



Recycling in Springfield

Residents bring their recycling to the Chester-Springfield Recycling Center and Transfer Station at 135 Fairground Road in Springfield, one mile north of Riverside Junior High School (east side).

Hours of operation: Monday 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Phone: 885-5827

Welcome to the Springfield Recycling Center. We need your help to maintain a pleasant, efficient and safe work environment; your recyclable materials should all be clean and dry. Please read the signs and place materials in appropriate locations to help maintain the quality of the recycled commodities.

Recyclables Accepted:

Acceptable Plastics - #1-#7 BUT NOT #6 (STYROFOAM)

Look for the identifying code number (in the recycling triangle) on bottom of container.

- Containers and packaging with the recycling numbers #1 through #7

Special instructions:

- Rinse clean
 - Discard caps and lids
- Labels and neck rings are OK
 DO NOT tie with string

Examples of acceptable plastics:

- milk, cider, water, & windshield washer jugs
- bottles used for cleaning products
- laundry detergent bottles & bleach jugs
- shampoo & dishwashing detergent bottles
- soda and seltzer bottles
- juice and water bottles
- cooking oil bottles
- peanut butter jars
- sour cream, cottage cheese and yogurt tubs
- non-foam plastic egg cartons
- frozen food trays
- non-foam, hinged food containers (such as fast food and deli containers)
- pastry and cookie trays
- Tupperware and other similar containers
- vegetable and fruit containers
- flower pots and seedling trays
- 5-gallon buckets (handles removed)
- plastic molded packaging

Non-Acceptable Plastics:

- caps and lids
- Styrofoam (packaging blocks, packing peanuts, and egg cartons)
- toys, laundry baskets, sleds, housewares
- plastic film (grocery bags, bread bags, and Tyvek envelopes)
- containers used to hold motor oil
- manufacturing scrap
- electronics housing

Please - no motor oil bottles

Mixed Paper - almost anything

Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, boxboard (for example, cereal boxes), junk mail, office paper, paper bags, paperback books, books (hard covers removed and discarded)

Please, no plastic wrappers, waxy soap or frozen food containers, milk or juice cartons, tissue paper, wrapping paper or paper towels.

Corrugated Cardboard

Clean, dry, and flattened out. Please, no waxy produce or greasy pizza boxes (contaminates recycling process).

Brown Paper Bags

Clean, neatly folded bags can be saved for re-use. Wrinkled or torn bags should go in mixed paper bin.

The Transfer Station also accepts **bagged**, clean and dry clothing - all types, including ripped, stained, and out-of-fashion; shoes - bagged separately from clothing; clean and dry linens: blankets, sheets, towels, curtains (including ripped or stained); belts, purses, hats, mittens, gloves, coats, socks, and stuffed animals.

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) services this collection.

These materials will be sold and the profits used to fund community programs in our area.

Fluorescent Light Bulbs

A small donation of 25 cents per bulb is requested to offset the cost of handling and transportation.

FREE fluorescent bulb recycling is available at Goodro Lumber & True Value in Ludlow and Bibens Home Center in North Springfield, 886-2288.

Styrofoam Peanuts

Peanuts should be tightly wrapped in plastic bags.

Glass

Clear, green, brown, and blue glass bottles and jars - empty, clean with lids removed
No Pyrex, light bulbs, mirrors, headlights, or windshield glass in this area

Corks - Natural and Synthetic - Recycle in the marked bucket near the glass collection site.

Aluminum

Soda and beer cans (un-crushed), aluminum pie plates and foil wrap (rinsed), cat food cans (not all cat food cans are aluminum). *Please check with a magnet; if it sticks, it's not aluminum.*

Tin Cans and Metal Jar Lids

Need not be crushed but, please rinse them out.

Batteries

Automotive

Rechargeable batteries

Button batteries (in hearing aids, watches, calculators, cameras, etc.) contain mercury and must be recycled. FREE button battery recycling is available at Rite-Aid Pharmacies in Ludlow and Springfield, and Green Mountain Pharmacy in Londonderry.

Effective January 1, 2007, it is illegal to use a lead sinker which weighs one-half ounce or less to fish in Vermont. A lead sinker recycling container is located with the batteries.

Thermostats

Wall thermostats (round in shape or non-digital ones) may contain mercury. If you are remodeling, please bring the thermostats into the transfer station.

Compost Pile -

Organic lawn and garden waste only. Please, do not dump brush, plastic flowers, clay pots, toys, broken window glass, bags of dog and cat residue, or trash of any kind in this area. Unless asked not to, please empty bags of yard waste onto the compost pile.

