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Residential Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Guide



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Frequently asked questions:

●When is my trash and recycling collected in Gill?

Trash and recyclables are collected in Gill every Thursday. Certain holidays, as marked on the curbside collection calendar, will move collection day to Friday.

●What is the cost to have my trash and recycling collected?

A Gill trash sticker must be affixed to every bag of trash. Trash stickers cost \$3 each. There is no cost for recycling.

●How and where do I get a recycling bin:

You can contact the Town Hall at 413-863-9347 to make arrangements to pick up a recycling bin. Bins supplied through a state grant will be free of charge (limit 1 per household), and additional bins can be purchased for \$5 each.

●I have questions on what to recycle.

See **pages 5 and 6** for detailed lists of what can and cannot be recycled. Also, visit www.springfieldmrf.org.

●Can I use my own container for curbside trash?

Yes. See **page 3** for general rules and detailed curbside trash information.

●What if I have materials that cannot be put into the trash or recycling?

See **pages 3 and 4** for detailed information on what to do with items that cannot be put into trash or be recycled.

●What do I do with large bulky items that I need to get rid of?

See **page 4** for information about bulky waste disposal.

●What do I do with medications I need to dispose of?

The CVS and Walgreens pharmacies in Greenfield are free drop-off locations for unwanted medications. The Erving, Greenfield, and Montague Police Stations also have secure collection boxes.

●Is there somewhere in town I can drop off batteries? Cell phones?

Cell phones, button and non-alkaline batteries can be dropped off at Town Hall, 325 Main Road. Alkaline batteries go into the trash.

●What can I do with leaves, grass clippings, and yard waste?

See **page 3** for several ways to dispose of yard waste.

HELPFUL QUICK TIPS:

7:00 AM: Please have your trash and recycling out to the curb by this time on Thursday morning (or Friday if a marked Holiday)

Refer to Curbside Collection Calendar: You will find the recycling schedule in this publication and on the town website. You will need to know whether it is a paper week or a container week.

Telephone, text, & email reminders for changes to the collection schedule are announced using the CodeRed Reverse 9-1-1 system. Sign up from the Town's homepage: www.gillmass.org

Sort Recyclables: It is easy! 2 bins!

One Bin for all paper and cardboard

Please FLATTEN and BREAK DOWN cardboard boxes

One Bin for plastic, glass, and metal containers

Please EMPTY and RINSE all containers

Items that cannot be recycled and must be thrown in your trash are listed on **pages 4 – 6.**

Gill trash stickers can be purchased at the Upingil Farm Store, Spirit Shoppe, The Mill (Gill Mobil), and Town Hall. Stickers are \$3 each.

WHO DO I CALL IF MY TRASH OR RECYCLING IS NOT PICKED UP OR IF I HAVE A COMPLAINT?

Casella Waste Management Systems Inc.

1 (800) 227-3552

Stay on the line to speak with an operator.

GENERAL RULES: RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION

(only for Gill-generated waste & recycling)

- NO TRASH BAG OR RECYCLING CONTAINER MAY EVER WEIGH MORE THAN **35 POUNDS** AT ANY TIME
- A Gill trash sticker must be placed on the outside of each bag, near the tied end
- Trash is collected weekly
- Recycling is collected on alternating weeks – paper/cardboard one week, and plastic/metal/glass the next
- All trash and recycling must be placed curbside by 7:00 AM on the collection day
- Trash & recycling must be placed neatly on the curbside without blocking fire hydrants or impeding traffic on the roadway
- Truck routes and schedules are subject to change without notice during the day
- Recycling or trash buried under snow WILL NOT be picked up

TRASH COLLECTION DETAILS

Containers: The Town does not supply trash containers. Residents are free to use whatever containers they choose as long as each trash bag weighs less than 35 pounds. Every trash bag in a barrel, trashcan, or tote MUST have a Gill trash sticker. Trash in a container MUST be bagged; no loose trash. Residents may also place bags curbside.

IMPORTANT: Do not use **contractor bags** (too large & heavy) or paper yard waste bags (tears too easily) for curbside trash collection. These bags will **NOT** be collected.

Limits: Household trash can be placed in bags sized up to 33 gallons. Bags can weigh up to 35 pounds. NO “business” trash accepted.

