Town of Wellesley Department of Public Works

RDF Recycling Guide

STEP UP

Reuse

Book Exchange
Sample Items: Hard and Soft Cover Books
Exclude these items: Magazines

Health Care Equipment
Sample Items: Metal Crutches and Canes, Wheelchairs, Walkers
Exclude these items: Wood Crutches and Canes, Oxygen Bottles, Breathing Masks, Bed Pans

Clothing/Textiles
Sample Items: Clothing, Blankets, Gloves, Jackets, Hats, Drapes, Bedding, Fabric, Rugs, Sneakers, Backpacks
Exclude these items: Children's Toys, Furniture, Books, Games

Reusables Area:
Sample Items: Items must be in working order or easily repairable
Exclude these items: Appliances, Microwaves, Large Furniture, Mattresses/ Box Springs, Construction Wood, Paint, Tires

Metals

Aluminum
Sample Items: Storm Doors, Drain Pipes, Gutters, Screens, Chairs, Siding
Exclude these items: Glass, Metal, Wood

Copper
Sample Items: Pipe Fittings, Plumbing Accessories, Wire, Flashing
Exclude these items: Metal, Plastic Aluminum

Metal/Light Iron
Sample Items: Lawn Mowers, Bicycles, Bed Frames, Tire Rims, File Cabinets
Exclude these items: Gasoline and Oil, Appliances, Aluminum, Copper

Composting

Compost
Sample Items: Grass Clippings, Leaves
Exclude these items: Plastics, Paper Bags

Wood Waste
Sample Items: Brush, Bushes, Christmas Trees
Exclude these items: Ornaments, Wire

Recycling and Disposal Facility
169 Great Plain Avenue

Special/Hazardous

Appliances
Sample Items: Dishwashers, Microwaves, Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners, Water Heaters
Exclude these items: Metal, Light Iron, Lawn Mowers, Bicycles, Bed Frames, Tires, File Cabinets

Automotive Batteries
Sample Items: Lead Acid Batteries
Exclude these items: Computer Back-up Batteries

Computers & Monitors
Sample Items: Televisions, Monitors and Computers, Cathode Ray Tubes
Exclude these items: Stereos, Speakers, Small Appliances

Fluorescent Bulbs
Sample Items: Compact, Tubes, Circles, U-shaped, Neon, Metal Halide, High Pressure Sodium
Exclude these items: Incandescent, Flood Lights

Paint
Sample Items: Latex & Oil Paints, Stains
Exclude these items: Lead & Marine Paint, Varnish, Polyurethane

Propane Tanks
Sample Items: 1, 20, 30 and 40 Gallon Tanks
Exclude these items: Oxygen Bottles, Acetylene Gas Bottles, Helium Tanks, Fire Extinguishers

Tires
Sample Items: Tires from: Cars, Motorcycles, Bicycles
Exclude these items: Rims, Hubcaps

Waste Oil
Sample Items: Engine Oil, Transmission Oil, Cooking Oil, Hydraulic Fluid
Exclude these items: Anti-Freeze, Brake Fluid

Household Recycling

Boxboard and Chipboard
Sample Items: Cereal Boxes, Egg Cartons, Tissue Boxes, Shoe Boxes
Exclude these items: Wax Paper, Mylar or Wrapping Paper or Plastic Lamination

Brown Paper Bags
Sample Items: Brown paper grocery bags
Exclude these items: Non-Paper handles, Plastic Bags

Cardboard and Corrugated Cartons
Sample Items: Cardboard Cartons, Corrugated Boxes, Pizza Boxes
Exclude these items: Boxboard and Chipboard, Packing Materials, Styrofoam, Wrapping Paper

Mixed Office Paper
Sample Items: Computer Paper, Envelopes, Fax Paper, Homework Paper, Laser Printer Paper, Tab Cards, White and Colored Ledger
Exclude these items: Carbon Paper or Laminated Paper, Plastic, String, or Rope, Spiral Note Books, or Wrapping Paper

Mixed Paper
Sample Items: Telephone Books, Catalogues, Junk Mail, Magazines
Exclude these items: Soiled Paper, Plastic Wraps or Bags, Wrapping Paper

Newspapers
Sample Items: Newspapers including Colored Circulars
Exclude these items: Wet, Soiled, Dirty Newspapers

Cell Phones
Electronic Media
Sample Items: CDs, DVDs, Floppy Disks
Eye Glasses
Household Batteries
Inkjet Cartridges

Refundable Containers
Sample Items: Refundable Soda and Beverage Containers.
Exclude these items: Broken Glass Bottles

Glass: (Brown/Green/Clear)
Sample Items: Brown/Green Clear Food Jars and Bottles, Non-Refundable Beverage Containers, Blue and Green Tinted Glass Containers
Exclude these items: Ceramics and Dishes, Drinking Glasses, Laminated (Window) Glasses, Light Bulbs, Crystal. Remove ALL Corks, Caps, and Lids Before Recycling.

Steel/Tinned Cans
Sample Items: Domestic Consumable Cans and Lids, such as Coffee Cans, Cookie Tins, Soup Cans, Tuna Fish Cans
Exclude these items: Paint or Oil Cans, Aluminum Cans (recycled elsewhere)

Plastic Bottles (Natural)
Sample Items: One Gallon Milk Bottles, all Plastic Bottles with a frosted/ translucent Appearance.
Exclude these items: Clear/Colored Plastic Bottles (recycled elsewhere)

Plastic Bottles (Clear/Colored)
Sample Items: Detergent Bottles, Non-Refundable Beverage Bottles, all Plastic Bottles that are Colored, Clear, or White in appearance.
Exclude these items: Natural/Frosted Plastic Bottles (recycle elsewhere)

Plastic Non-Bottles
Sample Items: Plastic Cups, Tubs, Lids, Trays
Exclude these items: Plastic Bags, Styrofoam, Black Plastic

Rigid Plastics
Sample Items: Buckets, Playhouses, Pools, Laundry Baskets
Exclude these items: Motorized toys, Rubber, Appliances, Packing Material, Styrofoam, Netting, Hoses

Aluminum Foil and Trays
Sample Items: Aluminum Foil, Pie Plates, TV Dinner Trays, Disposable Pans, Take-Out Containers
Exclude these items: Aluminum-colored Mylar or Composite Materials

Aluminum Cans
Sample Items: Non-Refundable Aluminum Cans and Lids, Empty Aluminum Aerosol Cans.
Exclude these items: Plastic Bottles, Glass Bottles (recycled elsewhere)

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