

BREWSTER RECYCLING GUIDE (JUNE 2023)

WHERE IT GOES	MATERIAL	RECYCLE THESE	INSTRUCTIONS	NO...
COMMINGLED COMPACTOR NO PAPER OR PLASTIC BAGS! NO BLACK PLASTIC	METAL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steel, tin & metal food cans Aluminum pie plates & trays Deposit & non-deposit drink cans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty, rinse trays clean Labels OK Empty, rinse cans clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-container metal in the commingled compactor (Note #3) Plastic envelopes* Plastic film sheets or bags go to grocery store OR dispose w/trash* Small (<u>less than 3"</u>) plastic single serve containers like mini yogurts, snack packs, pill bottles etc.* Foam packaging peanuts. (Note #4) Motor oil and/or chemical containers* Water hoses* Black plastic*
	PLASTIC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic bottles, jars, jugs & tubs larger than 3 inches, such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milk, water, soda & juice bottles Big butter & yogurt tubs Shampoo & conditioner bottles Laundry, bleach & softener bottles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty, rinse plastic clean Caps OK only if on/attached to bottle! Remove spray top from spray bottles & put in trash 	
GLASS ONLY NO BAGS! NO LIDS/CORKS	GLASS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear & colored beverage bottles, deposit and non-deposit Food & sauce jars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty, rinse glass clean Remove any caps/lids/corks Neck rings/labels OK Put on table 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broken glass* Auto glass, mirrors & windows** Ceramic plates & cookware* Light bulbs* (see over for more info) No caps, lids, or corks*
NEWSPRINT ONLY NO BAGS!	NEWSPRINT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean and dry Daily or Sunday inserts only OK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not tie Do not put in boxes or bags of any kind Put in opening of designated newsprint bin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No ties* No strings* No boxes, plastic, or paper bags (reuse, recycle or dispose of properly)
PAPER COMPACTOR NO PLASTIC BAGS!	CARDBOARD AND OTHER PAPER 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All clean cardboard must be recycled Magazines & catalogs Junk mail, envelopes Books & phone books Office & computer paper Paper shopping bags Cereal, cracker & other food boxes See more info on reverse side 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flatten, fold, or break down cardboard, if able Place loose paper in paper grocery bags Remove plastic liner from cereal & other food boxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food-soiled cardboard* Excessively dirty or wet boxes* Shredded paper* Food-soiled paper anything* To go containers* Paper towels* Tissues* Diapers* Cereal/food box liners*

* Put in **yellow** PAYT bag

** Put in Construction & Demolition (C&D) box

Visit [RecycleSmartMA.org](https://recyclesmartma.org) for additional recycling information.

RECYCLABLE PAPER

Booklets
Books: soft cover only
Boxes: all sizes, flattened
Brochures: including glossy
Calendars: wall type, spiral okay
Cardboard: all corrugated & paperboard
Catalogs: all including glossy
Colored, construction and kraft paper
Cover, card stock, index cards
Envelopes: all, incl. windows (**exceptions below**)
Fax paper
File folders
Flyers
Glossy paper & packaging
Greeting cards
Lottery & scratch tickets
Magazines
Mail
Newspaper: PLACE IN SEPARATE BIN
Notebooks, spiral okay
Packing paper
Paper bags, handles okay
Phone books
Sticky notes
Tubes only from towel & toilet paper

NON-RECYCLABLE "PAPER" FIBER

Carbon paper
Diapers
Any envelopes with bubble wrap/plastic liner
Food soiled paper & cardboard
Label backings & sheets of labels
Paper cups and/or paper plates
Paper towels, napkins, and tissues
Photographs
Shredded paper
Take-out food containers
Thermal receipts
Tyvek® mailing envelopes
Waxed paper and/or waxed cardboard
Wrappers, candy/food
Wrapping paper

**PAPER NOTE: Metal spirals, paper clips, window envelopes, staples can remain with paper items listed, but should be minimized & removed if easy.*

ACCEPTING ORGANICS

We'll take all food waste including fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy products, table scraps, eggshells, coffee grinds, etc. If it was previously any kind of food or drink, we can take it, EXCEPT:

- NO LARGE bones such as ham, beef, lamb
- NO PLASTIC containers, wraps or bags of any type or size.

Home composting is still a great way to recycle your organics and even more environmentally friendly!

HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

ALL batteries, including auto, are accepted for recycling at the Brewster Recycling Center. Check with an attendant for bin location.

LIGHTBULBS

Incandescent light bulbs and LED bulbs are trash for your yellow PAYT bag. Fluorescent tubes & bulbs should be handed to the attendant.

TEXTILES BANNED EFFECTIVE 11/01/22

Clean and dry CLOTHING, SHOES, SHEETS, LINENS, TOWELS, ETC. MUST be recycled using the on-site donation boxes, local thrift shops, or some local animal/wildlife rescue shelters.

FEE ITEMS

Many items are recyclable that aren't listed on this guide. Generally, bulky waste, incl. furniture and large toys, mattresses, yard cleanup materials, trimmings, scrap metal, electronics, auto tires & fluids are recycled, *but require a fee*. Please visit [Brewster recycling center fees](#) for a complete list.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

The County hosts multiple yearly Hazardous Waste Collection Days; check it out yearly. [Barnstable County's Hazardous Waste 2023 Collection Schedule - Barnstable County: Barnstable County](#)

1. Deposit bottles can be taken to a Redemption Center.
2. If unsure where to place an item, ask a Recycling Center attendant.
3. See attendants for small, non-container metal items like empty aerosol cans, empty paint cans, coat hangers, cooking pots/pans, etc. They will direct you accordingly.
4. Unused, small foam pieces including meat trays, go in the yellow PAYT bag; larger, bulky, foam packaging pieces can be tossed into trash receptacle loose.

When in doubt, check it out at <https://recyclesmartma.org/results-materials/#>.

You may need to throw it out!