WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR STUFF



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Introduction

The advent of Covid-19 brought about tremendous change and prompted many of us to reexamine how we live. At the same time, we are more and more aware of our environmental impact. Alarm bells are sounding about climate-related issues and we're learning more about how our lifestyle affects our ecosystem and the climate. It's becoming clear that we can—and *must*—take things into our own hands. The seemingly easy ways of managing our refuse are changing, and even they didn't work very well in the first place. But there are things that we can do!

The Pelham Sustainability Working Group was created to help address local environmental issues. One of our charges is to research the various ways that we can reduce, reuse, repurpose, and recycle our "stuff." This manual is our first project.

Six of us worked together on this project, and we learned a lot along the way. We're encouraged by how many local opportunities for recycling and repurposing already exist, and we're confident that we can envision even more ways of sustainably dealing with our unwanted stuff. Most importantly, we don't need to address this issue alone. Coming together, creating community, and sharing our collective wisdom and talents is how we will move forward.

How to use this manual: This booklet has two sections. The first is a guide to specific vendors in our community—stores, donation centers, etc.—which accept donated goods and recyclable materials. You can look up individual vendors to see what they take (see Table of Contents) or you can look up an individual item on our Item Index (pages 4-6) to see where it's accepted. The second, shorter section, entitled "Websites and Other Resources," is a list of resources both within and beyond our area that can help you to find a place for your stuff. In addition to local vendors that accept more specialized donations, this section lists websites for nation-wide recycling organizations that you may find useful.

This booklet is intended to be a dynamic document and we will continue to add to it, working towards a more sustainable world with less *stuff* polluting our environment. Become part of the experience and remember: we're in this together.

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This table lists recyclable/donatable items. Look *across* the chart to see where each item can be taken. Look *down* the chart (on all three pages) if you want to see what a particular vendor accepts.

Be sure to check the individual vendor pages for restrictions, guidelines, or other limitations. Items marked with a * are more likely to have restrictions; see the vendor pages for details.

	Amherst Tires	Amherst Transfer Station	Bay State Textiles	Best Buy	Big Y	Cancer Connection Thrift Shop	Community Music School	Cooley Dickinson Hospice Shop	Dakin	Gold Circuit	Goodwill	Home Depot	Hospice Thrift of Fisher House	Household Hazardous Waste	Lowes	Pelham Police Dept.	Round About Books	Salvation Army	Staples	Stavros	Stop & Shop	Target	Websites & other resources	Whole Foods
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Bottles and cans		Х			Х																	_		Х
Building materials																							х	
CDs, DVDs, vinyl						Х		Х									Х						Х	
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Compost		Х																						
Corks (natural)																							Х	Х
Crayons																							Х	
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AMHERST TIRE CENTER (part of City Tire) 292 College Street Amherst, MA 01002 (413) 256-8365 Mon-Fri 7:30 am - 5 pm, Sat 7:30 am – 12 pm, Sun Closed	• Tires
ITEMS ACCEPTED	

Will take any clean tire to recycle for a small fee per tire. Processed for reuse in other products.

AMHERST TRANSFER STATION AND • Compost **RECYCLING CENTER** Batteries Ink cartridges 586 S. Pleasant St. • Paper, cans, plastic Amherst, MA 01002 Phone: (413) 259-3049 Fax: (413) 259-2414 containers Scrap Steve Telega, Transfer Station Supervisor metal/electronics Email: recycling@amherstma.gov Annual fee for a sticker Sign up on the Amherst Town website (URL provided below) for email alerts about Hazardous Waste Collection days and other relevant information, and costs for some of the items. Also available to students at the local colleges.

ITEMS ACCEPTED

Visit the website at: <u>https://www.amherstma.gov/157/Recycling---Solid-Waste</u>. It contains a wealth of information about what they accept, what their contributions are to recycling, and any fees. There are helpful sheets that explain exactly what they take and the cost involved. If you purchase a sticker, you can take your trash here for a small fee per bag. Less expensive than a trash pick-up service.

They also accept food scraps for composting; the book shed is open; and there is a Salvation Army collection box on the premises. Free wood chips and pallets. You can deposit bagged leaves. In addition, they sell backyard composting units, curbside recycling bins, and sharps/safe needle collection containers.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- The Styrofoam drop off, Take It or Leave It, and flower pot collection are no longer available.
- Standard box spring disposal is also restricted to 4 per customer per day.

