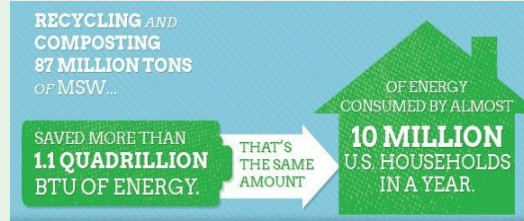


### Town of Uxbridge Recycling & Waste Resources

This brochure, first produced by the Recycling & Sustainability Committee, includes resources available to residents for recycling and reducing waste, as well as helpful tips.

**Together, we can help reduce waste and keep our town (and planet) greener, cleaner and healthier!**



As of April 1, 2018, all haulers are required to offer recycling services with their trash pick-up. Please contact the BOH if a hauler is not complying with this requirement. Please see the Board of Health page of the Town of Uxbridge website to find a list of haulers.

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### MassDEP issued its 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan.

The goals are to reduce disposals statewide by 30% over the next decade and achieve a 90% reduction in disposal by 2050.

As of November, 2022, disposal of certain textiles and mattresses, as well as organics from locations generating more than a half-ton per week, will be prohibited.

Waste bans boost recycling and support the recycling industry, which contributes thousands of jobs and millions of dollars to the Massachusetts economy. By cutting down on disposal, the waste bans also help us capture valuable resources, save energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and lessen our reliance on landfills and incinerators.



### WHY SHOULD WE CARE?



Recycling uses LESS energy



so FEWER fossil fuels are burned



which REDUCES carbon dioxide in the atmosphere



and DECREASES greenhouse gases



which DECREASES global warming.

## Recycling Resources

### Leaf/Brush Disposal & Metal Recycling

147 Hecla St Uxbridge MA  
508-278-8616

Open select Tues, Sat & Sun (see website for dates)

**Permit fees:** Residents \$20, Commercial \$50 (plus additional fees per load for commercial)

**Accepts:** Leaves and grass trimmings (loose or bio bagged only-NO PLASTIC), Brush (less than 6" diameter and 8' length only), Appliances, Air Conditioners, Lawn mowers & Snow blowers (gas/oil removed) NO PROPANE TANKS, BATTERIES, TVs, MICROWAVES, COMPUTERS or TIRES

### Medications & Medical Waste

**Household sharps:** accepted at the BOH office and Senior Center. Must be in approved sharps collection containers, sealed/locked and clearly labeled. Please see the town website for hours and availability.

**Prescription drugs/medications:** accepted 24/7 via drop box in lobby at the Uxbridge Police Station.

### Plastic bag and wrap drop off

Available at most grocery & retail stores

**Accepts:** Retail, carryout, produce, newspaper, bread, and dry cleaning bags, Zip-top food storage bags, Plastic shipping envelopes, bubble wrap and air pillows (deflate), Product wrap on cases of water/soda bottles, paper towels, napkins, disposable cups, bathroom tissue, diapers, and female sanitary products, Furniture and electronic wrap, Plastic cereal box liners (unless it tears like paper), Any plastic packaging or bag that has the How2Recycle Label. (Clean, dry and free of receipts, labels and clothes hangers)

### Terracycle.com

Offers free & fee-based recycling for hard to recycle items. Drop box located on first floor of Town Hall.

### Best Buy Stores

www.bestbuy.com -> Services ->Recycle your old products  
All U.S. stores accept a variety of electronics, batteries, ink/toner, appliances and accessories. **Please see the website for a comprehensive list, including some items accepted for a fee.**

### Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Centers

**Permit fees:** Residents \$30 (plus list item fees)  
\$40 for non-residents

14 Chestnut St Blackstone MA  
508-876-5129

www.townofblackstone.org

Open Thu and Sat from 8AM to 12PM

*\*Swap/Share Shed for a limited amount of gently used, unwanted household items\**

