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## **RECYCLING IN SPRINGFIELD**

The Springfield Recycling Center and Transfer Station is located one mile north of Riverside Junior High School at 135 Fairground Road. All Residents of Springfield and Chester are encouraged to use the facility.

Hours of Operation:	Monday	12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
	Wednesday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
	Saturday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm

If you have any questions we can be contacted at 802-885-5827. Just leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.



Welcome to the Springfield Recycling Center. We need your help to maintain a pleasant, efficient and safe work environment; your recyclable materials should all be clean and dry. To help maintain the quality of the recycled material please read the signs and place items in appropriate bins or locations. Also please be aware of and observe the “NO SMOKING” signs at the facility.

### **Recyclables Accepted**



**Acceptable Plastic Containers and packaging - #1-#7 (excluding #6 Styrofoam)** Look for the identifying code number (in the recycling triangle) on bottom of container.

Plastic bottles, jars, tubs, trays, and molded plastic packaging (exceptions listed below)

Special instructions:

- **Discard caps, covers and lids**
- Rinse clean
- Labels and neck rings are OK
- DO NOT tie with string

Non-acceptable plastics:

- Styrofoam (packaging blocks, packing peanuts, and egg cartons)
- Toys, laundry baskets, sleds, housewares
- Plastic film (grocery bags, bread bags, and Tyvek envelopes)
- Containers used to hold motor oil
- Manufacturing scrap
- Electronics housing
- Plastic grocery bags (Plastic grocery bags can be recycled at Shaw's grocery store.)
- Black plastic items

Please - No motor oil bottles

### **Brown Paper Bags**

Clean, neatly folded bags can be saved for re-use. Wrinkled or torn bags should go in mixed paper bin.

### **Mixed Paper**

Newspapers, magazines, most thin, single-ply containers such as cereal boxes, catalogs, junk mail, office paper, paper bags, paperback books, books (hard covers removed and discarded)

Please, **NO** plastic wrappers, waxy soap, milk or juice cartons, tissue paper, wrapping paper or paper towels.

### **Corrugated Cardboard**

Clean, dry, and flattened out. Please, **no** waxy produce or greasy pizza boxes; they contaminate the recycling process.

### **"Boxtops for Education"**

General Mills cereals and other GM products have a small pink "Boxtop for Education" coupons on their boxes which are worth 10 cents each. Springfield schools collect the boxtops as a fundraiser. Bring your boxtops to the Recycling Center and they'll be distributed to local schools.

### **Corks**



Natural and synthetic are collected and shipped to [ReCORK](#) which "upcycles" them into footwear. Look for the bin near the glass collection site.

### **Cell Phones, Laser and Inkjet Cartridges**

**Please make sure you remove your personal information from cell phones prior to recycling.** Drop off old cell phones and used inkjet or laser cartridges at the transfer station.



### **Electronics**

Vermont's **Electronic Waste** law banned the disposal of many electronic devices in landfills as of January 1, 2011. The law also provides for the **FREE** and convenient collection of **computers, TVs, printers, monitors and peripherals** (keyboards, mice, etc.) from **Vermont** households, charities, school districts and businesses with up to 10 employees. Collections began July 1, 2011. The Recycling Center accepts these items for free. **Please make sure you remove your personal information prior to recycling.**

**Microwaves, radios, telephones, and VCRs, etc.** - 20 cents per pound (Electronics contain a variety of hazardous chemicals and heavy metals and should be disposed of responsibly.)

### **Fluorescent Light Bulbs and Tubes**

All fluorescent bulbs (full-size and compact) contain mercury and must be recycled.

**Lighting Ballasts**--Please see an attendant.

Those marked "NO PCB's" are accepted free of charge. If not marked "No PCB's" the fee is \$1.00 per pound.

### **Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids**

The non-profit Springfield Lions Club collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids for distribution to the needy in developing nations. All types of eyeglasses and sunglasses, prescription and non-prescription, are acceptable. Reading glasses too. No eyeglass cases.