BAY STATE TEXTILES www.baystatetextiles.com Phone: (617) 877-2432 Collection box located outside of the Pelham School and other Amherst Regional Public Schools.	 Accessories Clothing Footwear Linens Stuffed animals
Items Accepted Clean and bagged items in any condition are a Accessories Hats Pocketbooks Belts Gloves Book bags Ties Scarves Backpacks Bathrobes Footwear Shoes - Heels, Pumps, Sandals, Boots - Work Boots, Dress Boots, Winter Boots/Cleats Sneakers Slippers Flip Flops Linens Sheets/Blankets/Comforters Curtains/Draperies Aprons/Dish Towels Table Linens Throw Rugs Pillows/Pillow cases	Accepted. Clothing
 Mattresses & Mattress Pads Foam Products Couch Cushions 	 Lawn Furniture Cushions Carpet Remnants Rugs (larger than 2' x 4')

BEST BUY 50 Holyoke Street Holyoke, MA 01040 Phone: (413) 533-4433 Open every day from 11 am – 7 pm. Visit website under "recycling" for detailed list of items they will recycle, whether there is a charge, and any state restrictions or allowances that apply.	 Appliances Electronics Home appliances Music & video Cameras & camcorders
ITEMS ACCEPTED Items need not have been bought at Best Buy. per day.	Limit of 3 items per household
Appliances	Miscellaneous
 Electronics Computers & tablets Cell phones & radios TV & video players Home appliances Curling irons Fans Hair dryers & straighteners Ink & toner Monitoring systems Cables and connectors Pedometers and heart monitors Vacuums—brooms/stick, upright/canister, & robot vacuums Weather stations 	 Cameras and camcorders Music & video Audio equipment Car audio, video, & GPS Music & movies Video games & gadgets

BIG Y	CansGlass containers
175 University Drive Amherst, MA 01002	 Plastic bags Plastic bottles

ITEMS ACCEPTED

- Cans
- Glass containers
- Produce bags
- Plastic packaging from toilet paper and bread

Stores have drop-off bins. Materials are shipped to their warehouse in Freetown, MA, which then sends the plastic bags to NexTrex. TREX Co. uses this plastic to make decking/furniture composites. See https://recycle.trex.com/view/educate

CANCER CONNECTION THRIFT SHOP 375 South Street Northampton, MA Phone: (413) 587-9999 https://cancer-connection.org/thrift-shop/	 Multiple items (see details below)
Helps fund the support programming that the Cancer Connection offers to those living with cancer and their care givers.	
Open for shopping Wed - Sat 10 am - 5 pm. Open for donations only on dates posted on the website.	
ITEMS ACCEPTED Gently-used and new	
 Art and Antiques Paintings, ceramics, photography Pottery Books Clothing & Accessories Women's, men's, and children's Vintage Clothing Handbags, purses, wallets Hats, scarves, belts, gloves, Ephemera, Memorabilia, Collectibles Home Decor & Kitchenware Vases, lamps, mirrors, wall hangings, frames, ornaments Dishware, flatware, cookware, small electricals, baking pans Jewelry Costume, semiprecious, and precious and watches. 	
 Costume, semprecious, and precious and watches. Linens Table cloths, curtains, gently used sheets and sheet sets, towels, thro Kitsch, tchotchkes, fine China, platters Shoes 	ows, blankets, etc.
 Boots, sneakers, sandals, etc. Luggage Music 	
 CDs and vinyl Musical instruments Rugs, Textiles, Fabrics, Yarn Smaller Furniture Small chairs, end tables, small book shelves 	

COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL OF SPRINGFIELD

127 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Phone: (413) 732-8428 communitymusicschool.com • Art supplies

- Classroom furniture
- Musical instruments
- Office supplies

ITEMS ACCEPTED In-kind gifts of musical instruments in working order; accepts art supplies, classroom furniture, and office supplies on a case-by-case basis.

COOLEY DICKINSON HOSPICE SHOP

168 Industrial Drive Northampton, MA 01060 (413) 584-1060

https://www.cooleydickinson.org/programs-services/vnahospice/hospice-shop/

ITEMS ACCEPTED

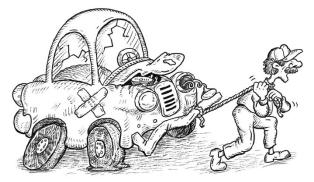
- Art, antiques, vintage clothing, and collectibles
- Books
- CDs, DVDs, vinyl records in good condition
- Clothing
- Fabric and yarn
- Fashion accessories
- Greeting cards
- Household items
- Jewelry
- Kitchenware
- Linens
- Luggage
- Musical instruments
- Small household appliances

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- Textbooks
- Computer equipment
- Children's toys, stuffed animals, car seats or cribs
- Food items
- Electric blankets, mattress pads or bed pillows
- TVs, VCRs, DVD players, stereo components and VCR tapes
- Large items/truckloads/leftover tag sale Items
- Medical equipment

• Multiple items (see details below). List of accepted items is subject to change.

