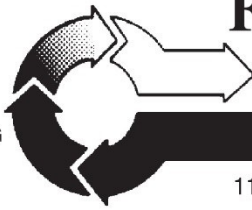


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FALL 2024 “CLEAN SWEEP” BULKY WASTE RECYCLING DAY

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District is holding the Fall 2024 “Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Recycling Day on Saturday, October 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. The three collection locations are Erving Highway Garage on Public Works Boulevard (off Rt. 2) (*Please note: new collection site this fall*); Mohawk Trail Regional School at 26 Ashfield Rd. (Route 112 South), Buckland; and Whately Transfer Station at 73 Christian Lane in Whately.

Residents and businesses from any of the District’s 21 member towns may bring bulky items to one of the three collection sites. Acceptable items include tires, appliances, scrap metal, furniture, carpeting, construction debris, computers, televisions, propane gas tanks, and other large items. Materials will be recycled whenever possible.

There are charges for most items. Disposal fees, cash only, will be collected during check-in at each site. A price list for the most common items is at: franklincountywastedistrict.org. Pre-registration is not required for this event.

Mattresses and box springs will not be accepted at this collection. There are six regional mattress recycling locations across Franklin County, which are open year-round. For locations, pricing, and hours, see franklincountywastedistrict.org/mattress-recycling. If you are unsure if your mattress and box spring can be recycled, call the District office at 413-772-2438.

Electronics are accepted at the District’s bulky waste day, but residents are also encouraged to recycle computer equipment and televisions at their town’s transfer station, or at Greenfield Transfer Station. Staples stores accept computer equipment (no TVs) free of charge: call store for details.

Clean, dry textiles and books will be accepted for free reuse or recycling. Textiles must be contained inside a sturdy plastic bag. Textiles are now banned from the trash in Massachusetts. Textile recycling accepts 95% of all textiles and shoes, including clothing or linens that are torn, stained, with missing buttons or broken zippers. Damaged textiles can be sold to manufacturers that make insulation or shop rags. Acceptable items include CLEAN & DRY clothing, shoes, and accessories; plus curtains, sheets, towels, and stuffed animals in any condition (except moldy or wet). Books can be in any condition (except moldy or wet) and can be hardcover or paperback. No encyclopedias.

Bulky Rigid Plastics will be collected separately for a special recycling program; \$5 per load of acceptable items. This special recycling program only accepts these bulky rigid plastic items: clean and empty 5-gallon pails, plastic lawn furniture, laundry baskets, storage totes, plastic trash barrels, recycling bins, and milk crates.

Before sending unwanted items for disposal or recycling, consider offering them for reuse. Various charities, including local Salvation Army and Goodwill stores and non-profits, accept donations of household items and working electronics. Always call ahead to ask if they can accept your item. Or offer reusable items on a local “Buy Nothing” Facebook group, Freecycle group, or local town groups such as NextDoor.

For more information, see franklincountywastedistrict.org, or contact the District office at info@franklincountywastedistrict.org or 413-772-2438. *MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD)*. The District is an equal opportunity provider.