

NJWC has been sponsoring town-wide Styrofoam recycling in conjunction with Northborough's Take It or Leave It Day and Hazardous Waste Day whenever possible. We are also dedicated to support recycling beyond the paper, cans, & bottles that can be recycled as part of the town trash pickup. To that end, we have compiled a list of resources to assist the community in recycling other items.



See below for a list of other recyclable items & where they can be reprocessed or reutilized. We would appreciate everyone's assistance in keeping this resource up to date.

If you have information on additional resources or something we have listed is no longer in operation, please email us at info@northborojuniors.org. Together we can make a difference!

RENEW...REUSE...RESPECT...REDUCE...REPACKAGE – USE IT UP...WEAR IT OUT...MAKE IT DO...OR DO WITHOUT!

To “succeed” at recycling, it needs to become a “second nature” activity or a “way of life.”

- ✓ Save large cotton balls that come in medicine containers and use them to remove nail polish...great because of their large size.
- ✓ Use lids from plastic containers as mini cutting boards for fruit, etc.; use as small plates.
- ✓ Use lids from plastic containers to cut out stencils for coloring projects for kids.
- ✓ Be conscious of paper towel use; use old rags when possible.
- ✓ Use cloth napkins when appropriate.
- ✓ Use rags instead of paper towels ... compost leaves & yard waste ... use a rain barrel to water plants ... repurpose bottles & containers.
- ✓ Unplug your toaster oven, blender, coffee pot, and phone chargers when not in use; it not only lowers your energy bill but also reduces your carbon footprint. Try using the same surge protector so you can cut power to all by removing one plug.
- ✓ Instead of tossing that last teaspoon or jam or mustard, make a dressing right in the jar. Add about a tablespoon of vinegar or lemon juice and a couple of teaspoons of olive oil. Seal & shake; add to your salad.
- ✓ Bring totes & mesh produce bags to the store (keep in your car in between trips).
- ✓ Use reusable mesh K-Cups for coffee instead of disposable pods.
- ✓ Skip cutlery when you order takeout; skip the condiments as well.
- ✓ Refill hand soap & detergent dispensers from bulk containers rather than buying new dispensers.

More than 75% of U.S. waste is recyclable...but we recycle only about 30% of it!!!!



Before making donations, it is suggested that you check these places for the most up-to-date information on what items are being accepted, hours, drop off information, etc.

Bicycles

- **Green Day Recycle a Bicycle** – Dennis Wood, 508-277-7513

Books

- **Northborough Library** ...Wednesdays Only are for Book Donations ... 9:30 am – 8:30 pm
Book donations are handled by the Friends of the Northborough Library, for resale to benefit the library. Accepted donations include books, DVDs, and CDs. (limit 3 boxes/donation)
Please no encyclopedia sets, text books older than 5 years, any books in poor condition, or VHS cassettes.
- **More Than Words** www.mtwyouth.org/donate-books
CD's, video games, VHS tapes, audio cassettes, magazines and periodicals. Visit their website for drop off locations and hours

Batteries / Mercury (Button, Household, & NiCad Batteries)

- **Batteries Plus** takes all three types of batteries (there may be a small charge for household batteries).
- **Northborough Town Hall** takes button cell & rechargeable batteries, thermometers and thermostats.
- **Staples** takes rechargeable batteries (see section under Computer & Tech for specifics).
- **Trinity Church** collects button & household batteries to be recycled. Collection boxes are located in the hallway near Room 105.

Clothing (Gently Used)

- **St. Rose of Lima Thrift Shop** (244 W. Main Street), located on the lower level of the church, is open Tuesdays & the 1st Saturday of every month 10 am – 2 pm.
Donations, such as clothing for men, women, and children, shoes, books, small household items, and costume jewelry, welcome.
- **Trinity Church 'Count Your Blessings' Thrift Shop** (23 Main Street) Saturdays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 10 am – 2 pm
Donations of gently used clothing can be dropped off in the marked bin in the church hallway.
- **Elite Repeat Thrift Store @ St. Stephens Episcopal Church** (6 John Street, Westborough)
Accepts & sells clothing, housewares, jewelry, toys and much more!
- **Next to New** Thrift & Consignment Store (276 W Main St Ste 8).
- **Exchange Boutique** (19 Blake Street)
- **Savers** (Worcester & Marlborough) www.savers.com
- **St. Vincent de Paul Bin** (next to Rocky's Ace Hardware); Northborough

Computer & Tech

- **Best Buy** - Go to <https://www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c?id=pcmcat149900050025> to view all of the items that can be recycled for free.
- **Staples** - It's Recycling Day Every Day at Staples ... Best of all, it's FREE to recycle every day in every Staples® store. You will receive \$5 back in rewards when you recycle or shred in store.
Limited to once per customer per calendar month.

What **CAN** be Recycled in Store

TECH

Adapters & Cables
All-in-One Computers
Battery Backup Devices
Cable / Satellite Receivers
Calculators
Camcorders
CD / DVD / Blu-Ray Players
Coffee Brewers (less than 40#)
Computer Speakers
Connected Home Devices
Copiers
Cordless Phones
Desktop Computers
Digital Cameras
Digital Projectors
eReaders
Fax Machines
Flash Drives
Gaming Consoles

GPS Devices
Hard Drives
Keyboards & Mice
Label Makers
Laminators
Laptops
MP3 Players
Mobile Phones
Modems
Monitors
(CRT, LED/LCD, plasma)
Printers & Multifunction Devices
Routers
Scanners
Shredders
Small Servers
Stereo Receivers
Tablets
Video Streaming devices
Webcams

PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Ink Cartridges
Toner Cartridges

RECHARGABLE BATTERIES

Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)
Lithium Ion (Li-Ion)
Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb)
Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)
Nickel Zinc (Ni-ZN)