The collection boxes are at:

- The Senior Center in the Community Building

- The Springfield Post Office
- Dr. Duff's office (bottom of Summer Hill)
- Lawrence and Wheeler
- Dr. Lane's office

### **Styrofoam Peanuts**

Peanuts should be tightly wrapped in plastic bags for re-use.

### **Glass**

Clear, green, brown and blue glass bottles and jars - empty, clean with lids removed

We also accept ceramics, drinking glasses, mirrors, and window glass (removed from sash).

**No** Pyrex, light bulbs, headlights or windshield glass in this area

### **Aluminum Drink Cans**

**The material in beverage cans is more valuable than tin and other grades of Aluminum. Please help us keep those items separate.**

### **Cans**

Tin and aluminum cans such as cat food cans, metal bottle caps and Jar Lids, pie plates and foil can all go together. Need not be crushed but, please rinse them out.

### **PLEASE no pots and pans or other scrap metal in with cans**

*As of January 1, 2007 it will be illegal to use a **lead sinker** which weighs one-half ounce or less to fish in Vermont. A lead sinker recycling container is located with the batteries.*

### **Batteries**



Most automotive and household batteries are accepted for **FREE**.

**All rechargeables are recyclable.** Rechargeable batteries are commonly found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, camcorders, remote control toys, and portable household appliances. When your batteries can no longer hold a charge, bring them to the Transfer Station.

**Button batteries** (in hearing aids, watches, calculators, cameras, etc.) contain mercury and must be recycled. **FREE** button battery recycling is available at the transfer station.

### **Thermostats**

Round wall thermostats and other non-digital thermostats may contain mercury. The District's transfer stations are now collecting and recycling them thanks to a program sponsored by the Thermostat Recycling Corporation and the State of Vermont.

### **Compost Pile**

**Organic lawn and garden waste only.** Please, **do not** dump brush, plastic flowers, clay pots, toys, broken window glass, bags of dog and cat residue, or trash of any kind in this area. Unless asked not to, please empty bags of yard waste onto the compost pile.

### **Food Waste**

The Transfer Station maintains a barrel for the collection of food waste. This service is free.

### **Clothing and Fabric**

CLEAN WEARABLE AND USABLE TEXTILES ONLY. Shoes and belts are ok, too.

### **The Second Chance Shop**

Unwanted, but good, usable items (including books) may be accepted here - **ask an attendant.** Please donate responsibly; if you don't want it, will anyone else? **It would be best if donated items are made of recyclable material** such as glass, metal, paper and fabric. Electronics and items with cords are discouraged in general, as are incomplete puzzles and broken toys. Please **NO** big plastic items (ex., lawn furniture and yard toys). Proceeds from the sales of items in the shop support your Recycling Center. The Second Chance Shop is open:

Monday	12:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 3:00 pm

## **ON THE RAMP**

**Payment is required at the time of service.** Cash and local checks accepted on the ramp.

**Sectional Couches** - \$10 per section

**Reclining Sectionals** - \$15 per section

**Sleep Sofa or Hide-a-Bed** - \$20

**Stuffed Chair** - \$10

**Recliner** - \$15

**Mattress** - \$20; **Box Springs** - \$5 (*If taken apart/material separated - \$4 each piece*)

**Carpet** - 15¢/lb.

**Ceramic Sink** - \$5

**Toilet** - \$8

**Construction and Demolition Waste** - Price determined by volume or weight; currently 15¢/lb.

**As of 7/1/2016 Natural Lumber** (unpainted or treated) is banned from landfills in VT.  
Currently 15¢/lb.

### **Scrap Metal**

Iron, copper, steel, lead scrap (nails, car chains, iron pipe, sheet metal, tire rims), aluminum pots and pans, doors and window frames, sheet metal, etc.

Metal may be mixed with *some* rubber but **no** wood, fabric, or plastic. Please, **no** fuel tanks or sealed containers.

