

Town of Tewksbury

1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876

What Can I Recycle?

Questions? Call 978-640-4300

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Everyone asks the question, "Can I recycle this?" This area will attempt to answer this question, as well as "How" and "Where," but keep checking back as we will be updating this section often. If there is an item you have a question about for which we haven't yet provided complete information, please contact one of the [TRC members](#) so that we can assist you.

General information is posted below, but be sure to look at the [RECYCLING BULLETS](#) to search for a wide variety of items that you never thought you could recycle.

See a [PowerPoint presentation](#) giving you a brief idea of what can and can't be recycled in Tewksbury. (note: File size = 9 MB)

Paper/Cardboard; Commingled Plastics (#1 to #7)/Glass/Metal (tin & aluminum) Cans - *Every Other Week; Curbside* (see [Calendar](#) for determining when your street recycles)

- Our paper/cardboard program accepts almost all types of paper/cardboard that you have in your house. Be sure to recycle all of your junk mail, newspaper, and cardboard boxes (broken down to 2 ft x 3 ft). This is the most significant waste stream to recycle in your house in terms of saving tax dollars. The weight of paper recycled significantly exceeds that of commingled items. Click [here](#) to find out more details about what paper items can and cannot be recycled.
- Plastics (#1 to #7)/Glass/Metal Cans can all be placed in the same container (commingled). This should be separated from the paper/cardboard as they are sorted separately. Click [here](#) to find out more details about what items can and cannot be included in the commingled stream.
- Keep your recyclables as far away from your trash as possible (positioning trash and recyclables on opposite sides of the driveway is best) so that there is no question by the collection contractor as to which should be recycled.
- Our program is set up such that you do not need a recycling bin to recycle. Keeping recyclables apart from trash is supposed to be good enough (see below). Of course, it helps if the collection contractor doesn't have to think about what *might* be trash. Even though it is not necessary, you can place a RECYCLE sticker on any container you want. Stickers can be acquired by stopping in at the DPW or Town Hall. Often, people use the old blue bins for paper/cardboard (if your cardboard fits in the blue bin, it will fit in the recycling truck) and an old garbage can for commingled items.

Sheetrock - *The 3rd Saturday of Every Month; DPW* (see [Calendar](#))

- From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., you can bring sheetrock to the DPW (999 Whipple Rd.) at no cost.

Fluorescent Bulbs - *Weekdays; DPW* (see [Calendar](#))

- From 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., you can bring fluorescent bulbs (including compact

fluorescent bulbs) to the DPW (999 Whipple Rd.) at no cost

Branches/Shrubs - *Twice a year (October and April); Curbside* (see [Calendar](#))

- Branches shall be no more than 3 ft. in length and 4 inches in diameter. Branches should be tied into bundles or placed in separate barrels.
- Do not put branches and shrubs in plastic bags or paper bags. No grass clippings.

Leaves - *Twice a year (October and April); Curbside* (see [Calendar](#))

- Leaves shall be placed in paper bags or separate barrels.
- Avoid mixing a lot of grass clippings, pine needles, pine cones, and small sticks with the leaves. Do not put leaves in plastic bags

Christmas Trees - *Once a year (Typically first week in January); Curbside or DPW* (see [Calendar](#))

- Either place the tree curbside or bring it to the DPW (999 Whipple Rd.)
- Do not leave on tinsel or trimmings. Do not place the tree in a plastic bag.

White Goods/Appliances/TVs/CRTs - *Scheduled Curbside Pickup* (call Appliance Recyclers to schedule a pickup and obtain fee schedule - 1-877-228-2898)

- Items include refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, air conditioners, water heaters, TVs, computer monitors, tires, and other metal items.
- www.applrecyl.com—prices currently range from \$5 to \$20 depending on the item
- These items will NOT be picked up without a prior call to schedule the pickup

Bulky Items - *Weekly; Curbside* (see [Calendar](#)) -

- Items include sofas, loveseats, large living room chairs. Call Allied Waste (800-442-9006) to schedule a pickup at no extra charge.