

# TIPS FOR REUSING & RECYCLING BULKY WASTES

## ...In Franklin County, Massachusetts

“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.



Furniture Repurposing

### 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>
- Greenfield Online Yard Sale - <https://www.facebook.com/GreenfieldOnlineYardsale/>
- Craig’s List - [www.westernmass.craigslist.org](http://www.westernmass.craigslist.org)

#### Local Reuse or Donation Centers:

- Survival Center - 96 Fourth Street, Turners Falls, MA; (413) 863-9549 or [www.franklinareasurvivalcenter.org](http://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.

### 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.

### 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!



Greenfield Mattress Collection Trailer

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



Bulky Rigid Plastics in Whately

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”.

## Where Can I Locally Recycle...

ITEM	FACILITY	FEES	LOCATION / CONTACT INFO.	HOURS OF OPERATION
Mattresses	Greenfield Transfer Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ \$20 for residents</li> <li>■ \$25 for non-residents</li> </ul>	86 Cumberland Road Greenfield, MA  <a href="http://www.greenfield-ma.gov/p/280/Transfer-Station">www.greenfield-ma.gov/p/280/Transfer-Station</a>	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  <a href="http://www.rawmatrec.com">www.rawmatrec.com</a>	Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Bulky Rigid Plastics	Charlemont, Leverett, Whately	Available to residents only	<a href="http://www.franklincountywaste-district.org/townlinks.html">www.franklincountywaste-district.org/townlinks.html</a>	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

FACILITY / EVENT	FEES	LOCATION / CONTACT INFO.	HOURS OF OPERATION	OTHER INFORMATION
Permanent Bulky Waste Bins at Transfer Stations	\$10-\$30 depending on specific item	Bernardston, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Orange, Rowe, Warwick, Wendell	Hours vary by facility	Available to residents only
Franklin County Clean Sweep One-Day Collection	Depends on specific item (see website)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Buckland Recreation Facility</li> <li>■ Northfield Highway Garage</li> <li>■ Whately Transfer Station</li> </ul> <a href="http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html">www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html</a> 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  <a href="http://www.greenfield-ma.gov/p/280/Transfer-Station">www.greenfield-ma.gov/p/280/Transfer-Station</a>	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.	Open to all communities
Athol Transfer Station	Charged by weight	1010 West Royalston Road Athol, MA  <a href="http://www.athol-ma.gov/transfer-and-recycling-center">www.athol-ma.gov/transfer-and-recycling-center</a>	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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