**Scrap picking is not allowed.** However, re-use is; if there is an item you need, **please ask an attendant.** (Make a reasonable offer for an item you want.) **Do not climb into the dumpsters or onto the scrap heap.**

### **Appliances**

Refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioners, and dehumidifiers - \$15 each (cost of Freon removal).  
DO NOT try to remove Freon. The cost will be the same.

All refrigerators and freezers **must** have door(s) removed.

Stoves, washers, dryers, water heaters - no charge

Plastic dish washers and hot water tanks - \$5.00 each

### **Tires**

Regular tires (up to 17") - \$5

Truck tires (17" and over) - \$5 each; \$7 with rim

Large equipment tires - \$20 to \$50 each

### **Propane Tanks**

1 lb. - \$1.00

20 lbs. \$3

30 lbs. and larger - \$20 and up

### **Paint**

**EMPTY METAL** paint cans go into scrap metals. Covers removed, cans flattened if possible.

Empty plastic paint cans go in your trash.

Latex, as well as oil-based paint is now accepted during the Solid Waste District's two annual household hazardous waste collections on the second Saturdays in May and September. **In addition, several retailers in the District collect paint year-round up to five gallons at a time:**

- **Bibens Home Center in Springfield**
- **Sherwin-Williams in Springfield**
- **LaValley's Building Supply in Ludlow**

These retailers can only accept paint in labeled, non-rusty cans. Bring all other cans to the household hazardous waste collections.

**Springfield has local arrangements for household hazardous waste collection. Appointments are required! Call (802) 674-9235 or visit: [www.swwcsvmd.org](http://www.swwcsvmd.org)**

### Waste Oil

Locations to check with (they use waste oil):

- Howe Motors, Claremont, NH (603) 542-5181
- Spurr's Repair, Downers Four Corners, Weathersfield, VT (802) 263-5459
- Matulonis Body Shop (802) 885-3884
- Cavendish and Weathersfield transfer stations

*Anyone who can use waste oil - let us know.*

### Open Burning

Springfield has an open burning ordinance and with good reason. Decades ago, most trash consisted of only paper, cardboard, and glass. Today, however, manufacturers use a host of synthetics in packaging, most of which release carcinogenic toxins into the air and soil when burned. Please do your part to protect Vermont's public and environmental health from toxics; talk to your neighbors about the dangers associated with burning trash.



### TRANSFER STATION ACCESS STICKERS & PUNCH CARDS

As of July 1, 2019 all vehicles entering the Transfer Station need to display a sticker in the lower corner of the windshield on the **passenger's side**. The stickers are updated annually & are valid from July 1-June 30. Stickers can be purchased at the Springfield or Chester town halls for \$30

for the first one, \$10 for the second, and \$30 for additional stickers. The fee structure is intended to discourage trade in discount stickers.

As of January 3, 2022 Springfield will once again accept household trash by WEIGHT. Punch cards are available for \$7.50 each and allow for ten punches. Each punch is good for the disposal of five pounds of household trash or some fraction thereof. The twelve-punch VOLUME cards formerly sold for \$15 allow for eight pounds of trash per punch. The green tickets continue to be honored for five pounds of trash each. Unused VOLUME cards can be exchanged for two WEIGHT CARDS; one VOLUME card with six punches remaining can be exchanged for one WEIGHT card.

**Cash is NOT accepted for mixed solid waste (trash) disposal. Punch cards are generally available at town offices and local merchants as below. Please call to verify.**

- Springfield Town Hall
- Jake's South Street Market, Springfield
- Joe's Discount Beverages, Springfield
- Springfield Mobil (across from plaza)
- Kwik Stop – River Street
- Route 106 Market & Deli
- JC's Market & Deli
- Chester Town Hall
- Chester True Value Hardware

*Prices are based on our vendors' charges and are subject to change.*

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**Curbside recycling pickup is available for a fee.  
Contact Casella, Alva, Ruggiero or another private service.**

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