

Reuse, Refuse and Recycle Directory

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Items hard to recycle

- **Tires** - Mavis charges 2.50 per tire, Seward's \$3.50 per tire, limited as to how many
- **Car parts** - George Mielke Used Auto Parts in Sheffield and Drake's in Lee
- **Sports Equipment** - try schools, Scout troops, or the Lion's Club. Sharing via online groups (e.g. Freecycle.org or a [BuyNothingProject Facebook Group](#))
- **CFLs**- (compact fluorescent lamp) Home Depot and Lowe's Stores. Home Depot takes the small ones, not the long ones.
- **Thermostats** - free recycling at many plumbing retail stores (search by zip code using "Plumbing Supplies"). For more locations, go to www.thermostat-recycle.org.
- **Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors** - see www.curieservices.com

Goodwill will not take these

- Auto waste-antifreeze, used parts
- Paint, paint thinner
- Pesticides
- Mirrors without frames
- Sleeping bags-homeless shelters and pet shelters
- Toys-if they have little pieces like Legos
- All cleaning supplies
- Skis, ski poles, ski boots-tag sales or Freecycle
- Exercise equipment- tag sales or Freecycle

Recycle

- **Goodwill** can take computers, computer monitors, TVs, laptops, e-readers, Portable DVD players and stereos. Bean bag chairs (bean bag filling, expanded polystyrene (EPS) can actually be recycled by separately containing the small beans in a clear plastic bag for your recycling bin).
- **Staples** - cell phones, computers, computer monitors, printers, toners, tablets, scanners, and rechargeable batteries, soda stream cylinders, paper shredders
- **Lee Post Office and Lee Library** (on the shelving along the children's section) - Eyeglasses
- **Bausch and Lomb** - Contact lenses and their blister packs
- Dry cleaners - Hangers
- Pill bottles - Mathew 25:Ministries 513-793-6256
- **Police Station** - Bring unused medicine
- **Home Depot or Lowes** - CFLs (compact fluorescent lamp) Home Depot just takes the small ones, not the long ones
- Books to the library, secondhand bookstores or bins, senior center
- CDs and DVDs - [GreenDisk](#) (you pay for shipping) or [CD Recycling Center of America](#)
- **VFW** – might accept wheelchairs, walkers and crutches (check beforehand)
- **The Crayon Initiative** - Crayons - give crayons to kids in hospitals
- **Big Y and Price Chopper** Retail, carryout, produce, newspaper, bread, and dry cleaning bags (clean, dry and free of receipts and clothes hangers) Zip-top food storage bags (clean and dry) Plastic shipping envelopes (remove labels), bubble wrap and air pillows (deflate) Product wrap on cases of water/soda bottles, paper towels, napkins, disposable cups, bathroom tissue, diapers, and female sanitary products Furniture and electronic wrap, Plastic cereal box liners (**but** if it tears like paper, **do not include**) Any film packaging or bag that has the How2Recycle Label
- **Check out what Terracycle recycles. Some items you have to pay for the postage; some items offer free mailing labels.** <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/>
- **Recycle writing instruments and packaging through this program:** [BIC® Terracycle](#)
- **Salvation Army** - Clothing & Accessories. Clothing, footwear and accessories in good condition. Bric-A-Brac & Homewares. Household items that are in good condition. Toys, Books, CD's, DVD's & Vinyl. Items that are in good condition. Electrical Goods. Small electrical items such as radios in good working condition.

Consignment

- Berkshire Baby - takes cribs if they have room, strollers, highchairs and clothing
- Bloom Kids - takes, cribs, car seats if they are up to date, cribs if they are up to date, highchairs, and strollers
- BoHo clothing - men and women's clothing
- Berkshire Great Finds - Knick knacks

Places that take demolition material

- E.L. Harvey & Sons, Richmond, Ma-508-836-3000
- Ondrick Materials and Recycling Chicopee, 413-592-2081
- Van Dyk Recycling, Norwalk, CT 203-967-1100

Check out - <https://recyclingworksma.com/find-a-recycler>

Check out where to recycle-<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/how-where-to-recycle>

Buy Nothing Project, Freecycle, Craigslist, Nextdoor, or *Everything is Free* Facebook groups for recycling stuff.

Also check out Springfield MRF, where our recycled items go, to see what you can do with certain items -

<http://springfieldmrf.org/what-do-i-do-with>

Freecycle - <https://www.freecycle.org/town/SheffieldMA/info>

Craigslist - <https://westernmass.craigslist.org/>

Restore - www.berkshirehabitat.org (413) 443-2106 will take items 10 years old or younger appliances; *NO dishwashers, furniture not upholstered, doors, windows, lamps, sinks*

Bushnell Sage Library, Ramsdell in Housatonic, Berkshire Athenaeum - Library of Things - borrow items with your library card

Old Stone Mill in Adams - They can take:

- Bike pumps
- Clean new water bottles
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- Cruiser style adult bikes (These bikes are a coaster brake style, no cables)
- Any art supplies for reuse
- Sewing machines broken or working
- Machine tools
- Hand tools
- Used picture frames and picture framing materials/equipment
- Sewing supplies
- Bikes/bike tools
- We are ALWAYS looking for places to redistribute the 6 1/4 tons of linens we receive weekly

Reuse

- Scrap paper for notes
- Plastic bags-rinse them and reuse or line your garbage pails
- Linen, towels-rags, handkerchief, napkin
- Glass jars and plastic containers to store beans and other items
- Reusable water bottle and bags
- Egg cartons-plant seeds
- Print on other side of paper
- Use your bread bags or other items that come in bags
- Make your own wrapping paper by using leftover newspapers or scrap material

Refuse

- Make salad dressing, yogurt, granola, and hummus
- Plastic bags - bring your own reusable bag, or buy in bulk and produce without bags. Make or buy cotton mesh bags
- Seltzer Bottles - buy a soda stream
- Paper tissue products - make your own handkerchiefs
- No junk mail or unwanted magazines:
 1. DirectMail.com – provides a free service to remove your name from commercial mailing lists
 2. [Catalog Choice](http://CatalogChoice.com) – is a free service to stop delivery of unwanted catalogs
 3. OptOutPrescreen.com – offers a free service to end pre-approved credit card and insurance offers
- Buy bulk
- Coffee paper filters - use a metal coffee filter
- Buy individual produce or fruit rather than packaged produce
- Use electric shavers instead of buying disposable ones.
- Brew with loose - leaf tea instead of tea bags
- Purchase a reusable garment bag and ask your dry cleaner to use that instead of plastic clothing covers