

Recyclopedia

Andover's A-to-Z Guide to Recycling and Reuse

This guide includes many items that can be donated to organizations in need. Many of these organizations often collect material in more than one category and may be listed several times throughout the guide.

The **Recyclopedia**, produced by the Andover Recycling Committee, does not contract with nor make recommendations for any of the organizations listed. *The information is solely a resource for the residents and is correct to the best of our knowledge*.

Services can change, so please call locations before visiting. To view this guide and updates online go to: www.andoverma.gov/dpw/recextras

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Air Conditioners

MBTA Community Recycling Event – In Andover's Brickstone Square. On York Street, off of Haverhill Street/133. Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013.

Appliances

Appliance Recyclers - Appliance Recyclers recycles White goods, CRTs, and tires. Fee for service. Curbside pickup can be scheduled via the website www.applyrecycl.com or by calling 1-877-228-2898 Monday thru Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM.

MBTA Community Recycling Event – In Andover's Brickstone Square, Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013. On York Street, off of Haverhill Street/133. Will accept large and small appliances, including: washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, microwaves, trash compactors, vacuum cleaners, irons, blenders, toasters, food processors, humidifiers, lamps.

The Lowell Wish Project. Accepts both working and non-working appliances, small fee included for those to be recycled, there is not a pick-up service. Review website for specific details. 1A Foundry Street, Lowell, MA www.thewishproject.org, 978-441-9474

Art Supplies

YMCA – Accepts art supplies in good condition. Andover/North Andover location: 165 Haverhill St., Andover, (978) 685-3541. Lawrence location: 40 Lawrence St., Lawrence. (978) 686-6191. Methuen location: 129 Haverhill St., Methuen. (978) 683-5266.

Auto Parts

Carroll's Used Auto Parts – Accepts used car parts. 700 Waltham St., Lexington, MA. (781) 861-6060.

Nissenbaum's Auto Parts – Accepts used car parts. 480 Columbia St., Somerville, MA. (866) 776-0194.

Automobile Tires

J.P. Routhier – Charges \$1.75 per tire for passenger/SUV/light truck tires. Call ahead for fees and drop off times. 256 Ayer Road, Littleton, MA 978-772-4251, www.iprouthier.com.

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Baby Goods

Community Giving Tree - Website provides great detail on all items collected from cribs (fixed side), to strollers, pack n plays, changing tables, gently used clothes, shoes and more. Seasonal collections include toys, backpacks, school supplies etc. 570 Main Street, Boxford, MA, communitygivingtree.org, 978-223-5767

Batteries

Whole Foods Market – Collection box for Alkaline, Ni-Cad, Nickel Metal Hydride, Lithium Ion, Zinc Carbon, Mercuric Oxide, Silver Oxide, Button Cell, Sealed Lead Acid. 40 Railroad Street, Andover, MA. 978.749.6664

Best Buy - Best Buy partners with the nonprofit Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) to accept rechargeable batteries for recycling. Customers are welcome to drop off their rechargeable batteries at any of Best Buy's U.S. stores.

Button Cell Batteries

Andover Health Division Office – ground floor, 36 Bartlet St., Andover, MA. (978) 623-8295.

Andover Senior Center – rear of town offices (on Whittier Court), 36 Bartlet St., Andover, MA. (978) 623-8321.

Atria Marland Place – 15 Stevens St., Andover, MA. (978) 494-6756.

Water Treatment Plant – 397 Lowell St., on Haggetts Pond, Andover, MA.

Bedding

Got Books – Some (but not all!) of the area's 'Got Books' bins accept bedding and other linens in any condition. *Items must be clean and dry*. The bins that accept these items are located:

- Wetherbee School, 75 Newton St., Lawrence, MA.
- Wynn Middle School, 1 Griffin Way, Tewksbury, MA.
- Chez Pierre Salon, 485 Main St., Tewksbury, MA.
- A&B Automotive, 1258 Main St., Tewksbury, MA.
- Dewing Elementary School, 1469 Andover St., Rt. 133, Tewksbury, MA.

Project Home Again - Based in Andover at Temple Emmanuel and drop off site in Lawrence on Essex Street. Accept all types of bed supplies including mattresses, pack n plays, bedding, bed frames. 978-470-1356, www.phama.org.

MSPCA – The MSPCA at Nevins Farm will gladly take stained or ripped (but clean!) towels, blankets, sheets and bedspreads and use them for animal care. However, please do not bring in pillows or mattress covers. 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA. (978) 687-7453.

