



RECYCLING NEWS



Cleaner Greener Hingham

Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee of Hingham

From the Transfer Station

Recycling tips to save the town money

To earn top dollar, our cardboard collection needs to contain ONLY CARDBOARD. All plastics and Styrofoam must be removed from cardboard boxes before putting into recycling. Loads contaminated with non-cardboard can be refused or denied payment.

Spring Cleaning? Remember to **recycle all used textiles** (even with holes and stains) in the large bins on the way to compactors

All forms of batteries now collected for recycling at the Universal Waste bay of the baler building, next to the stairs.

Ink Cartridges and Cell Phones now collected in the electronics container.



CLEANER GREENER HINGHAM

NEW NAME, SAME COMMITTEE

We've got a new name! The Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee is now **Cleaner Greener Hingham**. Our mission remains the same and we are thrilled to have our name reflect our commitment to a Cleaner Greener Hingham.

HINGHAM EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP

On Sunday April 22, the Cleaner Greener Hingham Committee is leading a clean-up in Hingham from 10 am- 12 noon. We are partnering with organizations and businesses in town including Breakwater Blue (a Hingham-based apparel and tote bag company), Aquarion Water Company, the Hingham Girl and Boy Scouts, the PTO Green Committees at all 6 public schools, St. Paul's School PTO, and Scoops Lacrosse.



There are 4 locations in town where volunteers of all ages are invited to pitch in to clean up trash: The Hingham Bathing Beach, Bare Cove Park, Hingham High School and Hingham Middle School. Please bring gloves, your own water bottle and a "can-do" attitude. This is a rain or shine event. To sign up go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/cleaner-greener-jhingham-17178670792>

If you can't participate in an organized cleanup, we encourage you to clean-up by your house, on your walk, or while you're running errands.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Annual Household Hazardous Waste collection is taking place on Saturday, May 12th, 9am- 1pm at Plymouth River School, 200 High Street.

See chart on last page for details about what is and what is not accepted at the collection and which materials are collected at the Transfer Station all year long. This year there will be no competing event at PRS so we expect less traffic and are planning for two lanes of cars going into the collection area to reduce wait times for this important way of keeping hazardous materials out of our waste stream and our environment.

COSTS FOR RECYCLING OF ELECTRONICS AND GLASS HAVE RISEN GREATLY YOU CAN HELP THE TOWN SAVE MONEY BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PRODUCER TAKE BACK PROGRAMS

Proper disposal of consumer **Electronic Waste** (e-waste) is a growing environmental and financial concern. In 2017, the Hingham Transfer Station collected 39.67 tons of electronic waste at a cost \$19,186 to recycle appropriately. By bringing your e-waste to participating stores you can ensure that manufacturers take responsibility for the full lifecycle of their products by covering the costs for recycling and waste management.

Locally, Best Buy and Staples offer recycling of many e-waste items and The Apple Store takes back Apple branded products. See their sites for more details:

<https://www.bestbuy.com/site/clp/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c?id=pcmcat149900050025>

[https://www.staples.com/sbd/cre/marketing/sustainability-center/recycling-services/?icid=SustProducts:topnav:3:RECYCLE:](https://www.staples.com/sbd/cre/marketing/sustainability-center/recycling-services/?icid=SustProducts:topnav:3:RECYCLE)

<https://www.apple.com/recycling/>

Additionally, manufacturer takeback programs are becoming more prevalent utilizing by-mail and local vendor drop-off methods. For more information go to:

<http://www.electronicstakeback.com/how-to-recycle-electronics/manufacturer-takeback-programs/>

Glass is currently costing towns significantly more to recycle due to the closure of a local recycler related to cost increases and the high price of transporting this relatively heavy material. In 2017, the Hingham Transfer Station collected 409.07 tons of glass and paid \$26,537 for it to be recycled. By returning bottles with deposits to redemption centers, grocery store crushers or donating to a charity which then redeems the bottles transfers the recycling costs to the producers and away from our town budget.



PLEASE BE CAREFUL

This Shopping Bag Recycling Chute Takes ONLY thin plastic shopping bags

While the Transfer Station is pleased to offer residents a convenient way to recycle their thin plastic shopping bags, it is important that **ONLY** grocery store plastic bags with molded handles be put in the chute. Recycling markets are

currently so poor that our recycler takes only single types of materials for recycling - any mixtures have to be trashed. So, if you truly want your bags to be recycled, please make sure only the thin plastic shopping bags with molded handles go into the chute at the Transfer Station. If you want your other types of plastic bags and plastic films to be recycled (such as heavier plastics, bags with attached handles, plastic films used to wrap cartons of goods, bubble wraps and other film inserts in packages and even clean re-sealable bags), you can bring them to your local store. A plastic lumber manufacturer is able to use mixtures of plastics so they pick up from the following stores in Massachusetts: Big Y, Demoula's Market Basket, Hannaford, Price Chopper, Shaw's, Stop and Shop, Target, and Whole Foods.



2018 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY



Saturday May 12, 2018
9am-1pm at Plymouth River School
200 High Street, Hingham

BRING these things to Household Hazardous Waste Day

from the Workbench	from the Shed	from the Garage	from the House
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • oil based paints and stains • hobby/artist supplies • fiberglass resins • adhesives • wood preservatives • chemicals that may be hazardous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pesticides, herbicides, fungicides • fertilizers containing pesticides • pool chemicals • cesspool cleaners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • flammable liquids and toxic aerosols • gasoline, motor oil mixtures • tire cleaners, degreasers • transmission and brake fluids • carburetor cleaners • marine and auto paints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drain cleaners • moth balls and crystals • hazardous cleaners and polishes • poisons • acids and bases

Please **DO NOT BRING** to Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day **These materials collected at the Transfer Station ALL YEAR LONG:**

- **Latex paint** and paint cans: (dry out with cat litter then put in trash compactors)
- **Batteries:** alkaline and/or rechargeable (collected in universal waste area)
- **Items containing mercury:** thermostats, thermometers and CFL/fluorescent bulbs (collected in universal waste area)
- **Aerosol cans:** empty of non-toxic contents, such as shave cream and whipped cream (collected in metal can area)
- **Automotive related:** motor oil, used oil filters, antifreeze, car and other lead acid batteries (collected in automotive area backside of baler building)
- **Pressurized gas cylinders / Propane tanks / Fire extinguishers** (collected in propane tank area)

Please **DO NOT BRING** to Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day **Materials NOT ACCEPTED**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • radioactive materials • non-friable asbestos • pathological medical waste | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • industrial waste • explosives |
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