

WELLFLEET TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING CENTER

370 COLES NECK ROAD,
WELLFLEET, MASSACHUSETTS 02667

Phone: 508 349 0335

WINTER HOURS

October through April
Friday – Tuesday (closed Wednesday & Thursday)
8:00 am – 3:30 pm
(until 4:00 pm for trash drop off)

SUMMER HOURS

May through September
OPEN DAILY 8:00 am – 3:30 pm
(until 4:00 pm for trash drop off)

WELLFLEET RECYCLING INFORMATION FLYER: for a PDF click here

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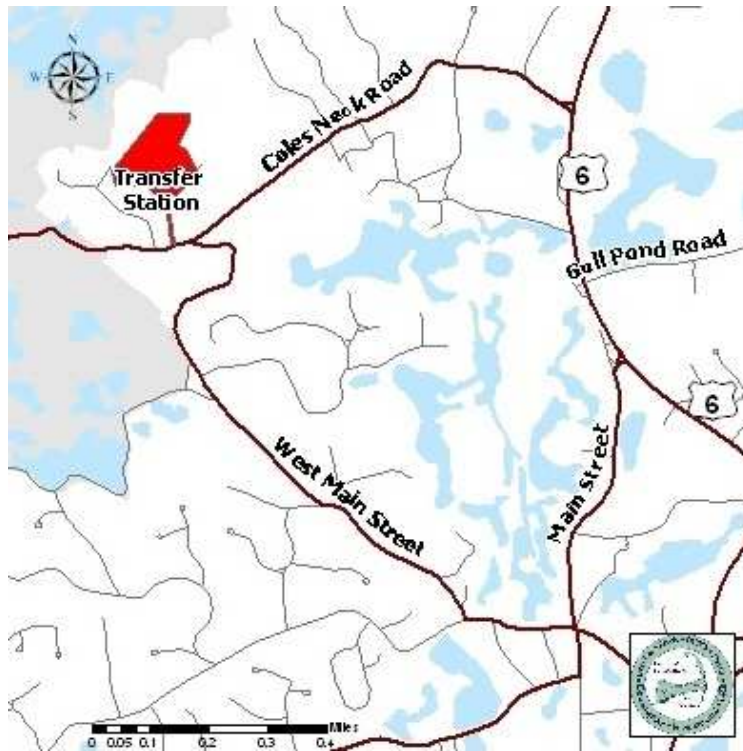
Want to learn how to recycle almost *anything*? Want to try and reach *ZERO waste*?
Check out our ***SUPER RECYCLERS*** website to learn how to stop throwing things
away:

[**Super Recyclers of Wellfleet**](#)

[**Top Tips on Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling**](#)

MAP & DIRECTIONS

370 Coles Neck Road, Wellfleet, MA 02667



Map courtesy Cape Cod Commission, GIS Department

Directions from Route 6:

Heading North on Route 6 towards Provincetown:

After passing signs for Wellfleet center, turn left onto Coles Neck Road. Follow for 0.8 miles and you will see signs for the Transfer Station and Recycling Center on your right.

Heading South on Route 6 towards Hyannis:

A mile after you enter Wellfleet from Truro, turn right onto Coles Neck Road. Follow for 0.8 miles and you will see signs for the Transfer Station and Recycling Center on your right.

WHY RECYCLE?

All over the world, recycling is practiced as an environmentally friendly and innovative way to keep reusable materials out of the waste stream. Recycling is a great way to keep the cost of waste disposal low. As of 2011, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection identifies these benefits of recycling:

- Massachusetts throws away 1.5 million tons of paper every year. If we recycled HALF of this paper, we would save nearly \$52 million in disposal costs.
- 19,000 people are employed at 1,400 recycling businesses and organizations in Massachusetts. These businesses have an annual payroll of \$557 million and produce \$3.5 billion in sales receipts.
- Recycling helps Massachusetts residents reduce the equivalent of 2 million metric tons of carbon dioxide annually. That's like taking 1.6 million passenger cars off the road for a year.
- Recycling in Massachusetts saves over 85 trillion BTUs of energy annually, enough to power 820,292 homes for one year.
- Massachusetts recycled enough paper last year to prevent the cutting of nearly 17 million trees.
- Recycling conserves precious resources, supports local business, protects our fragile environment, and saves taxpayers money.
- Paper and cardboard are turned into cereal and cracker boxes, book covers and game boards at recycling paper mills in Fitchburg and Haverhill, Massachusetts.
- Glass bottles and jars are melted and used to make new containers at facilities such as St. Gobain Containers in Milford, Massachusetts.
- Plastic soda bottles become fiberfill for jackets and sleeping bags, or polar fleece made by textile mills in Lawrence, Massachusetts.
- Milk jugs, detergent bottles, and other #2 plastics become landscaping timbers and whiskey barrel planters made by Smartware Products in Leominster, Massachusetts.