Bikes

Bikes Not Bombs - Donations accepted in Jamaica Plain's Brewery Complex, 284 Amory St (enter parking lot and go to the left of the building). Volunteers available Wednesday evening from 7-10pm. Please call 617-522-0222 if you prefer to bring bicycle donations during the week. There are regular BNB Drop-Off spots in several outlying metro-Boston area towns. Go to the website to check out upcoming local bike drives: http://bikesnotbombs.org/bikedrives

Chelmsford Boy Scout Troop 74 – Collects bicycles for the "Giant Yard Sale" held every May. Visit www.giantyardsale.org or call 978-935-9474 for detail on where to bring your donation.

Books

Got Books – You can put your used books, CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks in containers located around town. Go to gotbooks.com/donate-books to find the nearest drop off container.

Memorial Hall Library – You can donate your used books in bins on the lowest floor. Sales of these books support Friends of the Library.

ReadingTree.org – Container on the side of Whole Foods Market, 40 Railroad Street, Andover, MA

Building Materials

Agretech – Accepts asphalt, concrete, and brick. Call for hours and fees. 479 Broadway Road, Dracut, MA or 46 Lowell Junction Road, Andover, MA, Monday – Friday 7a – 3:30p, 978-475-8153.

C.J. Mabardy – Our fully licensed transfer station accepts all forms of construction & demolition material. In addition, we accept and recycle asphalt, brick & concrete. www.cjmabardy.com/services, facilities in Cambridge and Winchendon, MA.

Graniteville Recycling – We currently accept asphalt, concrete and brick. www.granitevillerecycling.com, Westford, MA

Cardboard Boxes

Cardboard is picked up as part of the Town of Andover's regular, bi-weekly curbside recycling.

CDs, DVDs, VHS Tapes, Cassettes, Records

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Got Books - Containers conveniently located to collect books, cds, dvds and audio books. Go to gotbooks.com/donate-books to find the nearest drop off container.

Cellphones

Andover Town Offices – Collection box at main entrance desk. 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, MA

Andover Senior Center – rear of town offices (on Whittier Court), 36 Bartlet St., Andover, MA. (978) 623-8321

Cloth - Usable and Unusable

See Textiles

Clothes

Big Brother Big Sister of Massachusetts Bay - To arrange a pickup, please call 1-800-483-5503, or visit: http://www.bbbsfoundation.org/

Whole Foods Market – Planet Aid box outside store to collect shoes and clothing. 40 Railroad Street, Andover, MA

Community Giving Tree – Infant, Toddler and Children's up to size 14. Main Street, Boxford, MA, communitygivingtree.org, 978-223-5767

Lowell Wish Project – Casual clothing accepted in all sizes. 1A Foundry Street, Lowell, MA www.thewishproject.org, 978-441-9474

Lazarus House – There are three thrift shops connected to Lazarus House that accept clothing donations. They are located:

- St. Francis & St. Claire's, 229 S. Union St., Lawrence, MA, (978) 557-5449.
- St. Martin's of Tours, 121 Essex Street Lawrence, MA, (978) 687-1184.
- Good Shepherd Center, 410 Hampshire St., Lawrence, MA, (978) 689-0441.

Construction Materials

Conigliaro Industries — Accepts acoustical (non-fiberglass) ceiling tiles; asphalt shingles; brick; concrete (with and without rebar); gypsum wallboard; porcelain sinks, toilets and tubs; slate shingles. Cost to recycle is by the ton (with smaller amounts being charged the cost of a ton). Drop-off center, 701 Waverly St., Framingham, MA. (508) 532-1814. www.conigliaro.com.

Denim

If your old denim is too beat up to donate as clothing, you can send it to CottonFromBlueToGreen.org. They will recycle it into green insulating material for homes.

www.cottonfrombluetogreen.org/Mail-in-Program

Electronics

Best Buy - Best Buy accepts most consumer electronics, with a few exceptions. Best Buy does not charge a fee for recycling most of the consumer electronic products. There is a charge of \$10.00 for TVs 32" and under, CRTs and monitors in some areas which is offset by a \$10.00 Best Buy gift card. Go to www.bestbuy.com, click on services and then click on recycling to learn more.

MBTA Community Recycling Event – In Andover's Brickstone Square. On York Street, off of Haverhill Street/133. Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013. Will accept computers, monitors, RCRs, cell phones, fax machines, modems, cabling, wire, cords, cameras, video cameras, scanners, Walkmans, ipods, hard drives, stereos, and televisions. Small fee for TVs.