DAKIN HUMANE SOCIETY Animal shelters located in: 171 Union St. Springfield, MA 01105 Phone: (413) 548-9898	 Cat food & supplies Dog & puppy food & supplies General supplies Small animal & bird supplies Office supplies Vehicles
ITEMS ACCEPTED	
 Cat food and supplies Canned and Dry food Light tuna in water Human baby food (meat flavors preferred. No vegetables) Cat litter (clumping and non-clumping) Cat toys Dog & puppy food & supplies Dry dog food Freeze dried beef liver (for training) Bully sticks (to keep dogs busy) Hot dogs (for training) General supplies Large heavy duty trash bags Kitchen size trash bags Paper towels Hand sanitizer Bleach, Kleenex Paper cups and plates Plasticware Donate a Vehicle by calling 866-398-4483 or visiting www.dakinhumane.org 	 Small animal and bird supplies Large cages in excellent condition, Bird perches (various sizes) White vinegar Carefresh bedding Timothy hay Office supplies Postage stamps Copy paper Pens Markers Staples Paper clips Dry erase markers Scotch tape



GOLD CIRCUIT RECYCLING LLC.

277 Silver St. Agawam, MA 01001 413-328-3187 website: <u>www.goldcircuit.io</u> Contact: <u>info@goldcircuitrecycling.com</u> Phone: (413) 328-3187

Open to the public Mon-Fri 12 pm-3 pm; Sat 10 am-12 pm. Check website for updated information.

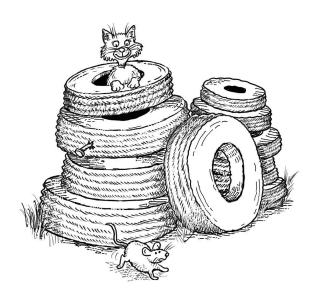
ITEMS ACCEPTED

Will take a range of items including

- Computer screens
- Electronics
- Furniture/mattresses
- Larger appliances
- Styrofoam
- Tube light bulbs

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- Batteries (except dry lead acid/laptop batteries)
- Floppy or CD/DVD discs
- Fluorescent lamps/bulbs
- Styrofoam food containers or packing peanuts
- VHS or cassette/data tapes



• Multiple items (see details below)

Some items accepted for free; some require a recycling fee. Check the website for details.

We recommend collaborating with friends or neighbors to collect items, reduce costs, and make the trip worthwhile.

GOODWILL 183 University Dr. Amherst, MA 01002 Phone: (413) 835-0096 www.goodwillmass.org Takes donations Mon – Sat 10 am – 6 pm	 Multiple items (see details below). Items should be gently used and in usable condition.
 ITEMS ACCEPTED Donation drop-off is at the back of the building. Bedspreads Books Clothing, shoes DVD players and VCRs Electrical equipment and home electronics, including toasters an Handbags and other accessories Household items Jewelry Kitchenware Luggage Small furniture (dining chairs, end tables) Smaller toys 	d microwaves
 NOT ACCEPTED Car seats, cribs, strollers, and other baby/child equipment Exercise equipment Large furniture Large kids' toys Non-flat-screen TVs Medical equipment 	

HOME DEPOT

350 Russell Street Hadley, MA 01035 Phone: (413) 587-2790 Bulbs

- Batteries
- Flower pots

ITEMS ACCEPTED

Batteries, including rechargeable batteries for power tools

- All RYOBI power tool rechargeable batteries
- Consumers (not businesses) can drop off rechargeable batteries and non-rechargeable batteries for home use/devices.

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)

• Put compact fluorescent light bulbs in a plastic bag (provided) and drop them in the green & blue recycling box located just inside the front door.

Flower pots

Important note: The Home Depot Recycle boxes erroneously say they take cell phones. THEY DO NOT RECYCLE CELL PHONES, just their batteries.