The following CANNOT be put curbside for trash collection:

Construction/Demo Debris	Appliances/White Goods	Recyclables
Yard Waste	Fluorescent Light Bulbs	Wet Paint/ Paint Cans
Sharps	Lead Acid or Lithium Batteries	Hazardous Waste
Oil Based Paint, Varnishes, Solvents	TVs and Electronics	Motor Oil
Mattresses & Box Springs	Clothing/Fabric	

LEAVES & YARD WASTE DISPOSAL

Did you know? Leaves, grass clippings and brush (less than 1 inch in diameter) are banned from the trash in Massachusetts. (www.mass.gov/guides/massdep-waste-disposal-bans) There are several options to dispose of this waste:

- **Composting:** Leaves and non-meat food waste can be composted. Franklin County Solid Waste District sells discounted home compost bins at their office in Greenfield at 117 Main Street. <https://franklincountywastedistrict.org/p/27/Compost-Supplies>
- **Mulching:** Grass clippings can be used as mulch – consider leaving them where they fall. Grass clippings left on the lawn will decompose and act as a natural organic fertilizer. For more information, see www.mass.gov/doc/dont-trash-grass/download
- Leaves, grass clippings, and yard waste are accepted free of charge at Martin’s Farm, 341 Plain Road, Greenfield. Brush is accepted for a fee. Larger wood loads, as well as stumps, are also accepted. For more information on these loads, call Adam at 413-774-5631. The Greenfield Transfer Station, located at 86 Cumberland Road, accepts leaves, grass clippings, brush and branches, although there may be disposal fees. For more information, including the current Materials & Pricing Guide, visit: [https://greenfield-ma.gov/departments/dpw_department_of_public_works/transfer_station .php](https://greenfield-ma.gov/departments/dpw_department_of_public_works/transfer_station.php).

RECYCLING COLLECTION DETAILS

Gill uses “dual stream recycling” for its collection program. This means paper and cardboard is sorted and collected separately from glass, plastic, and metal containers.

Mixed Paper and Cardboard may be placed in a Blue Bin or personal container(s). Glass, Plastic and Metals may be combined in a Blue Bin or personal container(s).

ACCEPTABLE CONTAINER. You can contact the Town Hall at 413-863-9347 to make arrangements to pick up a recycling bin. When available through a state grant, bins will be free of charge, limit 1 per household. Additional bins can be purchased for \$5 each. Larger personal containers (such as a 30-gallon barrel) or wheeled carts also may be used, as long as the total weight of each container is less than 35 pounds when full.

If using barrels or carts, please label the container for trash with a “T” and the recycling container with an “R” to assist the collection workers.

Limits: There is NO LIMIT on curbside recycling but each container must weigh less than 35 pounds. Cardboard: Please break down, remove packing materials such as bubble wrap and Styrofoam™, flatten and fold or cut boxes & other pieces of cardboard to 3’ x 3’ & place next to your bin. *Boxes not broken down will **NOT** be picked up.

PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN RECYCLING BINS because they get tangled in the sorting equipment. Plastic bags may be recycled at most grocery stores and “big box” stores.

ATTENTION

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OUT OF YOUR BIN!

- Rigid plastic packaging, pails, buckets, toys
- Compostable Plastics (PLA7)
- Shredded Paper
- Plastic Bags, Wraps or Pouches #1
- Hypodermic needles
- Foods and Liquids
- Hot Coffee Cups (all types)
- Napkins, Tissues, Towels or Wipes
- Garden Hoses, String Lights, Ropes, or other “Tanglers”
- Clothing or Linens
- Styrofoam
- Aerosol cans

HARD TO DISPOSE OF ITEMS

The Franklin County Solid Waste Management District’s website contains guidelines for proper disposal of other items such as Hazardous Waste, Mercury items, Lead Acid or Lithium Batteries and many other items. They also have special collection days (hazardous waste day every fall), a free sharps and needle collection program, and many other useful and innovative solutions for difficult-to-dispose-of items.

