



A to Z Guide for Recycling Common **Holiday** Items

| Holiday Item | Where Should It Go? | Instructions |
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| Air pillows | Reuse, or deflate and recycle with plastic bags at the grocery store. Do not place in recycling cart. | Clean and dry only. |
| Bottles, cans, jugs, jars, & juice/soup boxes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling cart at home • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station | Empty and rinse. |
| Bubble wrap | Reuse, or recycle with plastic bags at the grocery store. Do not place in recycling cart. | Clean and dry only. |
| Calendars | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling cart at home • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station | |
| Cardboard gift boxes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling cart at home • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station | Remove tissue paper and any decorations. |
| Catalogs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling cart at home • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station | |
| Christmas lights | Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station, scrap metal area. Do not place in recycling cart. | If you are replacing your Christmas lights, consider LED lights to save money and electricity. |
| Corrugated cardboard boxes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling cart at home • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station | Remove any packaging such as air pillows and Styrofoam. |
| Electronics | <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 | Trash | Reuse, if possible. |
| Ornaments | Trash | Reuse, if possible. |
| Paper beverage cartons e.g. egg nog | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling cart at home • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station | Empty and rinse carton. |

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| Paper greeting cards | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling cart at home • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station | |
| Paper shopping bags | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling cart at home • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station | |
| Photo paper cards | Trash | |
| Plastic blister packs (need scissors to open) | Trash | |
| Plastic shopping bags | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local supermarket. • Do not place in recycling cart. | Take clean & dry plastic bags and case wrap (e.g. from around water bottles) to the bin for plastic bags at the entrance of the store. |
| Ribbons and bows | Trash | Reuse, if possible. |
| Styrofoam blocks | Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station Do not place in recycling cart. | Clean and dry blocks only. |
| Styrofoam peanuts | Reuse or offer to a shipping store. Do not place in recycling cart. | Clean and dry only. |
| Tinsel | Trash | Reuse, if possible. |
| Tissue paper | Trash | Reuse, if possible. |
| Wrapping paper | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling cart at home • Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station | Remove bows, ribbons, & any other decorations. No foil wrapping paper. |

Having Trouble Fitting Your Trash in Your Cart? Try this!



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.

More Helpful Tips for Reducing Waste!



Helpful
Tips

- Clean up spills with a cloth instead of paper towels. Use cloth napkins rather than paper napkins when possible.
- Buy reusable bags for shopping and eliminate the need for plastic bags.
- Take your own container to a restaurant to avoid a foam take-out container. Take your own mug to the coffee shop and ask if you can skip the disposable cup.
- Give gently used clothing and home goods to thrift stores, Gifts To Give, Mercy Meals and More, or Savers.
- Take bagged clothes, shoes, bed linens, curtains, bags, belts, & stuffed animals to drop-off bins found throughout the city. Stained or holey is fine, but no wet or moldy material. Stained or torn material can be turned into insulation or wiping cloths.
- Composting turns fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds and filters, eggshells, tea bags, nut shells, and leaves, into nutrient rich soil amendment. You can use this compost for growing plants. There is information online about how to make your own compost bin. Compost bins are available online and in some department stores. Or, you may call the Refuse District as (508) 763-5924 to inquire about purchasing a compost bin.

For more information, call (508) 979-1493 or email recycling@newbedford-ma.gov.