** Facts and statistics courtesy of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection*

WHAT WE RECYCLE

Wellfleet recycles!

There are multiple things we can do personally to alleviate the burden our trash puts on the environment. We can purchase products with less packaging or reuse items that we have. We can also recycle.

Here's how:


Organize your recyclables into three categories:

1. METAL & PLASTIC CONTAINERS
2. GLASS CONTAINERS
3. MIXED PAPER including all manner of paper packaging from junk mail to pasta boxes, unwanted books & magazines, to newspapers and cardboard. Envelopes with windows, paper with staples and paper clips are OK!

Please *rinse out* all recycled containers, remove lids, corks, and caps from bottles and jars. Leave labels on. Place paper recyclables into paper bags or tie with a string. Please do not place loose paper in the bin. You may place your mixed paper directly into the cardboard compactor.

See below for complete list of recyclable materials:

MIXED PAPER – YES, RECYCLABLE	MIXED PAPER -- NO, NOT RECYCLABLE
<p> Cardboard Newspapers Circulars Magazines & Catalogs Mail & Envelopes Junk Mail Office Paper Phone Books Unwanted Books (please donate to the Library and Swap Shop first) Cereal, Cracker, Pizza, and Other Boxes (must be empty and clean) Lightweight Boxes </p> <hr/> <p> <i>A full list of recyclable paper is available at:</i> http://www.massrecyclespaper.org/paperlist.html </p>	<p>Waxed cartons (such as milk or juice cartons)</p> <p>Tyvek: <i>DuPont has a Tyvek recycling program. Check their website for details by Clicking Here</i></p>

<p>METAL & PLASTIC CONTAINERS YES</p> <p>Tin, steel, and aluminum cans Metal lids Deposit and non-deposit beverage cans</p> <p>Plastic # 1-5, 7</p> <p>(NOTE: #6 -- Polystyrene/foam is not recyclable)</p> <p>NEW! Rigid & Bulky Plastics including 5-gallon spackle buckets, some toys, pails, etc. as long as it has a recycling symbol on it like the ones below:</p> <p>Check the bottom of each container for a symbol like this:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>METAL & PLASTIC CONTAINERS NO</p> <p>Aluminum foil Foil pans Paint cans Aerosol cans</p> <p>#6 -- Polystyrene/foam is not recyclable</p> <p>Plastic bags <i>Plastic bags may be recycled at Staples, Shaw's, and Stop & Shop. Look for recycle bins near the doors</i></p> <p>Plastic items that are not marked such as toys or household items</p> <p>No plastic bags or unnumbered plastics</p>
<p>GLASS CONTAINERS YES</p> <p>Glass bottles and jars of ANY color</p>	<p>GLASS CONTAINERS THAT ARE NO</p> <p>Broken glass Window glass mirrors, Dishes Pyrex Ceramics Incandescent & fluorescent light bulbs (fluorescent bulbs contain mercury and must be placed in the Universal Waste shed)</p>

YARD WASTE (no fee for a carload or less)	
Grass, leaves	
Christmas trees	
Raked material	
Branches	<p>No longer than 6 feet or 2 inches in diameter No stumps or vines No commercial brush</p>
Compost or Organic Kitchen Waste	See our compost page

MARINE OR SHELLFISH ITEMS	
Shellfish shells for Wellfleet's cultch program	See attendant or call the Shellfish Constable: 508 349 0325

Marine debris (nets, buoys, rope, etc.)	See attendant
FIREWOOD – SEE ATTENDANT	
Tree branches and logs no greater than 2 inches in diameter and no longer than 6 feet in length Untreated or unpressurized scrap wood or lumber	PLEASE DROP OFF BURNABLE WOOD ONLY: NO WOOD WHICH HAS BEEN PAINTED, TREATED, OR PRESSURIZED.

OTHER ITEMS	
Scrap Metal Bicycles Aluminum lawn furniture Etc...	Place in scrap metal recycling area.
Latex based paint	Remove lids and set aside to evaporate any leftover paint. Dispose of dry paint cans in metals area. Cans that have significant quantities of paint left in them may be dropped off in the paint shack on the 3rd Saturday of every month, April-October, between the hours of 9 am – 2 pm
Car batteries	Place in car battery pile
Rechargeable batteries Cell phone and computer batteries Hearing aid and watch batteries	Place in Universal Waste Shed
Motor oil	Place in motor oil collection area
Antifreeze	Place in antifreeze collection area
Thermometers	May be taken to the Health Dept to exchange for digital thermometers, or placed in Universal Waste Shed
Florescent light bulbs, including compact florescent bulbs	Place in Universal Waste Shed