Website: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org

Email: info@franklincountywastedistrict.org

Phone: 413-772-2438 (Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD))

BULKY WASTE

Twice a year, in the fall and spring, the Franklin County Solid Waste District holds its Clean Sweep Collection. The Clean Sweep Collection offers an opportunity to dispose of all your bulky items and most other sizable things that cannot be put out for curbside trash collection. <https://franklincountywastedistrict.org/p/70/Clean-Sweep-Bulky-Waste-Collection>. The Greenfield Transfer Station, located at 86 Cumberland Road, accepts most types of bulky waste. There are fees for most items. For more information, including the current Materials & Pricing Guide, visit:

https://greenfield-ma.gov/departments/dpw_department_of_public_works/transfer_station_.php

RECYCLING'S MOST UNWANTED

Please keep these items out of household recycling. At the recycling facility, plastic bags, hoses and holiday lights cause safety hazards and shutdowns when they wrap around conveyor belts and equipment.



For a complete YES & NO list of what can be recycled, visit www.springfieldmrf.org or call the recycling hotline for more detailed information: 888-888-0784 ext. 52293 or 413-784-1100, ext. 52293



THE "YES AND NO" OF RECYCLING IN WESTERN MASS



YES - emptied, rinsed and unbagged:	NO - do not place in municipal recycling:		
<p>Aluminum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ cans ➤ aluminum foil ➤ pie pans, "disposable" aluminum trays 	<p>aerosol cans foil-wrapped pouches (kids drinks, fruit, baby food) "foil" lids from yogurt containers siding scrap metal</p> <p>holiday lights pots & pans utensils tools batteries</p>		
<p>Steel / tin</p> <p><i>Labels do not need to be removed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ cans: food, pet food, beverage (metal lids OK) ➤ tin containers (decorative, popcorn, etc.) 	<p>aerosol cans tanks of any kind hangers scrap metal paint cans</p> <p>pots & pans utensils tools toys holiday lights</p> <p>appliances pipes fuel tanks car parts batteries</p>		
<p>Glass</p> <p><i>Empty and rinse. Put metal caps back on jars. Labels do not need to be removed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ food and beverage bottles and jars, any color 	<p>broken glass holiday lights wine corks dishes drinking glasses</p> <p>ceramics baking dishes cookware (Pyrex) canning jars</p> <p>fluorescent light bulbs incandescent light bulbs plate glass windows</p> <p>eye glasses vases mirrors syringes, sharps</p>		
<p>Plastics</p> <p><i>Empty and rinse. Put plastic caps back on containers. ONLY containers smaller than 2.5 gallons are recyclable.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ food bottles, tubs, jars: yogurt, cooking oil, condiments, peanut butter, margarine, hummus ➤ beverage bottles and jugs: water, juice, soda, milk (empty, rinse if possible, put caps back ON) ➤ soap bottles: dish soap, detergent, hand sanitizer ➤ personal care bottles: hair products, soaps ➤ clear plastic clamshells (no black or Styrofoam™) ➤ clear plastic cups, clear plastic egg cartons 	<p>plastic bags plastic wrap/cling wrap cellophane food bags (e.g., candy bars, cookies, pasta) frozen food bags/pouches liners from food packaging plastic plates cups: color or opaque Styrofoam™ (polystyrene): - cups/take-out containers - egg cartons - packaging, peanuts - meat trays</p> <p>small items under 3": straws, lids, utensils black plastic compostable plastics cookie trays blister pack packaging tubes: toothpaste, hair care prescription pill bottles refillable water bottles toys flower pots holiday lights</p> <p>containers that held hazardous substances: automotive products, pool chemicals, pesticides, etc. containers over 2.5 gallons: 5-gallon pails, buckets, recycling bins, laundry baskets lawn furniture, swimming pools tarps hoses; PVC piping or tubing CD, DVD, VCR tapes/cases syringes, sharps electronics</p>		
<p>Cartons</p> <p><i>Recycle w/containers, not w/paper. Straws go in trash.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ milk and juice cartons (plastic spout OK) ➤ soy milk, soup, wine, drink boxes (no straws) 	<p>foil-wrapped pouches (kids drinks, fruit, baby food) frozen food boxes ice cream cartons frozen juice cartons plastic straws</p>		
<p>Paper and Cardboard</p> <p><i>Clean paper only. Flatten boxes. "Windows" in envelopes, staples, paper clips, tape all OK</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ newspaper, inserts, magazines, junk mail ➤ white, colored, glossy, and construction paper ➤ corrugated cardboard (tape OK) ➤ pizza boxes (empty: no food, wax paper, etc.) ➤ boxboard (i.e. cereal, pasta, tissue: windows ok) ➤ gift wrap, gift bags, gift tissue paper, cards (no metallic inks, foil, wire, glitter, batteries) ➤ paperback books and phonebooks (covers OK) 	<p>shredded paper soda, seltzer, beer cartons frozen food boxes ice cream cartons frozen juice cartons butter, margarine boxes paper cups paper plates paper egg cartons take-out containers paper towels, napkins tissues</p> <p>plastic bags, plastic packaging Tyvek/ bubble wrap envelopes stickers & sticker sheeting copy paper wrappers blueprints hardcover books</p> <p>dirtied paper (pet waste, paint) wet paper, wet cardboard waxed paper or cardboard pizza boxes with food or anything inside: must be empty (grease OK)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">For more information: springfieldmrf.org 2023</p>		