Town of Andover CRT & Electronics Collection – Collection of computer monitors, TVs, microwave ovens, CPUs, lead acid batteries, and ballast for a fee. Fluorescent lights and items with mercury are free. West Elementary School on Beacon Street, Saturday, June 7, 2014. Proof of residency required /Per Item Fees Apply—please see the Town of Andover's Recycling and Trash Collection Guide at

http://andoverma.gov/publish/recbrochure.pdf for details.

Eyeglasses

Andover Eye Care – You can drop used glasses off at 77 Main St., Andover, MA. (978) 749-7300.

Andover Optical – They also collect used eye glasses at 42 Main Street, Andover. Phone: (978) 475-6084.

Fire Extinguishers

Fire and Safety Corp. – You can drop fire extinguishers off at 6 Progress Ave., Tyngsboro, MA. (978) 649-4945. Call for information.

Flags - American

Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, MA

Footwear

See 'Shoes'

Fluorescent Bulbs

Please see 'Lightbulbs' section.

Furniture/Household Items

The Lowell Wish Project – The Wish Project accepts bureaus, furniture, beds and stain-free mattresses. They also accept fully functional, clean baby cribs and mattresses. They may also accept small appliances, some electronics, dishes, and pots and pans; please call ahead to make sure they have a need for what you have. 1A Foundry St., Lowell, MA. (978) 441-WISH (9474). www.thewishproject.org.

Big Brother, Big Sister Foundation – They collect gently used household goods, clothing and furniture. Call to arrange a home pickup at 800-483-5503 or www.bbbsfoundation.org.

Epilepsy Foundation – They will pick up gently used household items, including furniture, bedding, housewares, draperies and curtains. (*No mattresses or box springs, please.*) Call (888) 322-8209.

Goodwill of Massachusetts – The closest donation center for furniture in good repair is at 1342 Main St., Reading, MA. (No large office furniture, baby furniture or equipment, futons, sofa beds, box springs or mattresses.) Check www.goodwillmass.org to see what they have a current need for.

Lazarus House – The Lazarus House's thrift stores accept donations of clothing, household goods, furniture and miscellaneous items. (*No mattresses, box springs, sofa beds or desks.*) Please check their website, www.lazarushouse.org, to find out what is currently needed and what current hours are.

- St. Francis & St. Claire's, 229 S. Union St., Lawrence, MA, (978) 557-5449.
- St. Martin's of Tours, 121 Essex Street Lawrence, MA, (978) 687-1184.
- Good Shepherd Center, 410 Hampshire St., Lawrence, MA, (978) 689-0441.

Project Home Again – You can bring gently used household goods to their warehouse at 439 S. Union St., Lawrence, MA. Check www.phama.org for current drop-off hours and current needs.

St. Vincent de Paul – This charity maintains a thrift store at 42 Franklin St., #44, Lawrence, MA. Call (978) 689-2625 for current drop-off hours and current needs.

Hearing Aids

Audio Hearing Center – If your hearing aids are relatively *old* and out-dated, you can drop them off for recycling here, at 1 Elm Square, Andover, MA, (978) 475-9595.

Hear Now – If your hearing aids are relatively *new*, send them here to be refurbished and given to others in need. Package up and send to: Hear Now, 6700 Washington Ave. South, Eden Prairie, MN, 55344. (800) 328-8602.

Household Hazardous Waste

Please do not put hazardous materials into the trash. They can be dangerous even in small quantities. The next town-sponsored **Household Hazardous Waste Day** will be:

Saturday, May 17, 2014, at West Elementary School, 58 Beacon St., Andover, MA. Fees charged by the car-load and the ½-car-load. Bring: oil-based paint, varnish, stain, solvents, waste oil, pool chemicals, pesticides, fertilizer, mercury-containing items, lead acid batteries, rechargeable batteries, button batteries, photographic chemicals. (Please, no latex paint. See 'Paint' section for more information.) If you have any questions, contact dpw-business@andoverma.gov or call (978) 623-8350, option 1.

Inhalers

Stop & Shop – Advair brand respiratory inhalers can be brought to the North Andover Stop & Shop pharmacy and will be recycled at no charge. 757 Turnpike St., North Andover. (978) 683-4925.

Inkjet Cartridges

Please see 'Printer Cartridges' section.

Lightbulbs

Fluorescent light bulbs contain mercury, so please don't put them in the trash. Fluorescent tubes may be recycled at the annual CRT Collection, West Elementary School, Saturday, June 7, 2014. CFL's (Compact Fluorescent Lights) may be recycled properly at:

Whole Foods – You can bring your fluorescent bulbs to the market and put them in a bin by the door. 40 Railroad St., Andover, MA. (978) 749-6664. (Only CFL's accepted)

Linens

Please see 'Bedding' section.

