

## Special Collections

### Dates for 2026

#### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS (HHP)

**Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> 9am to 1pm**

**Saturday Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 9am to 1pm**

Updated information will be posted on  
Website and Facebook.

For Household Hazardous Products disposal at  
other times, please contact:

**New England Disposal Technologies**  
**www.NEDT.org**  
**866 -769- 1621**

#### LATEX PAINT

**First Saturdays:**  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>,  
Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### DOCUMENT SHREDDING

**9 am to 12 pm**

**June 20<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Only first 2 boxes are free.  
Additional boxes are \$2 each

#### COMPOST BINS AVAILABLE

\$25 Earth Machine Yard Compost Bin  
\$4 Sure-Close Kitchen Scrap Bucket

## Wachusett Earthday

Our mission is to promote reuse and recycling  
for a healthy, sustainable watershed community



Wachusett Earthday, Inc. is a volunteer, 501(c)  
(3) non-profit operating the Wachusett  
Watershed Regional Recycle Center in  
partnership with the Massachusetts  
Department of Conservation and Recreation  
(DCR) and the seven Wachusett Watershed  
towns: Boylston Holden, Paxton, Princeton,  
Rutland, Sterling and West Boylston.

Mailing Address:  
Wachusett Earthday, Inc.  
P.O. Box 593  
Holden, MA 01520

## Directions

I-190, Exit 9, north 0.2 mile on Route 140 to  
light, left on Legg Road, travel 0.8 mile to the  
entrance on the right. Or Laurel Street in West  
Boylston, or Manning Street in Holden, to  
Raymond Huntington Highway (parallel with I-  
190 at Holden/West Boylston town line), travel  
0.9 mile to the entrance on the left.

## Site Closing

Temperatures: real feel or heat index  
below 10°F or above 95°F

Snow: Dependent on clearing site

Check **www.wachusettearthday.org** for  
updates, news and links to other recycling  
options.



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## WACHUSETT EARTHDAY

# WACHUSETT WATERSHED REGIONAL RECYCLING CENTER 2026

### Serving residents of:

Boylston, Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland,  
Sterling and West Boylston.

### Winter Hours November - March

Tuesdays: 10 am to 12 pm  
Thursdays: 2 pm to 4 pm  
1st / 3rd Saturdays: 9 am to 12 pm

### Summer Hours April - October

Tuesdays: 9 am to 11 am  
Thursdays: 4 pm to 6 pm  
1st / 3rd Saturdays: 9 am to 12 pm

### Holiday Closings

Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>,  
Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

### Site Location

131 Raymond Huntington Highway  
West Boylston, MA 01583

**Center phone: 978-464-2854**

**www.wachusettearthday.org**

## Information

The Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center is a place to bring and find many items.

Items are available for free throughout the site, especially in the Recycled / Resource Building.

Most items are accepted whenever we are open, some fees are charged. See FEES PAGE on our Website.

### Items we cannot accept:

Weekly household garbage (food)  
Yard Waste  
Creosoted wood  
Commercial loads  
Ammunition, explosives, flares  
**Medications or Sharps**

## Textiles

Most items can be reused or recycled. Bag them up and put them in a bin.

**Throw out** wet, moldy or oil stained textiles.

## Mattresses

Mattresses / box springs are accepted for a fee.

## Volunteers

The recycling center relies on volunteers during open hours and off hours to keep the site running. Please ask about volunteering or visit the "How to Volunteer" page on our website.

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## Recycling

**MUST BE CLEAN!**

### (\$ fee to drop off

#### Bulky Rigid Plastic:

Furniture, totes, car seats, play house

#### Containers:

Plastics #1-7, Metal and Glass

#### Corrugated Cardboard:

Flattened / empty  
Including pizza boxes

**Mixed Paper:** including Fiber Board Boxes &  
Shredded Paper

#### Batteries:

lead acid (car, boat, tractor)  
Large quantity of mixed household  
alkaline, lithium, rechargeable, button

**Styrofoam (#6 EPS) