Apr 30, call 978-250-5265
- Make your own wood chips—buy, borrow or rent a chipper (Taylor Rental, call 978-937-5544)

Free Town Brush Drop-off

Community Tree, 163 Billerica Rd, Chelmsford
Nov 18, 2017; May 12, 2018—9am-1pm

- 6" diameter x 8' long
- Rope, wire, bags etc. must be removed by resident
- Community Tree accepts brush all year for a FEE

BANNED from Trash: Leaves and Grass Clippings

- Jones Farm, 246 Acton Rd, 978-256-8065
Fee based leaf collection/drop-off;
leaves **must be** in **Jones Farm bags**
- Contact a local landscaper to remove leaves
- Compost leaves and grass clippings, add kitchen scraps = great FREE compost!
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn, check out the Mass.gov website for more information.
- **Free** drop off for leaves and grass in paper yard waste bags at the DPW 9 Alpha Rd. Nov. 18th 2017 and May 12th 2018 9am-3pm

LATEX PAINT

- Open lid and let paint dry completely
- Use kitty litter to absorb paint
- Place up to 5 cans/week with lids off next to trash for collection



Bring oil paints, thinners, solvents, stains, varnishes, and paint strippers to the Household Hazardous Waste drop-off (see page 6).



CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION DEBRIS

- Debris from home improvement projects and house clean outs
- Trash exceeds curbside pickup requirements
- Republic Services, call 800-442-9006, for vendor preferred pricing or dumpster rental for Chelmsford residents



- Carpet—3' strips, tied/taped into rolls up to 12" diameter, 5 rolls per week at curbside
- Fire extinguishers—Fire and Safety Corp, Tyngsboro, 978-649-4945
- Large metal items/appliances—Republic Services, 800-442-9006, fee-based
- Smoke/carbon monoxide detectors—remove batteries, dispose in trash
- Tires—Republic Services, 800-442-9006, fee-based
- Toilets, tubs, showers—remove toilet tank from seat (if possible), cut tub/shower into pieces (if possible)
- Windows—cover glass with tape completely on both sides, dispose in trash, 3 windows per week

For more information, call the Recycling Office, 978-250-5203.



ABCs of BATTERIES

- **A**lkaline (e.g., toy, flashlight)—Trash
- **B**utton, rechargeable, lithium—bring to Recycling Office; Staples recycles rechargeable batteries
- **C**ar, boat, sealed lead acid batteries—Household Hazardous Waste Collection or call DPW, 978-250-5203

Town of Chelmsford
Office of Recycling/Solid Waste
978-250-5203
Town Hall
50 Billerica Road
Chelmsford MA 01824

Presorted Standard
CAR-RT Sort
U.S. Postage
PAID
Chelmsford MA 01824
Permit No. 44

Residential Customer Local, 01824

Waste Reduction and Recycling at Multi-family Properties:

Multi-family properties with dumpsters and toters:

- 64-gallon toter or barrel per unit per week.
- Extra pick-ups paid for by property owner/manager—make sure that doesn't happen, RECYCLE!
- Prepare recyclables according to instructions on page 4 (cardboard boxes MUST be flattened).
- Never park in front of trash or recycling dumpsters, toters, or barrels.
- NO STYROFOAM and NO PLASTIC BAGS in recycling!

Multi-family properties with curbside collection:

- Set trash out separately from other units (trash hauler can see you're within the limits).

Republic Services will collect appliances and other large metal items, electronics and tires at the curb for a fee every two weeks.

[1-800-442-9006](tel:1-800-442-9006) up to 5:00 p.m. the Friday before collection day every other Tuesday. Payment must be made in advance (credit card, check or money order) to Republic Services, 385 Dunstable Road, Tyngsboro, MA 01879. Once payment is processed it will not be refunded. Items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. To avoid breakage by vandals do NOT put TVs out until the morning scheduled for collection.

Prices for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018:

- Large metal items and appliances without freon: ; \$19.00
- Appliances with Freon (refrigerators, freezers, ACs, etc.): \$32.00
- CRTs/TVs/monitors: up to 24" \$17.85; over 24" \$32.00
- Small Electronics & Tires: \$6.00 each