HOSPICE THRIFT SHOP OF THE FISHER HOUSE

6 University Drive Amherst, MA Phone: (413) 549-8800 www.fisherhome.org

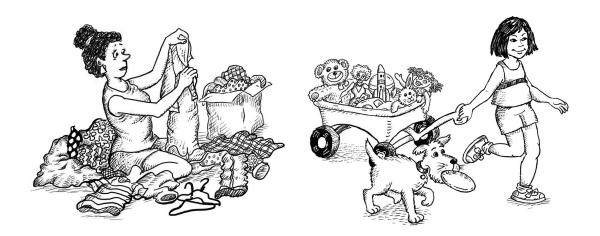
Store hours: Mon – Sat 10 am – 4 pm. Donation hours: MWFSa 10 - 4. This thrift shop helps fund hospice care offered at the Fisher House.

ITEMS ACCEPTED

- Art, antiques, and collectibles
- Books—especially cookbooks, art and current fiction; please limit to 2 boxes
- Clothing—seasonal and gently worn and accessories (including hats, gloves, scarves, ties, belts) for women and men in good repair
- Handbags and luggage
- Shoes (new or gently worn)
- Jewelry
- Household goods/decorative items/lamps
- Linens—e.g. curtains, quilts, blankets, decorative pillows (no regular pillows)
- Puzzles and games
- Small appliances e.g. coffee pots, toasters, blenders, etc.
- Stationery, gift wrap, and greeting cards

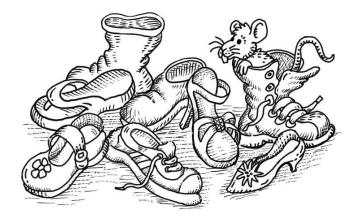
ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- Stereo and computer equipment
- Record albums
- Television sets, VCRs, video game systems and DVD players
- Large appliances or furniture
- Microwaves



 Multiple items (see details below).
 Donated items should be in excellent condition.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS COLLECTION CENTER 190 East Main (Rte 20) St. Westfield, MA 01085 Email: <u>info@nedt.org</u> Phone: (866) 769-1621 Open Mon & Wed 9 am – 4 pm, Sat 9 am – 1 pm Website: <u>http://nedt.org/</u> Charge for drop off; see website for prices.	 Latex and oil-based paints Other hazardous materials Electronics
 ITEMS ACCEPTED (not an inclusive list. Please call 866-769-16 Antifreeze Automotive fluids Batteries Carpet cleaner Computers and electronics Corrosive cleaners Driveway sealers Fertilizers Fluorescent lamps Furniture cleaners and polish Gasoline 	 21 with any specific questions.) Glue and adhesives Mercury and mercury- containing devices Monitors and televisions Motor oil Pool chemicals Pesticides and herbicides MA commercial VSQG wastes Propane tanks Solvents and thinners
 ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED Ammunition Appliances/white goods Asbestos Commercial hazardous wastes from outside of MA Explosives/shock sensitive materials Reactive chemicals (i.e., cyanides, water reactives) 	 Radioactive materials Medical waste/sharps Waste from large quantity or small quantity MA commercial generators Unidentified compressed gas Cylinders





LOWES 282 Russell Street Hadley, MA 01035 Phone: (413) 588-0270 Recycling receptacles are on the left as you enter.	 Bulbs Plastic bags Rechargeable batteries
ITEMS ACCEPTED	

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)

Put compact fluorescent light bulbs in a plastic bag (provided) and drop them in the green & blue recycling box located just inside the front door.

Plastic Bags

Put plastic bags (grocery type) in the green & blue recycling box located just inside the front door.

Rechargeable Batteries and Cell Phones (weighing less than 11 lbs. each)

Put small rechargeable batteries in a plastic bag (provided) and drop them in the green & blue recycling box located just inside the front door.



PELHAM POLICE DEPT 2 S. Valley Road Pelham, MA 01002 Phone: (413) 253-0484	 Medicines
Drop off Mon – Fri 9 am – 4 pm	
MEDICINES ACCEPTED	
 Medications for pets Over-the-counter medications Prescriptions Prescription patches Prescription medications Prescription ointments Samples Vitamins 	
MEDICINES NOT ACCEPTED	
 Aerosol cans Hydrogen peroxide Inhalers Medication from businesses or clinics Needles (sharps) Ointments, lotions, or liquids Thermometers 	
ROUNDABOUT BOOKS 85 Pierce St. Greenfield, MA 01301 Phone: (413) 773-0820 roundaboutbookstore.com	 Books CDs DVDs
Call to schedule donations or for special orders. Donations are also accepted at Boswell Books: 10 Bridge St., Shelburne Falls, MA 01370	
ITEMS ACCEPTED	
 Roundabout Books accepts any and all books, CDs, and DVDs. Handles even damaged books, locally recycling books that they are n Pays competitive prices for textbooks and academic books in their cu Accepts books both at their shop and at several book collection contained. 	rrent editions.

