

Dear Swansea Residents:

We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with updated information about trash and recycling services in the Town of Swansea. Please make every effort to reduce waste by buying only what you need, donating unwanted items in good condition, recycling all the materials accepted in our single stream program, and composting. Reducing trash saves you money and is good for the environment.

FOR TRASH OR RECYCLING QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL:

Swansea Highway Department: 508-678-5615 or
Howland Disposal: 508-746-9600

Thank you and we appreciate your cooperation.

SCHEDULE

Trash and recycling is collected once every week at the curb for program subscribers. All materials should be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.

Trash

- All household trash must be in official Town of Swansea Trash Bags (SMART Program: Save Money and Reduce Trash), tied and placed curbside.
- OK to place official trash bags inside plastic or metal trash barrel not exceeding 35 gal capacity and not weighing more than 60 lbs. Please label barrel as TRASH.
- Dried latex paint may be disposed as household trash.



Bulky Items

- Includes** items that won't fit into an official town trash bag: furniture, couches (not sleeper sofas), mattresses and box springs (set = 1 item), sinks, toilets, carpet (4 ft. length, rolled & tied), wood construction materials.
- One item allowed per week, collected with bagged trash.
- Special \$10 tag must be affixed to each item.

Yard Waste

- Collected weekly from April-November, on the same day as trash and recycling pick-up.
- Includes:** leaves, grass, and yard trimmings, separated from trash and recyclables. Set-out in unlined trash barrels (with YARD WASTE label), biodegradable paper bags, or cardboard boxes.
- All brush must be tied securely in bundles. (no brush in excess of 3 inch diameter, 3 feet in length, or 60 lb. bundle).



Recycling

- Recycling service is provided to residents who have paid the annual trash fee.
- Use the 65 gal wheeled cart for your recyclables.
- Place curbside weekly on the same day as your trash collection.
- Place cart two feet away from other objects to allow room for mechanical pick-up.
- Place cart with wheels facing house.
- Recyclable items listed below can be mixed together and placed in the cart.
- No plastic bags or film, food stretch wrap, or baggies in recycling cart** (these jam the machinery at the recycling plant). Instead, please recycle your plastic bags separately (see section on plastic bag recycling).
- The cart is property of the Town of Swansea, and should not be removed from the residence without authorization.
- If you need a larger cart, contact the Swansea Highway Dept. at (508) 678-5615.



RECYCLABLE ITEMS



The following items may be placed in your cart for recycling:



Newspapers



Cardboard boxes



Junk mail



Magazines and catalogs



Boxboard packaging:
e.g. cereal boxes



Office and school paper



Telephone Books



Soft cover books



Glass bottles & jars



Plastic bottles #1-7



Metal cans



Aluminum pie plates & foil

Containers should be empty, without liquid or food. Labels and caps can be left on containers. **No plastic bags please!**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Scrap Metal and Appliances (White Goods)

- Scrap metal includes:** lawn mowers (gas tanks removed and oil drained), barbeque grills, metal bed springs, sofa metal frames, bicycles, and other primary metal items.
- White goods includes:** refrigerators, stoves, microwaves, hot water heaters, dishwashers, humidifiers, air conditioners.
- Special \$10 tag must be affixed to each item.
- Collected every other week, call (508) 746-9600 for pick-up.
- White goods limited to two items per dwelling unit per pick-up.
- Not accepted: cast iron, automobile parts, and propane tanks.



Electronics

- Includes:** televisions, computer monitors, laptops, keyboards, VCRs, DVD players, and miscellaneous electronic equipment.
- Collected every other week, call (508) 746-9600 for pick-up.
- Special \$10 tag must be affixed to each item.
- BEST BUY:** All stores accept desktop and notebook computers and peripherals, DVD and VCR players, small electronics, telephones, and TVs and monitors up to 32" at no charge.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Collection of trash and recyclables will be one day late if your collection day falls on or after one of these observed holidays:

New Year's Day

Labor Day

Memorial Day

Thanksgiving Day

Independence Day

Christmas Day

BAG & TAG OUTLETS

Swansea trash bags are available in two sizes and may be purchased in packages of five (5) at local grocery and convenience stores. At the time of printing this notice, participating vendors include:

Town of Swansea

- *Buffington Mini-Mart
- *Cumberland Farms (North & South)
- *CVS Pharmacy
- Gardners Neck Country Store
- Hess East and West
- Postal Express
- *JTM Dunkin Donuts Route 6
- *Rite Aid Pharmacy
- *Swansea Mini Mart

Town of Somerset

- Auclair's Market
- Correia & Sons Market
- CVS Pharmacy
- *Stop & Shop

Town of Seekonk

- Stop & Shop

Swansea tags (\$10) for bulky items, electronics, scrap metal, and white goods are available at retail stores marked with an asterisk*.