The Second Chance Shop

Unwanted, but good, usable items may be accepted here - ask an attendant. Electronics and items with cords are discouraged in general, as are incomplete puzzles, chipped tableware, broken toys; if you don't want it, will anyone else? Proceeds from the sales of items in the shop support your Recycling Center.

On the Ramp

Sofa - \$15

Stuffed Chair - \$12

Mattress - \$20, Box Springs - \$5 *If taken apart/material separated - \$4 each piece*

Carpet - depends on size/weight

Ceramic Sink - \$5

Toilet - \$8

Electronics - computer systems, radios, televisions, microwaves and VCRs - 20 cents per pound

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Electronics contain a variety of hazardous chemicals and heavy metals; as of July '07 they are banned from landfills and incineration. Please dispose of them responsibly.

Construction and Demolition Waste - price determined by volume or weight; currently 10 cents/pound

Scrap Metal

Iron, copper, steel, lead scrap (nails, car chains, iron pipe, sheet metal, tire rims), aluminum pots and pans, doors and window frames, sheet metal, etc.

Metal may be mixed with *some* rubber but no wood, fabric, or plastic. Please, no fuel tanks or sealed containers.

Scrap picking is not allowed. However, re-use is; if there is an item you need, please ask an attendant. (A small donation is always appreciated.) Do not climb into the dumpsters or onto the scrap heap.

Appliances

*Refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioners, and de-humidifiers - \$15 each (cost of Freon removal)

All refrigerators and freezers **must** have door(s) removed.

Stoves, water heaters, washers, dryers - free

Tires

Regular tires (up to 17") - \$3 each; \$5 with rim

Truck tires (17" and over) - \$5 each; \$7 with rim

Large equipment tires - \$20 to \$50 each

Propane Tanks

1 lb. - \$1

20 lbs. - \$3

30 lbs. and larger - \$20 and up

Buy and sell used materials at great prices by visiting the Vermont Business Materials Exchange (VBMX) website at www.vbmx.org. VBMX is a free service that seeks to reduce waste by promoting the exchange of reusable commercial materials.

The non-profit Springfield Lions Club collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids for distribution to the needy in developing nations. All types of eyeglasses and sunglasses, prescription and non-prescription, are acceptable. Reading glasses, too. No eyeglass cases.

The collection boxes are at: The Senior Center in the Community Building, the Springfield Post Office, Dr. Duff's office (bottom of Summer Hill), Lawrence & Wheeler, Dr. Lane's office, and in the Swap Shop at the Recycling Center.

Paint

Empty/dry paint cans go into scrap metals. Covers removed; cans flattened if possible.

Old, no-good, latex paint - If it is dried up, put it in trash - can and all. If it is still liquid but aged beyond use, mix with sawdust, then dump into a plastic bag and put in regular trash.

Old, no-good, oil-based paint - Oil-based paint is considered a hazardous material. It is unsafe to burn in the incinerator and illegal to put in regular trash. Please store in a safe place until the next household hazardous waste collection day.

Waste Oil

Locations to check with (they use waste oil):

Howe Motors, Claremont, NH 603-542-5181

Jeff Spur, Route 5, Downers 4 Corners 885-5583

Matulonis Body Shop 885-3884

Anyone who can use waste oil - let us know.

Drop off old cell-phones and used inkjet cartridges at the Transfer Station. The TS will pass them on to the Springfield school for its fundraising program.

Your Solid Waste District sponsors FREE events twice a year for the collection and safe disposal of household hazardous waste (HHW). Residents and businesses from all member towns may participate. Businesses will be charged a fee and must pre-register. (No pre-registration for residents.) Call 674-9235 for more info. or go to www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org.

Effective on January 1, 2011 the Town of Springfield is no longer accepting cash for trash disposal or the purchase of tickets at the facility. Please have your tickets prior to entering in

Regular trash disposal: line. This will help to expedite the traffic at the receiving station.

\$11.25 per sheet of 25 (valued at \$0.45 per ticket) Trash is weighed.

One ticket per 4 pounds, with a minimum of 1 ticket per visit.

Purchase tickets at: Springfield Town Office, 96 Main Street
Jake's South Street Market, Springfield
Jiffy Mart, River Street, Springfield
Main Street Market, North Springfield
Chester Hardware True Value, Main Street, Chester

Prices are based on our vendors' charges and are subject to change.

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