SALVATION ARMY

310 Russell St. Hadley, MA 01035 Phone: (413) 582-0403

Takes donations Mon – Sat 10 am – 6 pm

ITEMS ACCEPTED

- Books
- Clothing
- DVD players
- Electrical equipment
- Furniture (good condition)
- Household items
- Jewelry
- Kitchenware

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- Car seats, cribs, strollers, and other baby/child equipment
- Kids' games or puzzles that have been opened
- Medical equipment
- VCRs

STAPLES	• Electronics
25 Westgate Center Drive Hadley, MA 01035 Phone: (413) 253-2599	 All batteries Printer ink & toner Office supplies (limited)
ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED Limit of seven items can be recycled per customer per day. Store	

Manager has the right to refuse to accept items that may cause health/safety risks.

PCs & Printers	Tablets & Mobile Tech
All–in–ones	Camcorders
Desktops	Digital cameras
Laptops	eReaders
Monitors	External hard drives
Copiers	Gaming systems
Fax machines	GPS devices
Printers	 iPod[®]/MP3 players
Scanners	Mobile phones Tablets
 Multifunction printers and copiers 	
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• Multiple items (see details below)

 Shredders Small servers Stereo receivers UPS/battery backups Video streaming devices (Apple TV, Roku players, etc.) Webcams Office supplies Pens, markers, mechanical pencils
Large speakersSmoke detectorsTelevisions
ED Batteries must weigh no more than 11 lbs.
pping label to recycle your cartridges online.
 Durable medical equipment

ITEMS ACCEPTED

Accepts donations of durable medical equipment; call for pick up.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- Canes
- Walkers

STOP & SHOP 440 Russell St. Hadley, MA Phone: (413) 253-3227	• Plastic bags
 ITEMS ACCEPTED Produce bags Plastic packaging from toilet paper and bread loaves 	
Stores have drop-off bins. Materials are shipped to their warehouse in Free sends the plastic bags to NexTrex. TREX Co. uses this plastic to make deck See <u>https://recycle.trex.com/view/educate</u>	
TARGET	 Plastic bags MP3 players
367 Russell St. Hadley, MA 01035-9456	Cell phones
Phone: (413) 586-5945	 Ink Miss resystables
ITEMS ACCEPTED	Misc. recyclables
 Target has large bins for these items: Plastic bags MP3s and cell phones Ink cartridges Glass, plastic, and aluminum 	
WHOLE FOODS 2327 Russell St. Hadley, MA 01035 Phone: (413) 586-9932	 Bottles & cans Corks Paper Cell phones Plastics
ITEMS ACCEPTED	
 Bottles and cans Natural corks Functional cell phones for phone donation Paper – small cardboard packages, receipts Stretch plastics from Amazon packages, plastic grocery bags, etc. 	
ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED	
BatteriesLight bulbs	

Websites and Other Resources

THE ART GARDEN – Art supplies

14 Depot St., Shelburne Falls, MA 01370 (413) 625-2782 <u>csartgarden@gmail.com</u>



A community-supported space for the creation of art; accepts supplies by donation. Please call ahead.

BOYDEN & PERRON – Landscaping, lawn, and garden equipment

41 S. Whitney St., Amherst, MA 01002 (413) 253-7358 and (877) 239-4258 (toll free) www.boydenandperron.com

Charges a recycling fee.

CRAZYCRAYONS.COM, CRAYOLA.COM – Crayons

See each organization's website for details. See also the **National Crayon Recycle Program**: info@nationalcrayonrecycleprogram. org.

EARTH911 – General resource

<u>https://earth911.com</u> is a recycling database that can be used to look up where and how to recycle virtually anything. It also has articles and videos for educational purposes, a podcast on sustainability issues, products that are more sustainable, and many resources for recycling and reusing.