For more information visit the Springfield MRF online: www.springfieldmrf.org.

CLOTHING & TEXTILES:

Did you know that 95% of all textiles can be recycled or reused?

Broken zippers? Missing buttons? Stained?

As long as it's dry and not moldy ... it's acceptable!

Don't put textiles in your trash!

Bring all of these items to a county-wide textile collection on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Chapman/Davis municipal parking lot in downtown Greenfield. Items may also be brought to a Salvation Army Thrift Store or drop box.

Pants, Jeans, Shorts
Shirts, T-shirts, Jerseys, Sweaters
Blankets, Comforters
Curtains, Draperies, Table Linens
Stuffed Animals

Dresses, Skirts
Slippers, Socks & Shoes (singles too!)
Pajamas, Sweatshirts/pants
Purses, Backpacks, Book bags
Flip-flops

Coats, Jackets, Hats, Scarves
Suits, Belts, Ties
Undergarments, Bras
Sheets, Pillowcases

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS: carpets, rugs, oily rags, mattresses, bric-à-brac, wet, or mildewed items.

SORTING YOUR RECYCLABLES IS QUICK AND EASY!

Please **EMPTY** and **RINSE** all containers and **flatten** and **break down** cardboard boxes into 3' x 3' squares.

BLUE SHADED DAY



Paper & Cardboard

Clean papers, magazines/catalogs, greeting cards, gift wrap & gift tissue paper (no foils or metallics), calendars, paperbacks & phonebooks, paperboard, empty pizza boxes (Paper clips, staples and metal spirals are ok)

ORANGE SHADED DAY



Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Tubs, Lids, & Containers

Empty kitchen, laundry, & bath containers

Cartons

Milk & Juice



Glass Bottles & Jars

Empty food & beverage bottles & jars



Aluminum & Steel Cans

Foil & empty food & beverage cans

NOT ACCEPTED

Plastic bags or trays, black plastic, bagged recyclables, clothing/textiles, food waste/liquids, tangles such as rope or hoses, scrap metal, batteries of any kind, electronics, wood, medical waste, hazardous materials, explosives, toys, hangers, shoes, waxy cups or plates, frozen food packaging, food bags or wrappers, plastic wrap or film, shrink wrap, tarps, diapers, human/pet or yard waste, tires or rubber, Styrofoam™, napkins, paper towels, tissues, plastic utensils, register tape, condiment packets, straws, stirrers, coffee pods, ceramics



PAPER & CARDBOARD



PLASTIC, GLASS, & METAL



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413-863-9347
gillmass.org

TOWN OF GILL

RECYCLING & TRASH SERVICE

2024-2025 CURBSIDE COLLECTION CALENDAR & DETAILS

- Trash is collected **every Thursday**
- Paper & cardboard recycling is collected on the **blue shaded** Thursday collection day
- Plastic, glass, & metal is collected on the **orange shaded** Thursday collection day

- Place trash & recycling at the curb by **7:00 AM** on Thursday
- Weeks with a holiday have a one day delay in service if the holiday falls on a day prior to your service day as depicted below
- The Town will notify you of any delays in service



If your collection is missed, call Casella at 800-227-3552.

See reverse for an easy guide to sorting recyclables and a list of items not accepted for recycling >