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO REDUCE WASTE

Textile and Book Recycling

Textiles: Each year, tons of clothing and textiles are dumped in the trash, costing you money. **Look for textile collection boxes** around Swansea, like the one pictured below. When you **donate** textiles, you support local businesses and charities, help those in need, and reduce trash disposal costs. Textiles, clothing, shoes, linens, belts/purses, pillows, and much more can be recycled, in any condition, except items that are wet, mildewed, or oily. For a complete list of textiles that can be recycled, go to: www.weardonaterecycle.org

Books: Look for **book collection boxes** where you can donate books you no longer need. Donated books are typically sold online or in local stores.



Plastic Bag Recycling

REDUCE!

Use disposable shopping bags only when necessary.

REUSE!

Bring your own canvas, cloth or durable plastic bags.

RECYCLE!

Return unwanted plastic shopping bags to your grocer. *Do not put plastic bags in your curbside recycling cart.*



Local drop off locations are listed below:

Price Rite (Swansea) Target (Swansea)
 Shaw's (Fall River) Walmart (Swansea)
 Stop & Shop (Fall River & Somerset)



Scan for more info.

Be sure to include: grocery bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper bags, bread bags, produce bags and more.

See full list at: http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/pdf/PlasticRecyclingPoster_15.jpg

Composting at Home

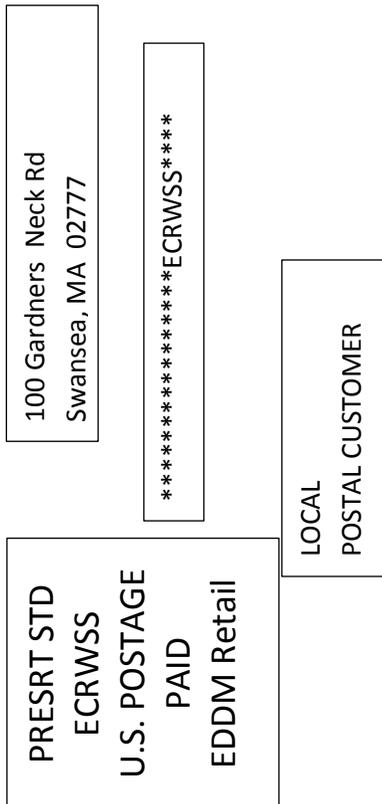


Composting reduces the volume of garbage requiring disposal; saves you money by reducing your trash disposal costs; and enriches the soil. Plants love compost! An average household can compost between 500 and 1,000 pounds of organic material each year!

For information on how you can compost at home, go to: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/recycle/reduce/06-thru-l/composti.pdf>



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Cost Savings from Swansea's SMART Program (Save Money and Reduce Trash)

- We save \$70 for every ton of trash reduced.
- Communities with SMART programs generate 30% less waste on average vs. non-SMART programs.
- Swansea residents generate 23 lbs. of trash per week on average. We are doing great but we can do even better. **Let's all recycle more!**
- To watch a video about single stream recycling, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7CFE5tD1CCI> or scan this QR code:



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TOWN OF SWANSEA

Trash and Recycling Information



- Recycling Saves Energy:** 40-90% savings vs. raw materials usage
- Recycling Prevents Pollution:** From mining, harvesting, disposal
- Recycling Creates Jobs:** 10-20x more jobs compared with disposal
- Recycling Saves Money:** Buy fewer trash bags and recycle more

It's the Law! The Commonwealth of Massachusetts prohibits the disposal of recyclable materials in the trash (310 CMR 19.017).

Reduce waste & save money! Thank you for recycling!