**Accepts:** Motor Oil/Filters, Anti-Freeze, Yard Waste/Brush, Christmas Trees, Cell Phones, Mercury Thermostats/Thermometers, Paint (oil based only), Dry Cell Batteries, Clothes/Shoes/Rags, Plastic Plant Pots (P1-7), Cardboard/Paper, Eye Glasses. **Other items, including bulky and hazardous waste, please see website for a list of fees.**

### NETD Household Hazardous Products Collection Center

83 Gilmore Dr Sutton MA  
866-769-1621  
www.nedt.org

Open Tues & Thur from 9AM to 4PM

**Accepts:** Latex & Oil-based Paints, Fertilizers, Automotive Fluids, Carpet Cleaner, Fluorescent Lamps, Computers and Electronics, Solvents/Thinners, Gasoline, Antifreeze, Furniture Cleaners/Polish, Pool Chemicals, Monitors and Televisions, Pesticides and Herbicides, Motor Oil, Corrosive Cleaners, Glue and adhesives, Driveway sealers, Batteries, Mercury/Mercury containing devices, propane tanks, and MA Commercial VSQG Wastes. This is not an all-inclusive list.

**Does Not Accept:** Ammunition, asbestos, reactive chemicals (i.e. cyanide, water reactives), waste from large quantity or small quantity MA commercial generators, commercial hazardous waste from outside of MA, medical wastes/sharps, unidentified compressed gas cylinders, appliances/white goods, explosives/shock sensitive materials, & radioactive materials.

**This center charges fees for all items, see website for fee list. Uxbridge residents have \$50 credit and 20% off other items.**



<https://recyclesmartma.org/>

This website is your go-to for all recycling information!

**It's not enough just to recycle. It's also important to recycle right.** Putting unaccepted items into your recycle bin can cause delays and add expense to the recycling process. Please contact your hauler for specific guidelines, but here are some general rules to follow.



**Metal:** Steel & aluminum cans and lids (if still attached), pie plates and aluminum trays. Rinse clean, labels are OK. No foil. No paint cans, aerosol cans or propane tanks. Can be flattened or nested to save space.

**Glass:** Bottles & jars and lids (if still attached)- all colors and sizes. Rinse clean, labels are OK. No light bulbs, window glass, pyrex, ceramics, mirrors, drinking glasses or vases. **DO NOT BREAK GLASS.**



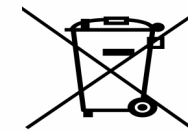
**Plastic:** Containers marked with recycling symbol #1-7, necks, caps and lids are OK (if still attached). Rinse clean, labels are OK. **NO PLASTIC BAGS, PLANT POTS OR STYROFOAM.**

**Paper:** Newspapers with inserts, junk mail, envelopes, magazines, catalogs, phonebooks, loose paper. No plastic coated paper or boxes, carbon paper, napkins, paper cups or plates. Shredded paper should be closed inside a paper bag . **DO NOT TIE WITH STRING.**



**Cardboard:** Boxes & corrugated panels. No wax coated, food residue or soiled pizza boxes. Cut or flatten into 2'x2' size (or smaller). **DO NOT TIE WITH STRING.**

**NEVER GO IN THE BIN:** Hoses, diapers, straws, plastic utensils, paper towels, bags, of any kind, medical waste, food waste, Styrofoam, bubble wrap, tarps, or plastic pools.



**REDUCE** - Buy in bulk if possible, choose quality over quantity, opt out of receipts, unsubscribe from junk mail, compost, use rain barrels for watering garden/lawn, switch to LED's.

*North American bottled water companies use 1.39 liters of water to make a single 1 liter bottle of water, and over 25 billion Styrofoam cups are thrown away in the United States each year.*

**REUSE** - Choose things that you can reuse, such as cloth towels & napkins, glass jars/containers, grocery bags, snack wraps, coffee cups, stainless steel straws, real utensils, water bottles, reusable gift wrapping.

*A plastic bag from the grocery store takes between 500 and 1,000 years to decompose*

**RECYCLE** - Make sure you recycle each and every item that can be recycled, and ask for recycling bins at your workplace or businesses that you visit.

*The EPA estimates that 75% of the American waste stream is recyclable, but we only recycle about 30% of it.*