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS (fees apply)	NOTES	FEE
Appliances	Remove doors and rubber. <i>Often companies that deliver appliances will take away the old ones</i>	\$5
Electronic Waste	Includes TVs, monitors, and computers	\$10
Carpets		\$10
Sofas & Chairs		\$10
Mattresses & Box Springs	<i>NOTE: Often companies that deliver mattresses will take away the old ones</i>	\$20 each
Tires	Car tires only, rims must be removed <i>Rims go to metal recycling area</i>	\$2
Yard Waste	(see above)	\$10/truckload
Bulk Metal	Auto parts, motors, engines, etc.	\$40

50 Gallon Drums		\$5
Propane Tanks		\$3/20gal \$20/over 20 gal
Petroleum Tanks		\$30
Water Tanks		\$5
Other Bulky items		\$10
Construction and Demolition Waste		\$270/ton

How do I get a Sticker?

You can purchase a Transfer Station sticker at the Transfer Station and Recycling Center from September to May and at the Beach Sticker House during June, July, and August located at the Town Marina. Click here for the summer 2011 rates:

http://www.wellfleetma.org/public_documents/wellfleetma_departments/beach

Transfer Station phone: 508 349 0335

Beach House phone: 508 349 9818

Call the Transfer Station/Recycling Center in the off season.

As of July 1st, 2011:

Type	Fee
Residential Sticker - first car	\$55
second car	\$10
third car	\$55
One-time User	\$5 per 4 bags
Commercial Sticker - small (<1 ton)	\$65
large (>1 ton)	\$95
Commercial Refuse	\$80 per ton
Demolition materials	\$270 per ton
Bulk Metal	\$40 per ton

FIREWOOD: WOOD RECYCLING PROGRAM



The Town of Wellfleet runs a program to recycle clean waste wood, small tree branches and logs into free firewood. This helps heat the homes of local residents while reducing utility bills. A **Transfer Station sticker is required to pick up firewood**. A release must also be signed at the Transfer Station.

PLEASE NOTE:

TREATED AND PRESSURIZED WOOD, PAINTED WOOD, PLYWOOD, TELEPHONE POLES, AND CERTAIN BUILDING LUMBER ARE UNHEALTHY AND TOXIC TO BURN. PLEASE DISPOSE OF THIS WOOD IN THE DEMOLITION AREA.

Wood Accepted

- Tree branches and logs no greater than 2 inches in diameter and no longer than 6 feet in length
- Untreated and unpressurized scrap wood or lumber.

MARINE DEBRIS DISPOSAL



The Transfer Station also accepts marine debris. The goal of this program is to reduce environmental impacts to coastal natural resources and waterways. Marine debris left in the water can kill aquatic life through entanglements and ingestion. As of 2010, the Town of Wellfleet has collected over 96,000 pounds of marine debris.

There is no fee associated with disposing of marine debris, though a **Transfer Station sticker is required**. Call the Transfer Station and Recycling Center for more information.

Accepted Items

- Plastic fishing materials
- Nets
- Buoys
- Ropes

SWAP SHOP

Visit the FRIENDS OF THE DUMP at capecool.org for Wellfleet Swap Shop history.

Think before you dump it! Green up your life! Take a quick look at what you throw away. Can you recycle it, give it away, sell it? Check out Wellfleet's Swap Shop, founded in 1992.

STUFF for free, drop it off, pick it up.

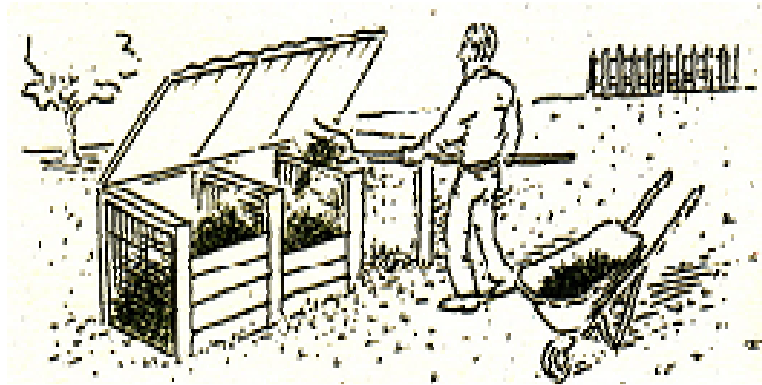
Got stuff that's too good to throw out, but you want to get rid of it? Take it to the Swap Shop. And while you're there look around, you never know what you'll find. The Swap Shop is the community exchange for dishes, glassware, pots, pans, games, puzzles, toys, lamps, speakers, sporting goods, LPs, umbrellas, chairs, windows, books, etc. Please do not bring monitors, computers, sofas, mattresses or rugs to the Swap Shop. Wellfleet's Swap Shop is **only open to Transfer Station sticker holders**.

