




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"> ✓ pure antifreeze ✓ must be in see-through containers (e.g. milk jugs) ✓ only in one gallon or quart containers 	<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ alkaline batteries go in the trash
BOOKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ books 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ cassette/VHS tapes ✗ CDs/DVDs ✗ encyclopedias ✗ magazines ✗ moldy books ✗ newspapers ✗ records ✗ video games
CARDBOARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ corrugated cardboard only ✓ place in compactor near the Transfer Station building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ any other packaging (note – the compactor is for corrugated cardboard only)
COOKING OIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ pour cooking oil into the blue Newport Biodiesel container 	
ELECTRONIC WASTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ TVs ✓ computer monitors 	Staples and Best Buy accept a wide assortment of electronics for recycling. Look online for their electronics recycling program details.
FLUORESCENT LAMPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ all accepted ✓ spiral (also, called compact fluorescent), 4 feet, 8 feet, u-shaped, circular ✓ ballasts 	
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, place with fluorescent lamps ✓ thermometers, thermostats, etc. 	

MOTOR OIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ pure motor oil ✓ must be in see-through containers (e.g. milk jugs) ✓ only in one gallon or quart containers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ mixed with any other liquids
MOTOR OIL FILTERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ place motor oil filters in the designated red container 	
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 ✓ computer towers ✓ bikes 	
SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ bottles, cans, jugs, jars, & paper ✓ all items must be free of food ✓ place loose in container 	
STYROFOAM BLOCKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ clean and dry Styrofoam blocks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ cups ✗ packing peanuts (reuse or offer to a shipping store) ✗ take-out containers
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 	

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

Department of Facilities and Fleet Management
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questions about curbside recycling, curbside solid waste and drop-off recycling

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