ECOBUILDING BARGAINS – Building supplies

83 Warwick St., Springfield, MA 01104 (413) 788-6900 https://ecobuildingbargains.org

EcoBuilding Bargains, the <u>Center for EcoTecnology's</u> reuse store, is the largest reclaimed and surplus building materials store in New England. EcoBuilding Bargains accepts donations of quality home improvement materials and sells them to the public at discounted prices. To donate, call or fill out an on-line form.

GREENDISK – "Technotrash," including CDs, VHS tapes, laptops, and other computer-related electronics

www.greendisk.com

GreenDisk recycles computer-related products and some other electronics in a secure and environmentally safe manner. Charges a fee. Materials recycled include the following:

- Media: CDs, CD-Rs, CD-RWs, DVDs, Blu-ray, 3.5" and 5.25" floppy disks, zip and jazz disks, and cases
- Tapes: VHS, audio cassette tapes, DAT, DLT, Beta, and Digibeta
- Computer drives: Hard drives, zip, jazz, floppy, CD-ROM, DVD drives, and jump drives
- Communication devices: Cell phones, pagers, PDAs and their chargers, cradles, and headset accessories
- **Batteries:** Rechargeable batteries and chargers only no alkaline batteries. See <u>instructions on packing batteries</u> for shipment.
- Small electronics: MP3 players, iPods, hand-held CD and cassette players, and digital cameras
- Ink: Inkjet and toner cartridges (all cartridges must be in a sealed bag to prevent spilling)
- Film: Black and White film only. Please do not include color film.

- Photographic film negatives, instant film, sheet film, Advanced Photo System, slides, Disc film, 110, 126, 127, 120/220
- Black and white or undeveloped only: Motion picture film, film reels, Super 8, 8mm, 9.5mm, 16mm, 35mm, 70mm
- \circ $\;$ Medical x-ray, industrial x-ray, lithographic, micro film, microfiche
- Miscellaneous items: UPS units, AC chargers, keyboards, mice, modems, routers, headphones, cords, adaptors, cables, boards, and chips

HOUSEHOLD GOODS – Furniture and household items

530 Main St., Acton, MA

(978) 635-1710

Website https://householdgoods.org/

Drop-offs on Tues, Thurs, and Sat 9 am – 12 pm. Check donation guidelines on the website.

Provides a full range of donated furniture and household items, free of charge, to help people in need to make a home. Qualifying customers are referred by social service agencies for a one-time visit to the store.

RECYCLE SMART – General resource

recyclesmartma.org

A website for locating recycling centers and options within your community. Provides state-specific guidelines for recycling, a "glossary of materials" to see what is included in material categories, and the means to search by recycling category and zip code. Information about how recycling centers for specific materials work, what they do with the materials they receive, and where they are located in your state.

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE GUIDE – General resource

This publication by the Springfield *Republican* and the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility is updated each year at the end of April. It contains some short articles and an alphabetical listing of where items can be brought for recycle or reuse in the wider western MA communities. Links to recycling resources and an electronic version of the "Reduce Reuse Recycle Guide" can be found on <u>http://springfieldmrf.org.</u>

REUSE & RECENTER SWAP SHOP – Many items; see list online

170 Glendale Rd., Northampton, MA (413) 587-1570

http://northamptonma.gov/

Open on the first & third Saturdays of April-October (8AM-11:30AM)

ReCenter membership permits required (you don't have to be a Northampton resident).

Swap shop where you can exchange or donate durable, useful home goods and furnishings. Accepts materials selectively in order to minimize waste. To view a list of items you can donate, go to the website, link to "Reuse and Recenter Swap Shop," and then click on the highlighted link "list of items."

TERRACYCLE – Almost everything!

<u>https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/</u> specializes in hard-to-recycle materials. They offer a range of free programs in partnership with specific consumer product companies, as well as recycling solutions available for purchase, for almost every form of waste.



wTe Recycling – Metals, yard scrap, office scrap, garage scrap

75 Southern Ave., Greenfield, MA 01301 (413) 772-2200 www.wte.com. See website for details.

Next Steps & Contact Information

The Sustainability Working Group's initial goal was to create a document specific to Pelham that explains multiple ways to reduce, reuse, recycle, and reimagine what to do with items that we no longer need or want.

We hope that this guide helps you to learn more what to do with your stuff. But this is not the end of our work. This is a living document that will be updated as new methods of dealing with our stuff become available. We would love input from the community and are actively seeking ways to improve this guide, as well as ideas for other environmental actions that we can take. Please contact us at the email address below if you have any ideas!

And say tuned for our next effort....

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