# DROP-OFF AT THE RECYCLING CENTER

The Recycling Center is located at 1103 Shawmut Avenue.
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12pm to 5pm and Saturday from 7:30am to 3pm.
**New Bedford residents only; Proof of residency is required and material is subject to inspection before entry.**
**Only residential material generated within the boundaries of the City of New Bedford is accepted at the facility.**

## Items Accepted at the Recycling Center

Please note the **signs** at the Recycling Center listing which items belong in each container.

| Items | Accepted ✓ | Not Accepted ✗ |
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| ANTIFREEZE | ✓ pure antifreeze<br>✓ must be in see-through containers e.g., milk or water jugs<br>✓ only in one gallon or quart containers | ✗ mixed with any other liquids |
| APPLIANCES | ✓ **examples:** air conditioners, dehumidifiers, dryers, dishwashers, ovens, stoves, hot water heaters, refrigerators – doors removed | ✗ trash, clothing/textiles |
| BATTERIES<br>**Must see Recycle Attendant** | ✓ lead-acid – found in cars<br>✓ rechargeable – found in cordless phones, cell phones, cordless power tools, laptops, cameras, etc.<br>✓ button-cell or coin, place between 2 pieces of clear tape | ✗ alkaline batteries – place in trash |
| BOOKS | ✓ hardcover and softcover books<br>✓ CDs, DVDs, Records and Video games | ✗ cassette/VHS tapes, encyclopedias, magazines, moldy books, newspapers |
| BOTTLES, CANS, JUGS, JARS, PAPER, AND PAPERBOARD<br>sign near the container says "single stream" | ✓ empty bottles, cans, jugs, and jars<br>✓ newspapers, magazines, office paper, junk mail<br>✓ dry food boxes, e.g., cereal boxes, empty pizza boxes – grease is okay | ✗ plastic bags/plastic wrap, pet food bags, cartons, food, shredded paper |
| BRUSH | ✓ twigs greater than 1/4 inch diameter<br>✓ branches four inches in diameter or less | ✗ leaves or grass, stumps, plastic bags, or trash |
| CARDBOARD | ✓ corrugated cardboard only - flattened | ✗ plastic, paper, Styrofoam, plastic wrap/film, foam sheets |
| COOKING OIL | ✓ pure cooking oil<br>✓ must be in see-through containers e.g., milk or water jug | ✗ mixed with any other liquids |
| ELECTRONIC WASTE | ✓ TVs, computer monitors<br>✓ computer towers, laptops | ✗ other electronics - Staples and Best Buy accept many electronics. Look online for their electronics recycling program details. |
| FLUORESCENT LAMPS | ✓ compact fluorescent lamp: spiral CFL, u-shaped, circular, 4 feet, 8 feet<br>✓ ballasts | ✗ LEDs of any type (dispose in trash) |
| FOOD WASTE | ✓ all unpackaged food<br>✓ bones, seafood shells<br>✓ coffee grounds<br>✓ paper bags or certified compostable bags | ✗ aluminum foil, cleaning chemicals, diapers, glass, pet waste, plastic bags & wrap, plates, cups, utensils, recycling, trash, yard waste |

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| LEAVES AND GRASS | ✓ leaves and grass – loose or in paper bags<br>✓ small twigs up to 1/4 inch diameter | ✗ branches or twigs greater than 1/4 inch, plastic bags, or trash |
| MERCURY CONTAINING DEVICES | ✓ all accepted, place with fluorescent lamps<br>✓ thermometers, thermostats, etc. | ✗ If mercury spill is over 2 tbsp, immediately call 911 & MassDEP Spill Hotline (888-304-1133). For containers of liquid mercury, wear gloves, triple-bag & seal in rigid plastic, label "Liquid Mercury," & call 24/7 MassDEP Spill Hotline (888-304-1133). |
| MOTOR OIL | ✓ pure motor oil<br>✓ must be in see-through containers e.g., milk or water jugs<br>✓ only in one gallon or quart containers | ✗ mixed with any other liquids |
| MOTOR OIL FILTERS | ✓ place motor oil filters in the designated container | |
| PROPANE TANKS | ✓ empty 1-pound & 20-pound propane tanks only<br>✓ fire extinguishers | ✗ helium tanks, 20+ pound tanks, oxygen tanks, butane, refrigerant tanks |
| RIGID PLASTICS<br>**must be clean** | **A few examples:**<br>✓ blue bins, plastic tubs, plastic trash barrels, plastic laundry baskets, plastic flowerpots, plastic buckets, plastic toys, plastic furniture | ✗ cloth/textiles must be removed items with residue of any type: paint, oil, tar, dirt, etc. |
| SCRAP METAL | **A few examples:**<br>✓ metal file cabinets, metal doors, metal hangers, metal tables, microwave ovens, bikes, empty fire extinguishers | ✗ cloth/textiles must be removed |
| STRING LIGHTS | ✓ holiday string lights | ✗ plastic bags |
| STYROFOAM BLOCKS<br>**EFFECTIVE 7/31/26, STYROFOAM DROP-OFF PROGRAM SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** | ✓ clean and dry Styrofoam blocks | ✗ cups, packing peanuts, take-out containers |
| TEXTILES<br>*(Clothing, Shoes & Linen)*<br>**must be clean, dry & bagged** | **A few examples:**<br>✓ clothing: shirts, pants, belts, shoes (singles ok), socks (singles ok), slippers, undergarments, hats, scarves, ties<br>✓ blankets, sheets, curtains/draperies, pillowcases, pillows<br>✓ and more: plush toys (stuffed animals), purses<br>✓ stains, rips, missing buttons, and broken zippers ok | ✗ material that is wet/moldy, contaminated with oil or hazardous substances |

## Not Accepted

- **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. Please visit: https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/facilities-fleet-management/household-hazardous-waste-drop-days/ for more information on Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Days.
- Bulky items, household trash, furniture, oil-based paint, tires.

## Right to Refuse Service:

**The City reserves the right to refuse Commercial and Passenger Vehicles, Dual and/or Single Axle trailers, over-sized loads, and/or improperly sorted load(s). All visits should not surpass 10 minutes to off-load material(s).**

**Questions?** Call (508) 979-1520 or email trashandrecycling@newbedford-ma.gov

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