

## RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING & DISPOSAL SERVICES

The Health Department issues annual permits for waste and recyclables haulers. Residents, please do not hesitate to contact the Health Department if you have any questions or concerns regarding haulers.

### RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING RESOURCES

- [Beyond the Bin](#)- MA DEP's search engine to help you locate how and where to recycle materials (including textiles)
- [Recycle Smart](#)- MA DEP's new recycling website which includes a "Can I recycle this?" search engine of over 400 items.
- [Recycle Smart Guide](#) infographic- Download and print for your easy reference.
- [RecyclingWorks](#)- Recycling assistance for MA Businesses & Institutions
- Recycling Basics from Republic Services - <https://recyclingsimplified.com/>
- MA DEP brochure on [Home Composting](#)
- List of [Recyclable Textiles](#) - Drop boxes are located at all schools and accept clothing, footwear, and household textiles.

### RESIDENTIAL DISPOSAL RESOURCES

- [Medicine Disposal](#) - Prescription and over-the-counter medicine drop-box located at Town Hall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Health Department Safe medication disposal bags are available for home use/disposal also at the Health Department
- MA DEP guidance regarding [Safe Disposal of Medicine](#)
- [Sharps Collection](#) - Located at the Public Safety Building- Police Station. All sharps must be in a puncture proof (hard plastic or metal- like laundry detergent/ coffee cans), sealed container.
- [Mercury Thermometers](#) – Should not be disposed of in the trash. Mercury thermometers may be brought to the Department of Public Works for disposal. Please place any broken thermometers in a sealed plastic bag prior to disposal.
- [Mercury Quick Facts](#) – Cleaning up spills in your house
- [FAQ's Mercury Management Act](#) – Disposal Prohibition of Mercury

## Residential Trash and Recycling Services

### If you live in an apartment or multi-family complex...

Dumpsters or carts should be provided for tenant trash and recycling. If you carry your recyclables to the recycling dumpster in a plastic bag, please dispose of the bag in the trash after emptying its contents into the recycling cart or bring it to a retail outlet for recycling.

### **If you rent a house or part of a house...**

Consult your landlord or lease agreement to determine who is responsible for trash and recycling removal. If you are responsible, homeowner options (below) apply.

### **If you are a homeowner...**

The Town of Sharon has contracted with Republic Services to provide curbside trash and recycling collection. Each household is allowed one trash container (3 container sizes – contact DPW for more information) and one Recyclable Container (1 size only – 96 gallons). Overflow bags (33 gallon) imprinted with the Town seal are located at [Local Retail Establishments](#)

**Town of Sharon Curbside Collection Calendar (July 2023 – June 2024)** [click here](#)

### **Recyclables & Non-Recyclables**

Sharon operates a single stream program. For a list of what can and cannot be recycled, please [click here](#).

### **Organic Waste & Compost**

Composting your food waste (along with yard waste) is a great way to reduce the trash you dispose of, and it keeps it out of the landfill, where it produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas. You can compost it yourself using a compost bin or pile. You can [Purchase a Compost Bin](#) from the Department of Public Works. Curbside household compost collection is also available from Black Earth Compost. To enroll in their service, visit [Black Earth Compost](#). The cost for 6 months of service is \$59.99

### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days**

The Department of Public Works coordinates Sharon's [Household Hazardous Waste \(HHW\) Collections](#). Sharon hosts two collections per year in the spring and fall. Anyone with proof of Sharon residency may attend either or both events at no charge. Participation in Town-provided trash and recycling services is not required to attend.

### **Special & Bulky Trash**

Household clean-outs and renovations can produce bulky waste items such as appliances, and electronics. For **bulky item collection**, please contact Republic Services at 800-825-3260 to arrange for curbside bulky item collection. Households are limited to (2) two bulky items per month and there is a fee associated with pickup. Collection occurs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

The Department of Public Works also accepts bulky items for disposal/recycling. For a list of bulky items accepted by the Department of Public Works and to schedule a drop off time and payment for disposal/recycling of your bulky items, please visit: [Bulky Item Drop Off](#)