

# DROP-OFF RECYCLING

The Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station is located at 1103 Shawmut Avenue. The hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12 p.m. to 5 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"> <li>✓ pure antifreeze</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ mixed with any other liquids</li> </ul>
BATTERIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ lead-acid (car)</li> <li>✓ rechargeable e.g. cordless phone, cell phone, cordless power tools</li> <li>✓ button batteries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Alkaline batteries go in the trash at this time.</li> </ul>
BOOKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ books</li> <li>✓ DVDs</li> <li>✓ CDs</li> <li>✓ records</li> <li>✓ video games</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ encyclopedias</li> <li>✗ magazines</li> <li>✗ newspapers</li> <li>✗ moldy books</li> <li>✗ cassette tapes</li> <li>✗ VHS tapes</li> </ul>
CARDBOARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ corrugated cardboard only</li> <li>✓ place in compactor near the Transfer Station building</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Styrofoam blocks</li> <li>✗ plastic and paper packaging</li> </ul>
COOKING OIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ pour cooking oil into the blue Newport Biodiesel container</li> </ul>	
ELECTRONIC WASTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ TVs</li> <li>✓ computer monitors</li> <li>✓ computer towers</li> </ul>	Staples and Best Buy accept an assortment of electronics for recycling. For details on the Staples program, <a href="#">click here</a> and for the Best Buy program, <a href="#">click here</a> .
FLUORESCENT LAMPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ all accepted</li> <li>✓ spiral (also, called compact fluorescent), 4 feet, 8 feet, u-shaped, circular</li> <li>✓ ballasts</li> </ul>	
INK CARTRIDGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Please bring into the office, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.</li> </ul>	
LEAVES, GRASS AND BRUSH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ leaves and grass</li> <li>✓ branches four inches in diameter or less</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ branches greater than four inches in diameter</li> <li>✗ plastic bags</li> </ul>
MERCURY CONTAINING DEVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ all accepted, place with fluorescent lamps</li> <li>✓ thermometers, thermostats, etc.</li> </ul>	

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

# 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.

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

<b>PAPER</b>	<p><b>A few examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>paperboard:</b> cereal boxes, shoe boxes, tissue boxes, paper egg cartons, paper tubes</li> <li>✓ <b>party:</b> clean unused paper plates, paper cups, greeting cards</li> <li>✓ <b>school or office:</b> folders, index cards, white and colored paper, envelopes with or without windows</li> <li>✓ <b>and more:</b> junk mail, paperback books, magazines, lottery tickets, brown paper bags, phone books, newspapers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ soiled, greasy, or moldy paper</li> <li>✗ hardcover books (place in separate container)</li> <li>✗ spiral containers such as Pringles potato chips</li> </ul>
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## 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 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

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**New Bedford Refuse District Recycling Office**  
(508) 979-1493  
recycling@newbedford-ma.gov

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

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**Department of Facilities and Fleet Management**  
(508) 979-1520

questions about curbside recycling, curbside solid waste and drop-off recycling

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