

DROP-OFF RECYCLING

The Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station is located at 1103 Shawmut Avenue. The hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. New Bedford residents only; be prepared to show your identification (which should include your current address).

Please note the signs at the Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station listing which items belong in each container.

Items Accepted at the Transfer Station

	Acceptable 	Unacceptable 
ANTIFREEZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ pure antifreeze 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ mixed with any other liquids
BATTERIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ lead-acid (car) ✓ rechargeable e.g. cordless phone, cell phone, cordless power tools ✓ button batteries 	
BOOKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ books ✓ DVDs ✓ CDs ✓ records ✓ video games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ encyclopedias ✗ magazines ✗ newspapers ✗ moldy books ✗ cassette tapes ✗ VHS tapes
CARDBOARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ corrugated cardboard only ✓ place in compactor near the Transfer Station building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Styrofoam blocks ✗ plastic and paper packaging
COOKING OIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ pour cooking oil into the blue Newport Biodiesel container 	
ELECTRONIC WASTE	<p>A few examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ TVs ✓ computer monitors ✓ computer towers ✓ any electronics with a plug 	
FLUORESCENT LAMPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ all accepted ✓ spiral (also, called compact fluorescent), 4 feet, 8 feet, u-shaped, circular ✓ ballasts 	
INK CARTRIDGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Please bring into the office, Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. only. 	
LEAVES, GRASS AND BRUSH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ leaves and grass ✓ branches four inches in diameter or less 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ branches greater than four inches in diameter ✗ plastic bags
MERCURY CONTAINING DEVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ all accepted ✓ thermometers, thermostats, etc. 	

MOTOR OIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ must be in see-through containers (e.g. milk jugs) ✓ no more than 5 gallons at a time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ mixed with any other liquids
MOTOR OIL FILTERS		
PROPANE TANKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ empty propane tanks ✓ empty small helium tanks 	
RIGID PLASTICS	<p>A few examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ blue bins ✓ plastic tubs ✓ trash barrels ✓ laundry baskets ✓ flower pots ✓ buckets ✓ toys ✓ plastic furniture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ items larger than 2 feet by 3 feet ✗ items with residue of any type (paint, oil, tar, dirt)
SCRAP METAL	<p>A few examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ metal file cabinets ✓ metal doors ✓ metal hangers ✓ metal tables ✓ bikes 	
SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ see chart below 	
STYROFOAM BLOCKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ clean and dry Styrofoam blocks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ packing peanuts (bring to the UPS Store for reuse) ✗ take-out containers ✗ cups
TEXTILES (holey, ripped, stained ok)	<p>A few examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ clothing: shirts, pants, belts, shoes (singles ok), socks (singles ok), slippers, undergarments, hats, scarves, ties ✓ linens: blankets, sheets, curtains/draperies, pillow cases, pillows ✓ and more: plush toys (stuffed animals), purses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ wet/moldy material
WHITE GOODS	<p>A few examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ refrigerators ✓ dishwashers ✓ clothes dryers ✓ gas or electric ovens ✓ ranges ✓ hot water heaters 	

Single Stream Recycling

Instructions:

- Rinse and empty all containers.
- Caps and labels may remain on containers.
- Sharp lids may be pressed inside metal cans or removed and discarded.
- All paper must be clean – free of food and grease.
- Please recycle clean and dry plastic bags and case wrap at the grocery stores.

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<p>GLASS: Clear and colored glass food and beverage containers</p>	<p>A few examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ glass food containers: spaghetti sauce jars, pickle jars, salsa jars ✓ glass beverage containers: wine bottles, beer bottles, Snapple bottles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ broken glass ✗ pane glass ✗ light bulbs (fluorescent lamps can be placed in a separate container) ✗ Pyrex cookware ✗ plate glass ✗ drinking glasses ✗ windows ✗ windshields ✗ mirrors ✗ ceramics ✗ food or liquid
<p>METAL: Food and beverage cans, aluminum trays, clean aluminum foil, and empty aerosol containers</p>	<p>A few examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ food and beverage cans: soda, juice, soup, vegetables, tuna fish ✓ empty aerosol containers: hair spray, shaving cream ✓ and more: pet food cans, pie tins, clean aluminum foil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ paint cans ✗ food or liquid
<p>PLASTIC: Plastic bottles, cups, jugs, jars, and clear clamshell containers</p>	<p>A few examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ plastic bottles: water, soda, juice, shampoo ✓ plastic cups: yogurt (discard foil lid), iced coffee (no lids or straws) ✓ plastic jugs: milk, laundry detergent ✓ plastic jars: peanut butter ✓ clear clamshell containers: strawberries, blueberries, tomatoes, pastries ✓ and more: clear egg cartons, cookie trays (remove plastic film around package) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Styrofoam coffee cups, peanuts, take-out containers, and blocks (place foam blocks in a separate container) ✗ plastic bags ✗ case wrap (overwrap from water bottles) ✗ plastic film ✗ foil yogurt lids ✗ juice pouches ✗ food or liquid ✗ plastic plates

<p>Paperboard CARTONS</p>	<p>A few examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ empty refrigerated cartons: milk, soy milk, cream, egg substitutes, juice, lemonade ✓ empty shelf-stable cartons: juice, milk, soy milk, soup, broth, wine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ straws from juice boxes ✗ liquid
<p>PAPER</p>	<p>A few examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ paperboard: cereal boxes, shoe boxes, tissue boxes, paper egg cartons, paper tubes ✓ party: clean unused paper plates, paper cups, greeting cards ✓ school or office: folders, index cards, white and colored paper, envelopes with or without windows ✓ and more: junk mail, paperback books, magazines, lottery tickets, brown paper bags, phone books, newspapers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ soiled, greasy, or moldy paper ✗ hardcover books (place in separate container) ✗ spiral containers such as Pringles potato chips

Unacceptable Waste

The following items are not accepted at the Transfer Station:

- **Construction & demolition debris** such as the waste from building material and rubble resulting from the construction, remodeling, repair or demolition of buildings or other structures. Includes sheet rock, lumber and wood waste.
- **Special Waste-** Materials such as sewage solids, radioactive wastes, pathogenic wastes, explosive materials, chemicals liquid wastes or other material of hazardous nature or materials requiring special handling or procedures for disposal.
- Bulky items, household trash, furniture, paint, tires (Tires are only accepted on specified Tire Recycling Days).

Transfer Station Facility Operation

- Only material generated within the boundaries of the City of New Bedford shall be accepted at the facility except where noted.
- Persons using the facility may be required to present documentation to demonstrate that the material was generated within the boundaries of the City.
- All signs and verbal instruction from City personnel shall be obeyed.
- All persons using the facility do so at their own risk.
- Failure to obey the following regulations shall result in loss of facility privileges.
- All vehicles using the Transfer Station must come to a full stop at the weigh scale prior to unloading and immediately following unloading, unless otherwise directed.
- All conditions subject to change.

Contact Information

New Bedford Refuse District Recycling Office

(508) 979-1493

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questions about curbside recycling, drop-off recycling and recycling events

Department of Facilities and Fleet Management

(508) 979-1520

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