

Did you know?

Massachusetts limits the disposal of the following items, and loads of trash with these items can be rejected by Wheelabrator:*

- ➔ Paper and Cardboard
- ➔ Bottles, jars and cans (glass, aluminum, single polymer plastic)
- ➔ Leaves and yard waste
- ➔ Tires
- ➔ Large home appliances

(These can all be deposited in the Acton Transfer Station Recycling Area)

- ➔ Car batteries
- ➔ TV's and computers

(These can be taken to Hazardous Waste Day. Call the Health Department for the next date and details on any special fees.)

*Massachusetts Regulations 310 CMR 19.017(3)

NOTE: Mercury containing thermometers, thermostats and batteries may be disposed of at the Health Department office in Town Hall during office hours.

NOTE: The transfer station also prohibits or charges fees for the disposal of other items. See the attendant for details.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Tuesday through Thursday, 8:00 – 3:00
Friday 7:00 – 3:00
Saturday 7:00 – 4:30
Closed Sunday, Monday, Holidays

WEB SITES

<http://www.acton-ma.gov> On the left, under “Departments”, find “Highway”. Under “Highway”, click on “Transfer Station”.

For more on reuse and recycling of other materials, go to the DEP-authorized information clearinghouse www.earth911.org

TOWN STAFF WITH INFORMATION ON RECYCLING OR TRANSFER STATION

Highway Department, 978-264-9624

Engineering Department, 978-264-9628

Health Department, 978-264-9634



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RECYCLING IN ACTON

What You Need To Know

2005-2006



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HOWS

Please prepare and deposit your recyclables according to these directions:

Paper/Cardboard Bin: Place loose paper (newspaper, mail, magazines etc.) in the bin. Flatten boxes; cut large boxes up into smaller pieces. *If you can rip it, you can recycle it.*

Glass, Bottle, Can, Plastic and Container Bin: Only cleaned bottles, cans and jars are accepted. Only plastics numbered 1 through 7 are recyclable. (5-cent deposit plastic & metal containers may be placed in the Community Supper donation bins)

Yardwaste disposal bin: Deposit *loose* leaves, plants, grass clippings, woodchips, twigs and all easily raked materials (no plastic bags). Remove tinsel from Christmas trees.

Ash disposal area: Dump loose ashes (no plastic bags).

Scrap metal pile: Check with the attendant.

Waste oil area: Deposit used motor oil only.

White Goods (large household appliances) area: Check with the attendant.

Donations area: Clothing can be donated to the Salvation Army.

WHYS

Recycling saves money.

Acton's trash disposal fee at Wheelabrator is \$64/ton for 2005-2006 and it is likely to increase in the future. Disposal fees are *more than 75%* of the cost of running our transfer station.

Our recycling vendor pays \$7.50 for each ton of paper we recycle. Therefore, every ton of paper that can be recycled saves Acton \$71.50. Every ton of commingled recyclables saves at least the disposal fee of \$64. Last year Acton recycled 320 tons of commingled materials and almost 1100 tons of paper. *If we recycle more, we can save more.*

Recycling saves natural resources.

Recycling one ton of paper saves 6,953 gallons of water, 463 gallons of oil, and 4,077 kilowatt-hours of energy!

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for 3 hours.

Recycling one pound of steel saves enough energy to light a 60-watt light bulb for 24 hours.

Recycling one glass container saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for 4 hours.

DOS AND DON'TS

- DO Try to go to the transfer station and recycling center on weekdays. You'll save time and gasoline.
- DO Bring household-generated recyclables ONLY.
- DO Prepare your recyclables according to directions (see "Hows").
- DO Sort your recyclables and place them in the appropriate bin.
- DO Bring your hazardous wastes to Hazardous Waste Day.
- DO Ask the attendant at the booth if you need help accessing the recycling bins.

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- DON'T Forget to clean your recyclables.
- DON'T Mix non-recyclables in with your recyclables. Our recycling vendor will charge us for loads with non-recyclables (flower pots, Styrofoam, window glass, cookware, plastic bags, aerosol cans, coat hangers, extension cords, motor oil containers, and unmarked containers.)
- DON'T Put solvents or gasoline in the waste oil tank.