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The Recycling Center is located at 1103 Shawmut Avenue. Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. New Bedford residents only; be prepared to show proof of residency. Only material generated within the boundaries of the City of New Bedford is accepted at the facility.

Items Accepted at the Recycling Center

Please note the **signs** at the Recycling Center listing which items belong in each container.

Items	Accepted ✓	Not Accepted ✗
ANTIFREEZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ pure antifreeze✓ must be in see-through containers e.g., milk or water jugs✓ only in one gallon or quart containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ mixed with any other liquids
APPLIANCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ A few examples: ACs, dryers, dishwashers, ovens, stoves, hot water heaters, refrigerators – doors removed	
BATTERIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ lead-acid – found in cars✓ Rechargeable – found in cordless & cell phones, cordless power tools, laptops, cameras, etc.✓ Button-cell or coin, place between 2 pieces of clear tape	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ alkaline batteries – place in trash
BOOKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ hardcover and softcover books	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ cassette/VHS tapes, CDs/DVDs, encyclopedias, magazines, moldy books, newspapers, records, video games
BOTTLES, CANS, JUGS, JARS, PAPER, AND PAPERBOARD	<p>Sign near the container says “single stream”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ empty bottles, cans, jugs, and jars✓ newspapers, magazines, office paper, junk mail✓ dry food boxes, e.g., cereal boxes, empty pizza boxes – grease is okay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ plastic bags/plastic wrap, pet food bags, cartons, food, shredded paper
CARDBOARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ corrugated cardboard only✓ place in container near the large building	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ plastic, Styrofoam
COOKING OIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ pour cooking oil into the designated container	
ELECTRONIC WASTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ TVs✓ computer monitors✓ computer towers✓ laptops	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ other electronics - Staples and Best Buy accept many electronics. Look online for their electronics recycling program details.
FLUORESCENT LAMPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ spiral CFL– compact fluorescent lamp, 4 feet, 8 feet, u-shaped, circular✓ ballasts	
FOOD WASTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ all unpackaged food✓ coffee grounds & coffee filters✓ tea bags that tear✓ paper towels & paper napkins✓ paper bags or certified compostable bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ aluminum foil, cleaning chemicals, diapers, glass, pet waste, plastic bags & wrap, plates, cups, utensils, recycling, trash, yard waste

Items	Accepted 	Not Accepted 
LEAVES, GRASS AND BRUSH	 leaves and grass  branches four inches in diameter or less	 branches greater than four inches in diameter, plastic bags
MERCURY CONTAINING DEVICES	 all accepted, place with fluorescent lamps  thermometers, thermostats, etc.	 liquid mercury – Put gloves on, place the container in double or triple containment using plastic bags and rigid plastic containers. Email Marissa@gnbrrmdistrict.org or call (508) 979-1493.
MOTOR OIL	 pure motor oil  must be in see-through containers e.g., milk or water jugs  only in one gallon or quart containers	 mixed with any other liquids
MOTOR OIL FILTERS	 place motor oil filters in the designated container	
PROPANE TANKS	 empty propane tanks, including 1 pound and 20-pound tanks  empty small helium tanks	
RIGID PLASTICS must be clean	A few examples:  blue bins, plastic tubs, plastic trash barrels, plastic laundry baskets, plastic flowerpots, plastic buckets, plastic toys, plastic furniture	 items with residue of any type - paint, oil, tar, dirt, etc.
SCRAP METAL	A few examples:  metal file cabinets, metal doors, metal hangers, metal tables, bikes, empty fire extinguishers	
STRING LIGHTS	 holiday string lights	
STYROFOAM BLOCKS	 clean and dry Styrofoam blocks	 cups, packing peanuts, take-out containers
TEXTILES (stains, rips, missing buttons, and broken zippers ok) must be clean & dry	A few examples:  clothing: shirts, pants, belts, shoes (singles ok), socks (singles ok), slippers, undergarments, hats, scarves, ties  linens: blankets, sheets, curtains/draperies, pillowcases, pillows  and more: plush toys (stuffed animals), purses	 material that is wet/moldy, contaminated with oil or hazardous substances

Not Accepted

- **Construction & demolition debris** such as the waste from building material and rubble resulting from the construction, remodeling, repair or demolition of buildings or other structures. Includes sheet rock, lumber, and wood waste.
- **Special Waste-** Materials such as sewage solids, radioactive wastes, pathogenic wastes, explosive materials, chemicals liquid wastes or other material of hazardous nature or materials requiring special handling or procedures for disposal. Please visit: <https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/facilities-fleet-management/household-hazardous-waste-drop-days/> for more information on Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Days.
- Bulky items, household trash, furniture, paint, tires.

Questions? Call (508) 961-3008 or email trashandrecycling@newbedford-ma.gov