

FREE Recycling at the Transfer Station (TS)

See www.Acton-MA.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/350 for guidance on recycling at the Transfer Station. Below is a general guide to what can be recycled:

IN COMMINGLED (glass, cans, plastic containers) BIN:

- plastic containers labeled #1 through #7 — but no Styrofoam™ containers; (Styrofoam™ packing material must be recycled in a separate bin)
- glass bottles (do NOT include window glass, drinking glasses, light bulbs, or Pyrex)
- steel, tin, and aluminum cans
- clean aluminum foil, pie plates, trays
- milk cartons, juice cartons, other cartons with the same gable-top shape
- aseptic containers with a rectangular shape, such as soy milk containers
- clean plastic plant pots

NOTE: DO NOT flatten metal or plastic containers; DO NOT recycle plastic bags; they tangle and jam equipment; they often can be recycled at the stores from which they came

IN PAPER/CARDBOARD BIN:

- newspapers and inserts
- corrugated cardboard (please flatten boxes; ask staff for help if needed)
- paperboard (cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.)
- junk mail, phone books, magazines, catalogues
- pizza boxes: **greasy pizza boxes go to the trash;** clean parts are OK to recycle
- hard- and soft-cover books
- office paper, wrapping paper
- clean paper plates, paper bags (no food or grease)
- cardboard egg cartons
- paper goods with staples, spiral bindings, or plastic envelope windows are OK

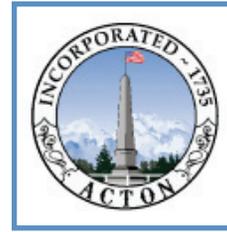
NOTE: DO NOT recycle shredded paper; it cannot be recovered; put in trash

AT DESIGNATED AREAS:

- yard waste
- scrap metal
- rigid plastics (plastic sleds, rigid wading pools, etc.)
- Styrofoam™ packing material; **Styrofoam™ peanuts are accepted only if bagged**
- fluorescent light bulbs
- e-waste (computers, printers, scanners)
- clothing and textile donations
- clean wood (no metal, no paint or stain, no plywood, no pressure-treated wood)
- concrete, bricks, cement
- used motor oil
- used antifreeze

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Acton Transfer Station SMART PAYT Program STARTS Sept. 1, 2015

WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

Using the Transfer Station is much the same as it has been.

Here's what happens, beginning Sept. 1:

- the annual Transfer Station sticker must be purchased at the Gatehouse between Sept. 1 and Oct. 1 (see next page for new pricing)
- official blue Acton trash bags must be used for all trash disposal **starting Sept. 1** (see next page for sizes and pricing)
- Acton trash bags are available at many retail sites in Acton, and one in Littleton (see next page for details)
- recycling remains the same; no bags are required
- the "bulky items" system for large and/or irregular items remains the same, with coupons available via Gatehouse staff (more information on next pages)

MORE INFO ON PAYT AND RECYCLING

- **Acton's SMART PAYT info line: 1.866.329.3226**
- **www.WasteZero.com/Acton**
- **www.Acton-MA.gov/index.aspx?nid=149**

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Acton Transfer Station Access Sticker Pricing

Regular sticker = \$100

Second sticker = \$15

Replacement sticker = \$10

Senior sticker = \$10

Recycling-only sticker = \$15

Senior recycling-only sticker = \$5

Acton Trash Bag Options and Pricing

Bags are available in three sizes:

- large (30-gallon) bags, sold in rolls of 5 for \$7.50 (\$1.50 each)
- small (15-gallon) bags, sold in rolls of 8 for \$6.40 (\$.80 each)
- mini (8-gallon) bags, sold in rolls of 10 for \$5.00 (\$.50 each)

* Please note that no sales tax is charged on bag purchases, and retailers receive no compensation for carrying them.

Local Retailers Selling Acton Trash Bags

- Acton ACE Hardware, 210 Main Street
- Acton Pharmacy, 563 Massachusetts Avenue
- Buscemi's Townline Convenience, 37 Main Street
- CVS, 344 Great Road
- CVS, 400 Massachusetts Avenue
- Donelan's, Gould's Plaza, 248 Great Road
- Rite Aid, 100 Powder Mill Road
- Roche Bros., 387 Massachusetts Avenue
- Stop & Shop, 100 Powder Mill Road
- Tedeschi's Food Shops, 75 Great Road
- Market Basket, 301 Constitution Avenue, Littleton

* Please note that during the initial phase of PAYT adoption, Acton trash bags will be available (for purchase) at the Gatehouse for those caught unawares.

The "Bulky Items" Coupon System

The existing "bulky items" coupon system will continue to be used for large or irregular items, such as furniture, appliances, fixtures, etc. Coupon costs remain unchanged. In addition, **a new \$1.50 coupon will be available** for an item whose volume is approximately that of the large (30-gallon) Acton trash bag, but which is not easily put in the bag. See staff at the Transfer Station Gatehouse for such items.

Trash Tips: Optimizing Use of the Transfer Station

Here are some ways to reduce household trash:

- **Consider ways to reduce waste:** buy items with the least packaging possible, and/or ensure that packaging is recyclable; avoid single-use plastics/items; buy in bulk; bring reusable bags for shopping
- **Recycle all that you can** at the Acton Transfer Station; see last page for more information on recycling options
- **Consider home composting:** organic kitchen and yard waste comprises nearly 20% of materials in the "waste" stream; such "waste" is actually a resource that, when composted, becomes "black gold" to be used in yards and gardens
- **Reuse and repurpose items when possible:** sometimes a little TLC, repair, and/or creativity can make something useful again! When items *are* ready to leave your home, donate them to someone or to an organization, such as Household Goods Recycling here in Acton. Or, bring them to . . .

The SWAP SHOP at the Acton Transfer Station!



Bring your clean, serviceable items for others to take, and/or take what appeals to you. **All FREE.**

Guidelines here:

www.acton-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/3149.