



**Refuse & Recycling**

<https://www.bedfordma.gov/recycling>

**Fall Residential Recycling Events FAQs**

October 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 – Compost & Recycling Center, 108 Carlisle Rd

Bedford DPW offers free special collection events for Bedford Residents in both the Spring and the Fall to help residents to recycle or reuse difficult to manage materials. These events help to keep valuable materials out of the waste stream and lessen the environmental burden of producing virgin materials.

Resident access stickers or proof of residency is required. Stickers are available at the DPW, 314 Great Rd, during business hours. Please bring your vehicle registration when requesting a resident sticker.

In order to mitigate the potential for traffic back up onto Carlisle Rd and Winterberry Way, residents are asked to stagger their arrival by last name: A-F 9-10AM, G-M 10-11AM, N-Z 11AM-Noon, All residents Noon-1PM.

**What we can accept – October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Propane Tanks & Fire Extinguishers**

Recycling provided by NNM Recycling.

ACCEPTABLE TANKS are listed on the image below. **NO** oxygen, helium, CO2 or other pressurized tanks.

N 'n M Recycling LLC  
accepts the following tanks



1 lb. tank



1 lb. tank



5 lb. tank



10 lb. tank



100 lb. tank



Fire Extinguishers



Fork lift tank left  
Washer fuel tank right



## Paper Shredding

Provided by A1 Data Shred. NAID AAA Certified. Limit 5 boxes per vehicle. Residents may not be able to witness the on-site destruction of documents.

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Paper in boxes or sturdy paper bags.
- Paper clips and staples are ok.

**NO** binders, hanging folders, plastic report covers, hard drives or foreign objects.

## Latex Paint

RECOLOR collects and re-blends water-based or “latex” paint. Learn more about their process at [www.recolorpaints.com](http://www.recolorpaints.com)  
RECOLOR paints are available for sale online and at Habitat for Humanity ReStore locations.

Limit 30 gallons per household. No samples. Latex/water-based paint only (see graphic below). **ABSOLUTELY NO** oil-based paints, varnishes or stains. **We CANNOT accept Hazardous Waste items at this event.**



### We Do Accept

**All latex or water based paint**  
e.g. water clean up.

- Must be in original, labeled container.
- Must be in a liquid form.
- Not be older than approx. 10 years.

**Examples of paint we accept include:**

- Interior architectural paint
- Exterior architectural paint
- Primers
- Water proofing paint
- DTM or “direct to metal” (non-marine) paint
- Porch and Floor paint (water based)
- Stains (water based)
- Polyurethane (water based)
- Glazes (water based)

### We Do Not Accept

- Oil based paint e.g. mineral spirits clean up
- Alkyds
- Stains (oil based)
- Polyurethanes and varnishes (oil based)
- Artist paint
- Driveway sealant
- Traffic marking paint
- Automotive paint
- Marine paint
- Industrial paint
- Textured paint
- Glazes (oil based)
- Aerosol paint
- Solvents e.g. paint thinner
- Non-paint products e.g., adhesives, grouts, roofing and cement products



## What we can accept – October 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Electronics and Small Appliances**

Provided by RMG Enterprises. R2 Certified. Items will be responsibly recycled.

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Small household appliances (microwaves, toasters, blenders, vacuums)
- Air conditioners and dehumidifiers
- Computers, monitors, TVs
- Cell phones & other mobile devices
- Laptops, printers & other office equipment
- Cables, cords and chargers
- Stereos, radios, speakers
- Electronic toys & gaming systems

**NO** full-size large appliances (refrigerators, ranges, etc.) **NO** Smoke Detectors.

### **Tires**

Recycling provided by FBS Tire Recycling.

- Passenger Car Tires
- Truck Tires

### **Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) - Styrofoam**

Recycling provided by Conigliaro Industries.

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- **EPS #6 – white packaging bracing ONLY.**
- **Items must be free of dirt, labels or stickers.**
- No colored material
- No meat trays, coffee cups or meal kit insulation.
- No packing peanuts

## What we can accept – Year-round, Wednesdays and Saturdays (8AM-1PM)



- Flattened cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Clothing, fabrics and other textiles
- Scrap metal
- Mercury-containing items (such as thermostats, thermometers or barometers)
- Rechargeable batteries
- Lighting ballasts
- Ionization smoke detectors

Leaf and yard waste is also accepted at the site in the Compost Drop-off area.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Will the site be open for yard waste, cardboard/glass, scrap metal, battery/bulb drop off?**

A: Yes. Residents will have access to the other drop-off areas of the Compost & Recycling Center during the special collection events.

**Q: Can I witness the shredding of my confidential documents?**

A: A1 Data Shred is a NAID AAA certified information destruction service and on-site shredding will be provided at the special collection event. These events are often very busy and we need to keep traffic moving. Residents may not be allowed to remain on site during particularly busy times.

**Q: Can I bring other items not found on this list?**

A: No. There is no general-purpose dumpster on site for resident use. Any items that are not accepted by our recycling vendors will be returned to the resident for alternative disposal.

**Q: I have other things to get rid of. Where can I bring them?**

A: Use the New Waste Wizard tool on the Town website to find disposal help for nearly 800 common household items. You can also visit the Reuse and Repair page on the DPW website <https://www.bedfordma.gov/486/Reuse-Repair> or the MassDEP Beyond the Bin Directory <https://recyclesearch.com/profile/ma> for other options.

**Q: I have specific questions about if an item is accepted for recycling. Who can I ask?**

A: Call the DPW (781)275-7605 and leave a message for the Recycling Administrator.