Magazines

Memorial Hall Library — Desirable titles in good condition can be dropped off in the lower lobby, in a magazine exchange bin. 2 North Main St., Andover, MA. (978) 623-8401.

Mattresses

The Lowell Wish Project – Accepts clean, stain-free mattresses in good condition. Please call ahead of time. 1A Foundry St., Lowell, MA. (978) 441-WISH (9474).

Project Home Again – Their warehouse is at 439 S. Union St., Lawrence, MA. Check www.phama.org for current drop-off hours and current needs.

Mercury-Containing Items

(Please see 'Lightbulbs' section for compact fluorescent recycling.)

All of the following items contain mercury and should be disposed of (or recycled) properly: old thermostats, old thermometers, button batteries, mercury switches, blood pressure gauges, barometers, and flow meters. These items are banned from the trash. The following locations recycle various items from this list:

Andover Health Division Office – You can bring all of the above to the Board of Health office on the ground floor of Town Hall, 36 Bartlet St., Andover, MA. (978) 623-8295.

Andover Water Treatment Plant – You can also bring all of the above to the water treatment plant, at 397 Lowell St., on Haggetts Pond, in Andover.

Metal: Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Scrap

Frank Cubelli & Son – Bring scrap metal to 377 Howe St., Methuen, MA. (978) 688-1773.

freescrapmetalpickup.com – If you have a 500 pound minimum of scrap metal, placed curbside, this service will pick up for free. \$10 to pick up large appliances, placed curb-side. Will take ferrous, nonferrous, tin, heavy iron, light iron, aluminum, chrome, copper, stainless, brass, and steel. Call (781) 635-0620.

Haverhill Steel – Salvages ferrous and nonferrous metal. Will pay you for appliances (with the exception of refrigerators and air conditioners, for which there is a charge). Bring to 81 Hale St., Haverhill, MA. (978) 372-0751.

Miscellaneous

Freecycle – If you have a desirable item that could use a new home, post it on Freecycle. The North Andover page is $\frac{\text{http://groups.freecycle.org/NorthAndoverMAFreecycle/description}}{n}, \text{ and you can sign up by following the link at the bottom of the page.}$

Packaging Material

The UPS Store – You can bring clean packing peanuts and packing materials to The UPS Store to be reused. Andover UPS Store is at 9 Bartlet St., Andover, MA; (978) 470-2001. North Andover store is at 733 Turnpike, No. Andover, MA. (978)689-4620.

Paint, Latex

The Paint Exchange – This recycled paint 'manufacturer' will take your latex paint for a small fee, clean it up, and then put it back into circulation. The paint must be latex, and must be in good shape (see website for details). Located at 769 Country Way, North Scituate, MA, 781-545-1272.

www.recyclereuserepaint.com.

[Note: Latex paint may be dried out and then put in the trash. Mixing it with kitty litter will encourage faster drying.]

Paint, Oil Based

Please see 'Hazardous Waste' section.

Phone Books

You can place these in your regular recycling bin.

Plastic Bags

Stop & Shop – This store has a bin for plastic bags. 209 North Main St., Andover, MA. (978) 623-9912.

Whole Foods – You can bring any 'stretchy' plastic bags (such as produce bags, bread loaf bags, and grocery bags) to the market and put them in a bin by the door. 40 Railroad St., Andover, MA. (978) 749-6664.

Printer Cartridges

Staples – Join their 'Staples Rewards' program and they'll give you \$2 for every cartridge you recycle with them. 73 Turnpike St., North Andover, MA. (978) 685-6518.

Prom Dresses

Cinderella Project of New Hampshire – Provides prom dresses to teens in need. www.thecinderellaprojectofnh.org (603) 210-1415.

Propane Tanks

Propane tanks will be accepted at the next town-sponsored **Household Hazardous Waste Day** – Fees based on the size of the tank. Saturday, May 17, 2014, at West Elementary School, 58 Beacon St., Andover, MA.

School Supplies

YMCA – Accepts school supplies that are in good condition. Andover/North Andover location: 165 Haverhill St., Andover. (978) 685-3541. Lawrence location: 40 Lawrence St., Lawrence, MA. (978) 686-6191. Methuen location: 129 Haverhill St., Methuen, MA. (978) 683-5266.

Scrap Metal

Please see 'Metal' section.

Shoes

Nike-Town Boston – Nike accepts all brands of athletic shoes for recycling. No cleats or boots. 200 Newbury St., Boston, MA. (617) 267-3400.

