Overview

Dover’s Solid Waste & Recycling Transfer Station provides residents a cost-effective and convenient method for the disposal of trash and recyclables. The goal is to save taxes by reducing the amount of trash sent to the incinerator and to prevent the return of any loads containing banned or recyclable materials.

Dover does not provide curb-side pickup. Residents must drop off their trash and recyclables at the Transfer Station or contract a Commercial Hauler for this service.

Massachusetts Law Prohibits Recyclables in Trash, Please Separate Recyclables

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Solid Waste & Recycling Transfer Station
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Special Waste

Special Waste items require special handling. See attendant for designated containers.

Fluorescent lights - including Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL’s)
Nickel cadmium batteries
Devices containing mercury - thermostats, thermometers, switches, and button cell batteries and fluorescent fixture ballasts

Hazardous Material

Hazardous Materials are PROHIBITED from disposal at the Dover Transfer Station.

Prohibited Items

These materials may NOT to be disposed of at the Transfer Station:
Materials with Asbestos
Guns (call Police Station)
Explosives of any kind (call Police Station)
Flammable Materials
Caustics and Acids
Drugs (use Drop-off Box at Police Station)
Radioactive Materials
Medical Wastes
Vehicles

Household Hazardous Waste

Dover collaborates with nine other towns which provide for the disposal of our Household Hazardous Waste (see Transfer Station webpage for dates and details):
Automotive Fluids
Cleaning & Polishing Products
Oil-Based Paints & Related Solvents
Pesticides and Chemicals

Recycling Containers

Recycling containers are for sale at the Transfer Station and Town Garage. Payable by check only:
- General Purpose Bin $10.00
- Food Scrap Containers
  - 10 gal. pail for garage $15.00
  - 2 gal. pail for kitchen $20.00
- Rain Barrel $50.00
- Composting Bin $45.00/$60.00

Special Events

The Highway Department and Dover Recycling Committee sponsor several annual targeted events. Volunteers are welcome. Please watch for specific announcements:
Spring Clean-up - pick-up of trash and recyclables from Dover’s streets – 1st Saturday of May
Special Recyclables Week - mattresses, box springs, tires; shredding of documents; re-use of bicycles – June and October
Household Hazardous Waste Days – provided by nine near-by towns. See Transfer Station webpage for dates and locations.
Dover Days – Town fair in Dover Center; special display and promotion on recycling – September

Comments or Suggestions:
Dover Recycling Committee
P.O. Box 250, Dover, MA 02030
email: recycle@doverma.org

SOLID WASTE

Household Refuse

Trash, Food Waste* and Bulky Items
Dispose in designated containers for Household Refuse. See program for food scrap* recycling.
NO - Hazardous Material, Special Waste or recyclables

Construction & Demolition Waste (C&D) Waste
Pipes, wood and other materials resulting from the demolition and/or construction of buildings or other structures that are not classified as Restricted Material are to be disposed of in the designated container. The following fees apply:
- Pick-up Truck (Full Load) $90.00
- Pick-up Truck (Half Load)/SUV $45.00

Restricted Material Prohibited
Asphalt, Brick, Concrete, Masonry, Tiles Sheetrock, Gypsum Board, Plaster Shingles.

Restricted Material Permitted Only on Special Dates
Mattresses & Box Springs, Tires (week in June and October)

Food Waste
Dover provides FREE food scrap recycling. Weekly pickup at your home of ALL food scraps, including eggshells, bones and shellfish. Food recycling reduces the strain on septic systems and saves tax dollars by reducing solid waste at the Transfer Station by 25%. Call the Board of Health (508) 785-0032 ext. 232 to join.

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RECYCLABLES

Use designated containers/areas

Cardboard and Boxboard – Flattened - Corrugated cardboard, boxboard (cereal, pasta, tissue boxes, paper towel roll), brown paper bags.
NO - waxed cardboard (milk, juice, soup cartons)-put in trash.
Mixed Paper - Newspaper (including inserts), magazines, catalogs, gloss paper, envelopes (including window), office paper (white or colored), phone books.
NO - wrapping paper-put in trash.
Glass Containers - Clear and colored glass. Remove caps, corks and lids. Containers should be empty and rinsed.
NO - light bulbs, Pyrex cookware, plate glass, drinking glasses, windows, windshields, mirrors and ceramics-put in trash.
Plastic Containers - #1 through #7 plastics containers. Rinse to deter insects and rodents. Plastic lids and caps may be included. Ok to leave labels on.
NO - Plastic bags, packing materials, Styrofoam-put in trash.
Metal Containers - Rinsed aluminum, steel or bimetal beverage and food containers except those with redeemable cash deposit.
Deposit/Redeemable Containers - All Deposit redeemable plastic and glass bottles, and aluminum cans for redemption to support local non-profits.
Electronics – Cathode ray tubes (CRTs and televisions), computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, radios, microwaves, VCRs, DVDs and audio equipment.
Compostable Yard Waste – Leaves, flowers and grass clippings should be placed in the composting area.
NO - bushes, tree trunks, limbs and stumps or plastic bags.
Propane Tanks – Must be empty. Use designated area

Rigid Plastics – can be placed in Mary’s Swap Shop for reuse or disposed of in designated container.
Large Metal Items – washing machines, dryers, appliances, tools, items containing cast iron such as sinks bathtubs and radiators, and other metal items such as lawn chairs and bicycles.
NO - home oil drums, tanks which contained petroleum products, nor appliances containing refrigerants such as air conditioners and refrigerators
Books – Place on a shelf at Mary’s Swap Shop.
Clothing - All clothing, shoes, purses and accessories in good condition. Place in plastic bags to keep material clean and dry.
Textiles - All types of textiles, blankets, towels, and curtains that are clean and dry (excluding carpets). Even single shoes, gloves or socks are accepted. Place in plastic bags to keep material clean and dry.
Mary’s Swap Shop – Items clean and in good working condition that you no longer want or need but someone else could use (i.e., toys, tools, sports equipment, books, household items). Latex Paint cans at least half full are accepted May to October only.
Furniture - Furniture in reasonable condition should be placed in the furniture shed for re-use among town residents.
Holiday Decorations - Hay stalks, pumpkins, wreaths and trees/plants should be placed in compostable yard waste. Remove all holiday ornaments. Christmas trees will be chipped.

See attendant for disposal of:
Batteries - Lead acid, rechargeable s, button and nickel cadmium batteries
Oil - Motor oil from vehicle and mechanical equipment oil changes, cooking oils