“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.

### 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 “unsuitable” items to a landfill – recycle them!

- **Recycling**

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”.

### 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:**
  - Free-cycle - https://www.freecycle.org
  - Craig’s List - https://worcester.craigslist.org
  - Groton Free Stuff Yahoo Group - https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/GrotonFreeStuff/info (covers 10 surrounding communities)

- **Local Reuse or Donation Centers:**
  - Central MA Housing Alliance Clearinghouse - 6 Institute Road, Worcester; (508) 752-5519 or www.cmhaonline.org
  - Goodwill store in Worcester - www.goodwillmass.org
  - Habitat for Humanity ReStores (no upholstered items at this time)
    - 637 Lancaster Street, Leominster; (978) 227-5556 or www.restorencm.org
    - 11 Distributor Road, Worcester; www.habitatmggw.org/restore
  - Salvation Army family stores and donation centers in Gardner, Fitchburg, Framingham, Spencer, Northbridge, and Worcester - www.salvationarmyusa.org
  - Saver’s stores in Worcester and Marlborough -www.stores.savers.com

- **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.

### Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM) Participating Facilities and Organizations in Central Mass:

- **Athol**: 1010 West Royalston Rd. (Rt 32) www.athol-ma.gov
- **Blackstone**: 14 Chestnut St. www.townofblackstone.org
- **Groton**: 600 Cow Pond Brook Rd. www.townofgroton.org
- **Hardwick**: 2011 Barre Rd. (Rt 32) www.townofhardwick.com
- **Lancaster**: Center Bridge Rd. www.ci.lancaster.ma.us
- **Leicester**: Mannville St. www.leicesterma.org
- **Northbridge**: 193 Main St. (behind fire station) www.northbridgegemass.org
- **Royalston**: 6 Town Dump Rd. www.royalston-ma.gov
- **Townsend**: 33 Greenville Rd. www.Townsend.ma.us
- **Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center**: 131 Raymond / Huntington Highway, West Boylston www.wachusettearthday.org

### Note:

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

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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. There are fees associated with bulky waste disposal at both SW transfer stations and C&D facilities – please contact facility for details.

### Local Bulky Waste Disposal

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<td>Athol Transfer Station</td>
<td>1010 West Royalston Road <a href="http://www.athol-ma.gov/transfer-and-recycling-center">www.athol-ma.gov/transfer-and-recycling-center</a></td>
<td>Wednesday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 pm Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 pm</td>
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<td>Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center</td>
<td>14 Chestnut Street <a href="http://www.townofblackstone.org/Pages/BlackstoneMA_BOH/Recycling/index">www.townofblackstone.org/Pages/BlackstoneMA_BOH/Recycling/index</a></td>
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<td>Royalston Transfer station</td>
<td><a href="http://www.royalston-ma.gov/?page_id=549">www.royalston-ma.gov/?page_id=549</a></td>
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<td>Townsend Transfer Station</td>
<td>33 Greenville Road <a href="http://www.townsend.ma.us/Pages/TownsendMA_Recycling/index">www.townsend.ma.us/Pages/TownsendMA_Recycling/index</a></td>
<td>First and third Saturday of the month 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</td>
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### Construction & Demolition (C&D) Facilities

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<td>AKS Management Transfer Station</td>
<td>115 Cobbler Drive Fitchburg, MA <a href="http://www.aksrecycling.com">www.aksrecycling.com</a></td>
<td>Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Devens Recycling Center</td>
<td>45 Independence Drive Devens, MA <a href="http://www.devensrecycling.com">www.devensrecycling.com</a></td>
<td>Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>E.L. Harvey &amp; Sons</td>
<td>68 Hopkington Road Westborough, MA 350 Arbor Way Fitchburg, MA <a href="http://www.elharvey.com">www.elharvey.com</a></td>
<td>Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</td>
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<td>Tri-County Recycling</td>
<td>198 East Street, Ware, MA <a href="http://www.tri-countyrecycling.com">www.tri-countyrecycling.com</a></td>
<td>Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Waste Management</td>
<td>259 New Lancaster Road Leominster, MA <a href="http://www.wm.com">www.wm.com</a></td>
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