

Plymouth Recycling Guidelines



General Recyclables

Accepted at all transfer stations with no additional fees. Sort into these categories:

Cardboard

- Corrugated only
- Flatten boxes
- Pizza box lids only (not greasy)

Newspaper

- Newspapers & inserts

Mixed Paper

- Magazines & Catalogs
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc)
- Soft cover books
- Office paper
- Shredded paper (in a paper or clear plastic bag)
- Junk mail

- Phone books
- Brown Bags
- Staples, paperclips, spirals, & plastic envelope windows are OK
- No soiled or waxed-, foil- or plastic-coated paper

Commingled Containers

- Glass Bottles & Jars (any color) (no ceramics, window glass, light bulbs, or pyrex)
- Rigid Plastics #1-7 (no styrofoam or plastic bags)
- Steel, Tin & Aluminum Cans
- Aluminum pie plates, trays & foil (clean)
- Rinse, labels are OK

Deposit Bottles & Cans

are collected at all three transfer stations. Proceeds benefit scholarships for Plymouth students and recycling outreach & education.

Recycle Bins are available at the DPW Facility at 159 Camelot Dr for \$5 each.

Compost Bins

Compost food scraps with leaves & grass clippings to reduce your trash. Compost bins are available at all transfer stations & the DPW Facility at 159 Camelot Dr for \$38.00 each.

Special Collections

Material	Fee	Cedarville	Manomet	South St.
Appliances, freon	\$15		Y	
Appliances, non-freon	N		Y	
Auto Batteries	N		Y	Y
Books, VHS, DVD, video games, board games	N		Y	Y
Fluorescent bulbs & mercury products	N	Y	Y	Y
Grass clippings & leaves (no brush)	N		Y	
Motor oil (no contaminants)	N	Y	Y	Y
Propane tanks	\$2		Y	Y
Rechargeable batteries & cell phones	N	Y	Y	Y
Scrap metal, large	N		Y	
Scrap metal, small	N	Y	Y	Y
Tires	vary		Y	
TVs, Computer monitors	\$10		Y	Y
Used clothing & textiles	N		Y	Y
Mattresses, construction & demo debris, clean-outs, bulky items, furniture, carpet	\$.095 per lb \$10 min.	Hard to Manage Waste Facility, Beaver Dam Rd Sun, Tue, Thu, Sat, 8am-4pm Sticker Not Required		

State Regulations Prohibit Disposal of Mercury-Containing Products Beginning May 1, 2008

Why are mercury products banned from disposal?

Mercury is a toxic metal that accumulates in the environment, and in animal and human tissues. Mercury can poison the nervous system, liver and kidneys. Young children and pregnant women are most vulnerable because mercury can damage developing nervous systems. Mercury won't harm you or the environment as long as it stays inside the product and is handled properly when you are finished with it.

What is banned for disposal?

Some common examples of mercury-containing products include: some thermometers, non-digital thermostats, blood pressure cuffs, flat panel computer monitors & TVs, handheld gaming devices, portable DVD players, fluorescent bulbs (including compact), button batteries, and some toys with button batteries designed not to be removed by the user.

How can I tell if it contains mercury?

Beginning May 1, 2008, mercury-containing products are required to be labeled. Look for "Mercury" or "Hg" on the product or packaging.

Where can I bring products containing mercury?

Store breakable mercury-containing devices in a safe place, such as an unbreakable plastic container, away from children and pets. Mercury-containing products can be given to the attendants at all three residential transfer stations for proper storage and recycling. Elemental mercury not contained in a device must be brought to Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Thermometer Exchange

Mercury thermometers can be exchanged for a mercury-free digital thermometer at all three transfer stations, in the Environmental Management Office at Town Hall, and at Household Hazardous Waste Days.

Thermostat Exchange

Mercury thermostats can be exchanged for a mercury-free digital, programmable thermostat. Thermostats are available through the Environmental Management Division only. Please contact Kerin McCall at kmccall@townhall.plymouth.ma.us or 508-747-1620 x201 to make arrangements.

For more information on mercury visit:

www.keepmercuryfromrising.org
www.mass.gov/dep/toxics/stypes/hgres.htm

Digital thermometers, digital thermostats, and this informational mailing are provided courtesy of Covanta/SEMASS.

2009-2010 Household Hazardous Waste Days

Fall Collection: October 17, 2009

Spring Collection: May 8, 2010

Household Hazardous Waste Days are held from 9am to 1pm at the DPW Facility at 159 Camelot Drive.

** Plymouth residents with more than 30 gal/60 lbs, bring \$20 for each additional 15 gal/30 lb.

Town of Plymouth

2009-2010 Trash & Recycling Program Information

Annual Transfer Stations Fees

Effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

Regular	\$178
Senior/Handicap	\$134
Recycle Only	\$12*

* The Recycle Only fee recently changed from a one-time to an annual fee. Proof of alternate means of trash disposal required.

Every year, we throw away 1.5 million tons of paper in Massachusetts, and it costs a staggering \$100 million in disposal fees—and that doesn't include the millions of dollars in revenue that was lost because the paper wasn't recycled. Help Plymouth recycle more and reduce costs! See inside or www.massrecyclespaper.org for more information on recyclable paper.

Did you know . . . ?

Massachusetts prohibits the disposal of the following items:

- Paper & Cardboard
- Bottles & Cans
- Leaves & Yardwaste
- Auto Batteries
- TVs & Computers
- Large Appliances
- Tires
- Wood & Metal

Be sure to keep these items out of your trash by recycling them.

Other materials NOT accepted by SEMASS in the trash compactors include:

- Furniture
- Propane Tanks
- Hazardous Materials
- Carpet
- Hot Ashes
- Commercial Refuse

These materials should be disposed of at the Hard to Manage Waste Facility on Beaver Dam Road or Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Plate Scanning System Operational at Three Transfer Stations

What is Plate Scan?

Plate Scan will be operational at all three of the transfer stations on July 1, 2008. Plate Scan is a video scanning system that reads license plates. When you pay your annual trash fee, your vehicle information will be entered into a database. Cameras will scan the plates of the vehicles entering the transfer station, which will be automatically checked against the database. Those with registrations that do not show up in the database as paid will receive a violation notice and a fine.

This camera scanning system will replace the sticker system, thus vehicles will not display a sticker. **It is recommended that residents keep a copy of their payment receipt with their registration.**

How much is the Annual Fee?

The Board of Selectmen approved the following flat fees to replace the Pay-As-You-Throw fees effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010:

Regular	\$178
Senior/Handicap	\$134

What about access for a Second Vehicle?

A second vehicle registered to the same address of a resident who has paid the annual trash fee will be allowed access to the transfer stations at no charge. Residents of multi-family units must demonstrate proof that both the vehicle registered in the database as having paid the annual trash fee, and the second vehicle seeking access to the transfer stations at no charge, are residents of the same unit.

Transfer Station Hours

Cedarville (Hedges Pond Rd)

Wed & Sat, 8am-5pm

Manomet (Beaver Dam Rd)

Sun, Tue, Thu, Sat, 8am-4pm

South St (Long Pond Rd)

Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, 8am-5pm

For more information about Plymouth's Solid Waste & Recycling Programs:

Visit the Recycling page at www.plymouth-ma.gov or call 508-830-4162 x102

General Recycling Information: www.mass.gov/dep