

What, where, and how to recycle in Franklin, MA

The following table is a guide to what items can be recycled in Franklin. Note that not all items can be recycled in your curbside recycling cart. Some types of items are accepted only at the Beaver Street Recycling Center recycling center, and other items can be recycled at stores and other specialty locations.

Categories	Examples of what CAN be recycled	Notes	These CANNOT be recycled	Where to recycle
Papers- Home and Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper including all ads and inserts • Magazines and Catalogs • Mail and envelopes • Paper bags • Greeting Cards • Wrapping paper • Paperback books • Receipts • Office paper • Ledger paper • Fax Paper • Shredded paper- collect in paper bag • File folders • Manila envelopes • Adding machine tape 	<p>Can you tear it? If yes, it's recyclable</p> <p>Staples, paperclips are ok</p> <p>See this list for more information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laminated mail inserts • Wax covered paper • Label backing paper • Paper towels, napkins, tissue • Photographs • Tyvek envelopes • Bubble wrap-lined envelopes • Candy wrappers 	<p>Curbside</p> <p>Beaver Street Recycling Center</p>
Papers- School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School papers • Construction paper • Spiral notebooks • Composition books 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laminated projects • Crayon-colored paper • Textbooks/hard cover books 	<p>Curbside</p> <p>Beaver Street Recycling Center</p>
Paperboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoe boxes • Cereal boxes 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Styrofoam egg cartons (Styrofoam container at Beaver Street Recycling 	<p>Curbside</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasta boxes • Toilet paper and paper towel rolls • Frozen food boxes • Gift boxes • Toothpaste boxes • Tissue boxes • Paper egg cartons • Soda or beer boxes • Soap or laundry detergent boxes 		Center)	Beaver Street Recycling Center
Cartons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk cartons, boxes • Juice boxes • Cream and creamer containers • Broth boxes • Ice cream cartons IF CLEAN 	Either with or without plastic spout, ok	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Foil lined cartons 	Curbside Beaver Street Recycling Center
Corrugated Cardboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boxes • Corrugated containers • Pizza boxes, IF CLEAN 	Staples and tape are ok	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Greasy, food-soiled, or caked with dirt 	Curbside (cut/flattened) Beaver Street Recycling Center (Must fit in new compactor)
Aluminum/Tin/Metals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soup/vegetable/pet food cans with lids • Soda/beer cans • Aluminum foil- no food • Foil cap liners from yogurt, applesauce, etc. • Pie plates • Disposable roasting pans • Take out containers • Hershey Kiss 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paint cans (latex paint can be hardened and deposited in trash; oil paint is hazardous waste) • Scrap metal (not at curbside; accepted at Beaver Street Recycling Center) • Wire clothes hangers (accepted at dry cleaners and Beaver Street Recycling Center) 	Curbside Beaver Street Recycling Center

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wrappers • Empty aerosol cans 			
Glass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottles- beer/soda • Glass jars 	Any color glass bottle/jar is ok	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows • Mirrors • Light bulbs • Pyrex • Dishes • Drinking glasses 	<p>Curbside</p> <p>Beaver Street Recycling Center</p>
Plastic Containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottles • Tubs/lids • Frozen dinner trays • Plastic cups • Plastic plates 	<p>Any plastic container with 1-7 symbol</p> <p>Plastic caps/rings are ok</p> <p>Clean/rinse before recycling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automotive containers • Styrofoam • Plastic bags/wrap • Plastic utensils 	<p>Curbside</p> <p>Beaver Street Recycling Center</p>
Plastic Bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grocery bags • Produce bags • Any bag with 3, 4 recycling symbol 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic wrap from water bottles, etc • Ziploc bags 	Grocery store
Rigid Plastics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buckets with metal handles • Children's toys • Milk/soda crates • Lawn furniture • Landscape trays and plant buckets • Pet carriers • Storage containers • Coolers • Shelving • Closet organizers • Dish drainers • Traffic signs • Garbage cans 	Remove any non-plastic parts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PVC pipe • Vinyl items such as siding • Vinyl pools • Hoses 	Beaver Street Recycling Center

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 gallon water bottles • Automotive plastic-bumpers, bed liners, lights, hubcaps 			
Batteries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NiCd, NiMH, any rechargeable 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One-time use batteries should be discarded in trash 	<p>Beaver Street Recycling Center Various stores (Whole Foods, Radio Shack, Staples, etc.) DPW Office – 257 Fisher St.</p>
Electronics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TVs • Computers • Radios • Stereos 	<p>Electronics contain hazardous waste - DO NOT deposit in trash</p>		<p>Beaver Street Recycling Center (TV require separate fee)</p>
Scrap Metal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air conditioners, Refrigerators, Freezers • Washing machines, Dryers • Bicycles, scooters, Basketball poles • Car parts, motorcycles, snowmobiles, weed whackers, lawn mowers, tractors • Water heaters, boilers, furnace • Any metal items – steel, iron, aluminum, copper, etc. 	<p>Appliances contain hazardous waste - DO NOT deposit in trash</p> <p>Remove gas and oil</p>		<p>Beaver Street Recycling Center (Freon items require separate fee)</p>
Ink cartridges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ink cartridges 			<p>Beaver Street Recycling</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Laser Toner Cartridges 			Center
Tubs, Toilets, Sinks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tubs ▪ Toilets ▪ Sinks 	Remove metal and put in metal roll off		Beaver Street Recycling Center
Engine Oil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Automotive oils ▪ Brake fluid ▪ Hydraulic fluid 	Used empty containers must be taken back and put in trash		Beaver Street Recycling Center
Fluorescent Bulbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Compact Fluorescent ▪ Specialty Fluorescent ▪ All Fluorescent 	See gate attendant at recycling center		Beaver Street Recycling Center
Automotive coolant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clean Automotive coolant 	Used empty containers must be taken back and put in trash		Beaver Street Recycling Center
Textiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wearable clothes ▪ Shoes, purse, boots ▪ Sheets, pillow cases ▪ Cloth items 	Non-usable cloth items are recycled into items such as insulation Textiles do not have to be in perfect condition, all clothing will be recycled and used in one way or another		Beaver Street Recycling Center
Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Textbooks ▪ Hard cover ▪ Soft cover ▪ CD, DVD computer games ▪ Computer software 	Usable books, unusable can be recycled as scrap paper Unusable book can be recycled in the Single Stream container		Beaver Street Recycling Center
Mercury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thermometers ▪ Medical devices ▪ Thermostats ▪ Liquid mercury ▪ Halogen lights 	Halogen and high voltage projection lamps and HID automotive headlights contain mercury		Beaver Street Recycling Center DPW office – 257 Fisher St.
Construction Debris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wood ▪ Wallboard ▪ Tiles 			See Local Haulers on sidebar link Bagster –

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Linoleum ▪ Insulation ▪ Doors and windows 			wwwthebagster.com
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Computers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Towers ▪ Desktop ▪ Notebook ▪ Printers 	Place in shed designated for computers and printers		Beaver Street Recycling Center
Tires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bicycle tires ▪ Lawn tractor ▪ Car, truck, trailer 			Beaver Street Recycling Center