

Calendar Year 2019



Guide to Recycling in Millbury, Massachusetts

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Residential Recycling

The Town does not have curb-side collection. Residents that purchase a transfer station sticker are encouraged to drop all paper, plastic, glass and metal at the transfer station's recycling bins for free.

Recycling earns the Town money because it reduces the amount of trash sent to Wheelabrator. The Town is allowed a specific amount of trash at Wheelabrator and amounts below that are incentivized with cash payments.

Please note that plastic bags should not be placed in the recycle bins with Plastics 1-5. They actually inhibit the equipment that separates the recyclables. Any plastic bags are considered "contamination" which may result in a recycle bin being rejected and considered trash.

Questions on what can be recycled and where can be answered with

- the following Table or
- call the Town's Recycling Coordinator, 508-865-4754, or
- call the Department of Public Works, 508-865-9143, or
 - Town web site.

Item to Recycle	Where to Recycle	Cost	Notes
Aluminum cans	Millbury transfer station Riverlin St, Millbury	Free	Special dumpster for 5 cent deposit cans. All other into single stream dumpster
Antifreeze	Millbury transfer station Riverlin St, Millbury	Free	Request assistance. Container is in building
Appliances	Millbury transfer station Riverlin St, Millbury	Depends on item (typically \$10 per item)	Request assistance. No refrigerators (take to Snitzer metal, Rte 20 Worc).
Automotive Waste	Depends on item	Free	See tires, anti-freeze and oil items
Batteries, car	Millbury transfer station Riverlin St, Millbury	Free	Request assistance at transfer station, special area.
Batteries, button (i.e. hearing aid, watch)	Millbury transfer station Riverlin St, Millbury OR Millbury Board of Health, 127 Elm St, Millbury	Free	Request assistance at transfer station, special area.
Batteries, lead-acid (i.e. AA, AAA, C or D size)	Millbury transfer station Riverlin St, Millbury	Free	Request assistance. Special area.
Cardboard	Millbury transfer station Riverlin St, Millbury	Free	Single stream recycling dumpsters
Cans, tin	Millbury transfer station Riverlin St, Millbury	Free	Single stream recycling dumpsters
Construction Debris (i.e. carpet, wood, window, door)	Millbury transfer station Riverlin St, Millbury	See regulations for fees	Special dumpster
Electronics (microwave, tv, VCR)	Millbury transfer station Riverlin St, Millbury	Call (typically \$15 per item)	Special dumpster
Eye Glasses	Millbury Town Hall or Millbury Public Library or Millbury National Bank (outside, left of entry)	Free	
Fire Extinguishers	Fire Dept HQ, 126 Elm Street, Millbury	Free	
Glass	Millbury Transfer Station Riverlin St, Millbury	Free	Single stream recycling dumpsters
Hazardous Waste	New England Disposal Technologies (NEDT) 83 Gilmore Drive, Sutton Telephone: 866-769-1621	Call for cost	
Helium tanks	New England Disposal Technologies (NEDT) 83 Gilmore Drive, Sutton Telephone: 866-769-1621	Call for cost (\$25 if contains helium)	
Lightbulbs, incandescent or	Millbury Transfer Station Riverlin St, Millbury	Free	Request assistance at transfer station, special area.

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Lightbulbs, fluorescent (CFL bulbs, swirl style)	Home Depot or Lowe's	free	Go to Customer Service counter. Lowe's takes tubes and swirl bulbs. Home Depot takes only the swirl CFL bulbs.
Mattress	Millbury transfer station Riverlin St, Millbury	free if counted as your one annual furniture item, otherwise \$25 per item)	
Mercury	Board of Health	Free	Thermometers and thermostats
Metal	Millbury Transfer Station Riverlin St, Millbury	Free	Special dumpster
Paint, latex	Millbury Transfer Station Riverlin St, Millbury	Free	Let dry, add sand or cat litter and throw in trash
Paint and paint thinner (including shellac, varnish)	New England Disposal Technologies (NEDT) 83 Gilmore Drive, Sutton Telephone: 866-769-1621	Call for cost	
Paper (newspaper, white paper)	Millbury Transfer Station Riverlin St, Millbury	Free	Single stream recycling dumpsters
Plastic (#1-#5 only, see list)	Millbury Transfer Station Riverlin St, Millbury	Free	Single stream recycling dumpsters
Propane Tanks	N. E. Disposal Technologies 83 Gilmore Drive, Sutton Telephone: 866-769-1621	Call for cost	Small tanks, 3 lb tanks (i.e. coleman type)
Propane Tanks	Dileo Gas Inc. 630 Sunderland Road Worcester, MA 01604 Telephone: 508-797-5878	Call for cost	20 lb tanks and larger (i.e. grill tanks and bigger)
Smoke Detector	Millbury Transfer Station Riverlin St, Millbury	Free	Request assistance at transfer station, special area.
Thermometers (mercury)	Millbury Board of Health 127 Elm Street, Millbury	Free	Cannot be broken
Thermostats	Millbury Board of Health 127 Elm Street, Millbury	Free	
Tires	Millbury Transfer Station Riverlin St, Millbury	Free	Collection four times per year
Waste oil	Millbury Transfer Station Riverlin St, Millbury	Free	Request assistance. Container is in building

