“Bulky Waste” is an umbrella term used to describe items such as mattresses and box springs, furniture, carpet, and large rigid plastic items. These are difficult to manage at their end of life because they are large and heavy. Dumping of these items is illegal. This handout includes options for properly managing bulky items you no longer need or want.

**Reuse**

If the item is in good condition – donate it! Many charities and social programs accept good condition items for donation. You may also be able to donate or re-sell good quality used items directly through yard sales, or online exchanges.

**Local Online Exchanges:**
- Orange Free-cycle Group (serves Orange, Erving, Wendell, and Warwick) - https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/FreecycleOrangeMA/info
- Greenfield Free-cycle Group (serves all of Franklin Co.) - https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/GreenfieldMAFreecycle/info
- Craig’s List - www.westernmass.craigslist.org

**Local Reuse or Donation Centers:**
- Survival Center - 96 Fourth Street, Turners Falls, MA; (413) 863-9549 or www.franklinareasurvivalcenter.org
- Salvation Army Thrift Store - Hope Street, Greenfield, MA 01301; (413) 773-3649

Note: Always call to confirm what types of items they will accept.

**Recycling**

If the items have been stored improperly or are simply too old, torn, cracked, stained, or broken, they would not be suitable for reuse. Before sending these “unusable” items to a landfill – recycle them!

Approximately 80-90 percent of a mattress and box spring can be recycled!

**Refurbish, Repurpose, Rebuild, & Renovate**

Furniture that may not be suitable for donation or re-sale may be able to be repaired or restored. Look for DIY tutorials on the internet or find inspiration through community Facebook pages and Pinterest boards.

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Most large rigid plastics are made from #2 - high density polyethylene (HDPE) or #5 - polypropylene (PP) and are generally collected, baled, and sold together as so-called “mixed bulky rigids”.

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Where Can I Locally Recycle...

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| Mattresses | Greenfield Transfer Station | • $20 for residents  
• $25 for non-residents | 86 Cumberland Road  
Greenfield, MA  
www.greenfield-ma.gov/p/280/Transfer-Station | Tuesday/Wednesday:  
12:30-2:30 p.m.  
Thursday/Friday:  
11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan-March:  
7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April-Dec.:  
7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. |
| Mattresses, Furniture, Bulky Rigid Plastics | Raw Material Recovery Corporation | Specific to item – contact facility for details | 461 West Broadway  
Gardner, MA  
(978) 730-8266  
www.rawmatrec.com | Monday-Friday:  
7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. |
| Bulky Rigid Plastics | Charlemont, Leverett, Whately | Available to residents only | www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/townlinks.html | Hours vary by facility |

Disposal

Unfortunately, items that are severely damaged, wet or moldy, or otherwise contaminated probably have to be disposed of because these problems can affect the recyclability of the materials.

Local Bulky Waste Disposal

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<td>Permanent Bulky Waste Bins at Transfer Stations</td>
<td>$10-$30 depending on specific item</td>
<td>Bernardston, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Orange, Rowe, Warwick, Wendell</td>
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| Franklin County Clean Sweep One-Day Collection | Depends on specific item (see website) | Buckland Recreation Facility  
Northfield Highway Garage  
Whately Transfer Station  
www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html or (413) 772-2438 | One Saturday in May and October:  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | |
| Greenfield Transfer Station | Depends on specific item (see website)  
$5 surcharge for non-residents | 86 Cumberland Road  
Greenfield, MA  
www.greenfield-ma.gov/p/280/Transfer-Station | Tuesday/Wednesday:  
12:30-2:30 p.m.  
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7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | Open to all communities |
| Athol Transfer Station | Charged by weight | 1010 West Royalston Road  
Athol, MA  
www.athol-ma.gov/transfer-and-recycling-center | Wednesday-Friday:  
8:00 a.m-2:30 p.m.  
Saturday:  
8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | Athol is not in Franklin County, but open to all communities |

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