PAPER

Shredding (cost per lb)

OTHER

SodaStream® CO² cylinders

Air Conditioners
Alkaline Batteries
Appliances
Floor-Model Printers Copiers

What **CANNOT** be Recycled in Store

Kitchen Appliances
Lamps or Bulbs
Large Servers
Large Speakers

Non-Rechargeable Lithium Batteries
Smoke Detectors
Televisions
Vaporizers

Controlled Substance Disposal Locations

- **CVS Pharmacy**, 24 W Main Street, Northborough (container in rear left corner of store, near Pharmacy)
- **Northborough Police Department**, 211 Main Street, Northborough (container in lobby)

Corks (wine bottle)

- **Whole Foods** (drop-off box in front of store)

Curbside Composting

- **Black Earth Compost** www.blackearthcompost.com
YES! Curbside composting has come to Northboro.
Almost all food waste can be composted & they take items that cannot be put in town recycling.

Furniture

- **Fresh Start Furniture Bank** www.freshstartfurniturebank.org
Furniture in good condition, electronics, small kitchen appliances, kitchen items, linens.

Household Items

- **Savers** www.savers.com.

Greeting Cards Fronts (used)

- **St. Jude's** (stjudesranch.org)
St. Jude's Ranch for Children
Recycled Card Program
100 St. Jude's Street
Boulder City, NV 89005
USPS flat rate box holds up to 70#
Birthday & Thank You Cards – Only Fronts
No Hallmark, Disney, or American Greetings Cards
5x7 or smaller preferred

Greeting Cards (new)

- Give to Jane O'Toole (she packages into packets of 5 and brings to Food Pantry).
Bring to Northborough Senior Center.
Give to Arthlene, our "Sunshine" chair ... birthday, get well, thinking of you.

Lightbulbs (CFL)

- **Batteries Plus**
- **Rocky's Ace Hardware** or **Home Depot**
- **Town Hall**

Lightbulbs (Fluorescent – tubes up to 4 feet in length)

- **Home Depot** (Shrewsbury)
- **Lowe's** (Westborough)
- **Rocky's Ace Hardware** 261 W Main Street, Northborough, 508-393-5428

Mattresses

- Statewide Ban on Curbside Mattress Collection
As of November 1, 2022, mattresses, box springs, and textiles are no longer allowed in the trash. New state rules require mattresses and textiles be kept out of the waste stream so that they can be recycled or donated for reuse. These items will no longer qualify for bulk item curbside collection.

Disposal Options

- **Green Team Junk Removal** will collect these items at your house for a fee of \$75/mattress or box spring.
Call 508-361-0519 or go to www.gogreenteamjunk.com.
- **Dumpster Divers Regional Recycling Center** is seasonal and will reopen in Spring 2023, opening date 04/01/2023, more information is available at www.thedumpsterdivers.com/recycling/ or by calling 508-925-5245.

Metal Removal

- **Mike DiTerlizzi** - 508-735-3086
- **Frankenstein's Recycling** – 508-831-7570 (call between 9 am – 12:30 pm)
- **Veron Company**, Forest Street, Marlborough – 508-485-4884; theveroncompany.com

Pizza Boxes

- You can put your EMPTY pizza box in your recycling container. Grease is okay.

Plastic Bags

- Reuse or return to grocery stores and place in designated bins. **Lowe's** also has bins as you enter the store with collection bins.
- **Kohl's** when they host the bag return sponsored by the Westborough Rotary.

Propane Tanks (there may be a charge)

- **Rocky's Ace Hardware**, 261 W Main Street, 508-393-5428
- **WalMart**, 200 Otis Street, 508-393-4385

Refrigerator Recycling

- **MassSave** – 877-545-4113

Sharps Disposal

- **Health Department at Northborough** at Northborough Town Hall
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8 am-4 pm; Tuesday 8 am-7 pm; Friday 7 am-12 noon
Please call 508-393-5009 ahead for details and to confirm someone will be available to assist you.

Shoes / Sneakers

- **DSW**, 747 Donald Lynch Blvd., Marlborough; 508-303-4962; Soles4Souls.com
Bring new or gently-worn shoes to any DSW location; let a store associate know you'd like to donate, & add your shoes to the donation box. The store associate will apply 50 points to your DSW VIP account.
- **Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Program**; www.nike.com/sustainability/recycling-donation
Drop off worn out athletic shoes at a participating Nike store (closest one is in Wrentham) to be ground into building materials.

Textile Recycling (PTO Bins at Middle, Lincoln, Peaslee, Proctor, Zeh Schools, ARHS)

- Recycle your textiles using the Bay State Textiles collection bins permanently placed at all the Northborough public schools. This program is not only saving the environment, but it is also raising funds for the school PTOs (parent teacher organizations). The individual school PTOs benefit from the donations and receive monthly donations based on the weight of collections. You now have a place for those single socks and stuffed animals! Items must be clean and dry and placed in plastic bags. Items are reused, repurposed, and recycled.
The textile bins provide a means for textiles to be disposed and supports the November 1 state ban on disposal of textiles and efforts to reduce disposal statewide by 30% over the next decade.

Waste Oil

- **Lamy Automotive**, 200 Bartlett Street, Northborough; 508-393-9399
- **Stone's Motorcycle Company**, 89 Main Street, Northborough; 508-393-6816.\

ADDITIONAL/MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES

- RecycleSmartMA.org
- [Mass DEP Beyond the Bin Recycling Directory](#)
- [Central MA Mosquito Control Tire Recycling Program](#)
- [Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center](#)
- [Mass DEP Home Composting Guide](#)
- [The Compost Story \(Full Video\) by Kiss the Ground](#)
- [Trash Collection Cancellation Policy](#)
- [Home Composting and Green Landscaping](#)