Plastic type 1 = PET = Polyethylene Terephthalate
Plastic type 2 = HDPE, high density polyethylene
Plastic type 3 = PVC = polyvinyl chloride
Plastic type 4 = LDPE, Low density polyethylene
Plastic type 5 = PP = Polypropylene
NOT RECYCLABLE -> Plastic type 6 = PS = Polystyrene
NOT RECYCLABLE -> Plastic type 7 = PC = Polycarbonate



PET

Polyethylene terephthalate, also known as PETE or PET



PETE

Usually clear in color, the vast majority of disposable beverage and food containers and bottles are made of #1 plastic. Another common place you'd find #1 is in your household cleaning product containers. This plastic is relatively safe, but it is important to keep it out of the heat or it could cause chemicals (like the flame retardant antimony trioxide) to leach into your liquids. Plus, the porous nature of its surface allows bacteria and flavor to accumulate, so avoid reusing these bottles as makeshift containers. This plastic can be brought to the Millbury Transfer Station for recycling.



HDPE

High-density polyethylene, or HDPE

High-density polyethylene, or HDPE. Most milk jugs, detergent and juice bottles, butter tubs, and toiletries containers are made of HDPE. Usually opaque in color, this plastic is considered safe and has low risk of leaching.

This plastic can be brought to the Millbury Transfer Station for recycling.



PVC

Polyvinyl chloride, or PVC. It is used to make food wrap, bottles for cooking oil, shower curtains, inflatable mattresses, and the common plumbing pipes. PVC, although tough in terms of strength, it is not considered safe for cooking or heating. PVC contains softening chemicals called phthalates that interfere with hormonal development. Never cook using food wrap, especially in a microwave oven. Check the labels of inflatable, baby toys, etc. to ensure they are free of PVC (and phthalates and BPA).

This plastic can be brought to the Millbury Transfer Station for recycling.



Low-density polyethylene (LDPE) is used to make grocery bags, some food wraps, squeezable bottles, and bread bags. The problem with LDPE is that it is not recyclable if it is a grocery bag. Shaws and Price Chopper accept grocery bag returns. This plastic can be brought to the Millbury Transfer Station but it cannot be placed in the single stream dumpsters. The Town has special upright bins for these bags.



This is polypropylene (PP). Common items produced with it include yogurt cups, medicine and ketchup bottles, kitchenware and “microwave-safe” plastic containers. Polypropylene is considered microwave-safe because it is heat resistant and therefore won’t get warped in the microwave. As long as you avoid the microwave, PP is considered a safe plastic. This plastic can be brought to the Millbury Transfer Station for recycling.



Polystyrene

Polystyrene, or Styrofoam, from which most disposable containers and food ware are made. Also very common in packaging, such as packing peanuts. Overwhelming evidence suggests that this type of plastic leaches potentially toxic chemicals, especially when heated. It would be wise to avoid #6 plastic as much as possible. It is difficult to recycle and only accepted by specific recycling facilities. **The Town does not accept #6 plastics (PS plastic) for recycling.**



Plastic category 7 essentially means "everything else" and is composed of any new plastics, including bioplastics, and could also be comprised of different types of plastics. Polycarbonate falls into this category, including the highly toxic BPA. Products produced include baby and water bottles, sports equipment, medical and dental devices, CD's and DVD's, and some computer and other technological parts. It is wise to dispose of any food or drink related product that is known to contain BPA. **The Town does not accept #7 plastics for recycling.**

If you are going to use them, you need to remember which are less hazardous. To summarize, plastics in categories #2, #4 and #5 are generally considered safe. Be wary of putting them in the microwave, even if they are labeled "microwave-safe". Plastics #1, #3, #6 and #7 should be used with varying to extreme caution, especially around food or drink. Of these, plastic #1 isn't too terrible, but needs to be stored in cool environments and should not be reused.