The Swap Shop also has a bulletin board for items to sell or give away.

The Swap Shop does not take clothes but the Salvation Army maintains two bins outside the Swap Shop for your old clothes. If you have clothes that can be worn again why not keep them in the community by donating to Wellfleet's thrift stores - the AIM Thrift Store on Main Street or Mass Appeal on Route 6.

Interested in volunteering at the Swap Shop? Please email recycling.commission@wellfleet-ma.gov

COMPOST & MULCH



*Illustration courtesy of Massachusetts Audubon Society
& the Seattle Solid Waste Utility*

Waste brush at the Transfer Station and Recycling Center is recycled into mulch and compost for community use. **You must have a Transfer Station sticker to use these services.** To obtain the mulch or compost for your home, just bring a container and shovel to the first-come-first-serve piles. Composted materials work GREAT as a fertilizer for gardens, and mulch is useful for lawn and garden care.

Composting at home is easy, and requires little more than collecting food scraps, leaves, grass clippings, and other organic matter. Simply mix food scraps (with no animal products in them) with dead plant matter into a pile, and let it sit. Remember to turn your compost pile once a month with a shovel or pitchfork to keep it fresh. Composting significantly reduces what goes into our waste stream, ultimately decreasing what goes into landfills and incinerators.

Composting bins for sale

Earth Machine and New Age composting bins available at Transfer Station, ask attendant. View full offer: [Click Here](#)

Learn more about composting at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass DEP): [Click Here](#)

Do it yourself composting

Mass DEP has a very useful brochure on composting at home: [Click Here](#)

Indoor Worm Composting

If you do not have space to compost outside, you can compost your kitchen scraps with a vermicomposting system. These worm composting bins are a fun way to compost inside your home. Learn more from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection: [Click Here](#)

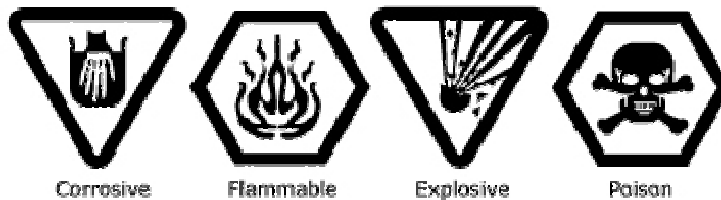
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS & PHARMACEUTICAL DISPOSAL



Photo by Warren Silva, 2011

For hazardous waste disposal:

If you have household hazardous materials to dispose of that are not accepted at the Transfer Station and Recycling Center, they can be collected by the Barnstable County Cooperative Extension. Call Michael Maguire 508 375 6699 or check their website for collection dates: <http://www.capecodextension.org/Hazardous-Waste-Water-Quality/>



Corrosive

Flammable

Explosive

Poison

Things to save for hazardous waste pickup days:

Garden	Pesticides Fertilizers with pesticides
Automotive	Gasoline Brake Fluid Power steering fluid
Paints, Solvents, & Finishes	Oil Based Wood Finishes and Preservatives Oil Paint, Alkyd Paint, Lead Paint, Marine Paint, Auto Paint Solvents, Thinners, Strippers, Finishes
Other Chemicals	Photo chemicals, Pool chemicals, Chemistry Sets, Acid
Mercury	Thermostats, Thermometers, Switches <i>(Mercury Thermometers may be traded for digital thermometers at collection)</i>

Some of these materials are accepted at the Transfer Station's Universal Waste Shed. See attendant.

For pharmaceutical disposal:

Call the Health Department at 508 349 0308 or learn more from the Barnstable County Cooperative Extension: [For a PDF brochure on unwanted medications, click here](#)

Where Does Our Waste Go?

As of 2011, our municipal solid waste is transported to the Covanta Energy Company at their southeastern Massachusetts (SEMASS) waste-to-energy facility in Rochester, Massachusetts. This facility incinerates our waste to produce electricity. Learn more at the SEMASS website: [Click Here](#)

Our construction and demolition materials are picked up for processing in a facility located in Orleans, Mass.

As of 2008, these Cape towns recycled the following amounts of their waste:

Town	2008 Recycling Rate (tons recycled and composted / total solid waste + recycled and composted tons)
Barnstable	16%
Bourne	30%
Brewster	17%
Chatham	39%
Dennis	30%
Eastham	37%
Falmouth	37%
Harwich	41%
Mashpee	22%
Orleans	39%
Provincetown	36%
Sandwich	28%
Truro	45%
Wellfleet	33%
Yarmouth	36%