Converse – Used shoes can be taken to 115A Main St, North Andover, MA. (978) 983-3300. Recycle sneakers and athletic shoes (no cleats). www.nikereuseashoe.com

Got Books – Some (but not all!) of the area's 'Got Books' bins accept shoes in any condition. *Items must be clean and dry*. The bins that accept shoes are located:

- Wetherbee School, 75 Newton St., Lawrence, MA.
- Wynn Middle School, 1 Griffin Way, Tewksbury, MA.
- Chez Pierre Salon, 485 Main St., Tewksbury, MA.
- A&B Automotive, 1258 Main St., Tewksbury, MA.
- Dewing Elementary School, 1469 Andover St., Rt. 133, Tewksbury, MA.

Greater Boston Running Company – Accepts any rubber-bottomed athletic shoes for recycling. 45 Main St., Andover, MA. (978) 296-4927.

Whole Foods – If your shoes are still in good shape, you can put them in the Planet Aid bins outside the Whole Foods, at 40 Railroad St., Andover, MA. (978) 749-6664.

Sporting Goods

Play It Again, Sports – They will buy, sell, and take on consignment both new and used sporting goods. 225 Main St., North Reading, MA. (978) 664-9363.

Lazarus House – The Lazarus House's thrift stores accept baseball, football, soccer, and some other miscellaneous sporting goods. (*Please, no ski equipment or hockey skates.*)

- St. Frances & St. Claire's, 229 S. Union St., Lawrence, MA., (978) 557-5449.
- St. Martin's of Tours, 121 Essex Street Lawrence, MA, (978) 687-1184.
- Good Shepherd Center, 410 Hampshire St., Lawrence, MA, (978) 689-0441.
- Lazarus House Shelter, 48 Holly St., Lawrence, MA, (978) 794-8447.

Tanks

Please see 'Propane Tanks' section.

Textiles

Got Books – Some of the area's 'Got Books' bins accept clothing and linens in any condition. *Items must be clean and dry*. These bins are located:

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- Wynn Middle School, 1 Griffin Way, Tewksbury, MA.
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- Dewing Elementary School, 1469 Andover St., Rt. 133, Tewksbury, MA.

Tires

Please see "Automobile Tires" section

Tools

Goodwill of Massachusetts – The Goodwill drop-off location in Reading will take tools in good condition, provided they are not gas- or propane-powered. 1342 Main St., Reading, MA.

Toys

Epilepsy Foundation – The Epilepsy Foundation accepts toys, games and books, as well as many other items. Call (888) 322-8209 to schedule a pick-up, and check www.donatenewengland.org for a full list of items needed.

Lazarus House – The Lazarus House's thrift stores accept clean toys in good condition. (*Please, no car seats, high chairs or cribs.*) Please call for current drop-off hours or go to www.lazarushouse.org.

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Water Filters

Whole Foods Market – You can recycle Brita water pitcher filters by dropping dried filters into the Preserve Gimme 5 collection bin near the market's exit doors. 40 Railroad St., Andover, MA. (978) 749-6664.

Wood

Conigliaro Industries — Accepts clean wood, mixed wood, and treated wood. Cost to recycle is by the ton (with smaller amountsbeing charged the cost of a ton). Drop-off center, 701 Waverly St., Framingham, MA. (508) 532-1814. www.conigliaro.com.

Yard Equipment

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Yard Waste

Consider setting up a compost bin in your backyard; your garden will love it.

Andover Town Compost Site – For Andover residents only; permits required. Leaves and grass clippings only (no brush or branches—please see 'Curbside Leaf Collection' entry below for info on branches). On High Plain Road at Bald Hill. Please go to www.andoverma.gov/compost for details regarding the new Bald Hill Compost Site rules and regulations, or call Plant & Facilities at (978) 623-8280.

BMC Corp. – They will sell a yearly access sticker to Andover residents (expiring Sept. 1 of each year) for \$50, which allows year-long dumping of grass, leaves and brush. www.tsoil.com. 1079 South St., Tewksbury, MA. (978) 667-2171.

Curbside Leaf Collection – During certain seasons of the year, the town runs a separate truck dedicated to picking up leaves on trash day. FALL—the 5 weeks before Thanksgiving and one week following Thanksgiving week. (NO collection during the week of the Thanksgiving holiday.) SPRING—the 5 weeks before Memorial Day and the week of Memorial Day.

Leaves accepted ONLY if in:

- open trash barrels or brown paper leaf compost bags
- Must weigh 50 pounds or less
 **Plastic bags not accepted

