

RECYCLING CENTER CHANGES

Frequently Asked Questions

What's happening at the Recycling Center?

Beginning March 3, 2025, residents cannot bring yellow bags or bulk waste to the Recycling Center. The Swap Shop will also close for the foreseeable future.

Why is this happening?

This change is due to two separate but related issues happening at the Recycling Center.

The first issue involves the Recycling Center operations. By allowing residents to bring solid waste to the Recycling Center (i.e. the yellow bags and bulk waste), we have been operating as a "transfer station." Transfer stations require a Site Assignment permit from MassDEP¹ and the town does not have that permit. In order to obtain a Site Assignment permit, we need to have an approved Post Closure Use Plan for the former Medway Landfill, which we also do not have. (For those who don't know, the Recycling Center is located on the same site as the former landfill.)

The second issue involves the capping and closure of the former Medway Landfill. In 1982, the Town began closing and capping the landfill in accordance with the plan approved by MassDEP. However, neither the Town nor MassDEP can locate the final documentation certifying that the landfill was closed in accordance with the proper regulations back in 1982. Both parties have looked extensively through historic records, and the documentation cannot be found.

Town staff and MassDEP are working together to address these two issues.

What can I do with my yellow bags?

Please continue to put your yellow bags curbside on your normal trash day.

What can I do with my bulky waste?

Residents may continue to use their four (4) "Special Item Pickups" per year. The year runs from July 1 – June 30. Allowable items include large metal items, appliances, mattresses/boxsprings, couches, chairs, tables, carpet, and other burnable wastes. No "construction & demolition" debris.

As always, please call Lawrence Waste to schedule your special item pickup 508-533-5200.

What is considered "Construction & Demolition" debris?

We cannot pickup items considered "construction & demolition" debris which includes shingles, wallboard, wood, linoleum, siding, asphalt, brick, concrete, insulation, tiles, flooring, doors, windows, etc. You will need to contact a private hauler to dispose of these items.

¹ Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

Why do we have to close the Swap Shop?

After a period of time, we need to clear out the Swap Shop to make way for new items. The majority of the items left behind are bulky waste and we will no longer have a pathway to discard these items.

What items can I bring to the Recycling Center?

Residents may continue to bring all other items normally allowed at the Recycling Center including:

- Rigid plastic
- Tires (without rims)
- Mattresses/boxsprings
- Electronics
- Scrap metal and appliances
- Styrofoam packaging (no peanuts)
- Cardboard
- Single stream plastics, metals, and glass jars/jugs/tubs/bottles
- Paper
- Books
- Textiles
- Batteries
- Mercury bulbs and thermometers
- Propane and helium tanks
- Medway Lions Club bottles & cans
- Yard waste

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS FOR RESIDENTS

***Always check with the company to ensure they take the items you wish to dispose.**

- The list below are private haulers approved by the Medway Board of Health.



Town of Medway, MA 2025 Solid Waste Hauler List (in alphabetical order)

Company Name	Contact Number	Website (if any)
1. Ben's Container & Rubbish	508.476.1500	benscontainer@gmail.com
2. BP Trucking	508.231.1000	BPTrucking.com
3. Callahan Disposal	508-528-6078	Djc170201@gmail.com
4. Casella Waste Systems	508.860.2102	Casella.com
5. EL Harvey & Sons	508.983.1031	ELHarvey.com
6. JF McNamara & Sons	781.344.9682	JFMcNamara.com
7. Lawrence Waste Services	508.533.5200	LawrenceWasteServices.com
8. Republic Services	774.488.3523	RepublicServices.com
9. Waste Management of MA	774.261.2910	WM.com
10. Wellesley Trucking Service	508.820.1662	WellesleyTrucking.com

- **Certain lightly used items can often be donated to organizations like Salvation Army, Goodwill, and Habitat for Humanity.**
- **The list below are other options available to residents** (Please note, these are examples not recommendations).
 - a. Green Team Junk Removal – Holliston, MA www.gogreenteamjunk.com
 - b. Covanta Holliston – Holliston, MA
 - c. Bagster – sold online and locally at Rocky's Ace Hardware Millis, Floor & Décor Bellingham, Daddario's Franklin, Bellingham Lumber, Home Depot, Lowes's, etc.
 - d. Junkster – Online only www.junksterbag.com.