

Holiday Recycling Tips

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Curbside Christmas Tree Collection and Drop-off

Curbside collection of Christmas trees will take place between January 12th and January 16th. During this week, place trees at the curb the day after trash and recycling is collected. If your trash and recycling is usually collected on Friday, set your Christmas tree out on Monday, **January 12th** by 7 a.m., not on Saturday, January 17th.

The City will not collect Christmas trees curbside at any other times.

When preparing your tree, please follow these guidelines: no ornaments, no stands, no holiday lights, no tinsel, and no plastic bags. Please note that plastic and metal Christmas tree stands can be recycled at the Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station.

This collection is for live trees only. For artificial trees, call ABC Disposal at (508) 999-2619 to make an appointment for curbside pickup.

Starting December 26th, residents can drop off Christmas trees at the following locations (please remove all ornaments, stands, lights, tinsel, and bags):

1. East Rodney French Blvd. beach lot, between Hudson Street & Seymour Street
2. Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station, 1103 Shawmut Avenue, open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
3. Brooklawn Park, near Pony League Field, enter at Irvington Street

NEW! Temporary Drop-off Recycling Locations for the Holidays ONLY for Styrofoam Blocks and Single Stream Recycling

Who: New Bedford residents only. Proof of residency required.

When: Saturday, December 27, 2014 & Saturday, January 3, 2015, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: 1. East Rodney French Blvd. beach lot, between Hudson Street & Seymour Street (temporary)
2. Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station, 1103 Shawmut Avenue (permanent)
3. Brooklawn Park, near Pony League Field, enter at Irvington Street (temporary)

What: Residents can drop off the following:

- Styrofoam blocks – clean and dry blocks only
- Single stream recycling – e.g. bottles, cans, jugs, jars, cartons, paper, cardboard



A to Z Guide for Recycling Common Holiday Items

Holiday Item	Can It Be Recycled?	Where Should It Go?	Instructions
Air pillows	Yes	The UPS Store, 1090 Kings Highway. Do not place in recycling cart.	Clean and dry only.
Bottles, cans, cups, jugs, jars, & juice/soup boxes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling cart at home • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station • Temporary drop-off sites, see above 	Empty and rinse.
Bubble wrap	Yes	The UPS Store, 1090 Kings Highway. Do not place in recycling cart.	Clean and dry only.
Calendars	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling cart at home • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station • Temporary drop-off sites, see above 	
Cardboard gift boxes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling cart at home • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station • Temporary drop-off sites, see above 	Remove tissue paper and any decorations.
Catalogs	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling cart at home • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station • Temporary drop-off sites, see above 	
Christmas lights	Yes	Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station, scrap metal container. Do not place in recycling cart.	If you are replacing your Christmas lights, consider LED lights to save money and electricity.
Corrugated cardboard boxes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling cart at home • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station • Temporary drop-off sites, see above 	Remove any packaging such as air pillows and Styrofoam.
Electronics	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station • For computer monitors, televisions and other large electronics, call ABC Disposal at (508) 999-2619 for an appointment for curbside pickup. • Do not place in recycling cart. 	
Gift bags	No	Trash	Reuse, if possible.
Ornaments	No	Trash	Reuse, if possible.
Paper beverage cartons e.g. egg nog	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling cart at home • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station • Temporary drop-off sites, see above 	Empty and rinse carton.
Paper greeting cards	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling cart at home • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station • Temporary drop-off sites, see above 	
Paper shopping bags	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling cart at home • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station • Temporary drop-off sites, see above 	
Photo paper cards	No	Trash	

Plastic blister packs (need scissors to open)	No	Trash	
Plastic shopping bags	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local supermarket. • Do not place in recycling cart. 	Return clean and dry plastic bags and case wrap (from around water bottles and paper products) to the bin for plastic bags found at the entrance of the store.
Ribbons and bows	No	Trash	Reuse, if possible.
Styrofoam blocks	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station • Temporary drop-off sites, see above • Do not place in recycling cart. 	Clean and dry blocks only.
Styrofoam peanuts	Yes	The UPS Store, 1090 Kings Highway. Do not place in recycling cart.	Clean and dry only.
Tinsel	No	Trash	Reuse, if possible.
Tissue paper	No	Trash	Reuse, if possible.
Wrapping paper	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling cart at home • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station • Temporary drop-off sites, see above 	Remove bows, ribbons, and any other decorations. No foil wrapping paper.

Recycling Tip:

If you expect to have a large amount of trash during the holidays, consider separately bagging the perishables (e.g. food waste) and the non-perishables. Then, if you have a limited amount of space in your trash cart, you can keep the non-perishables aside for the next week's collection.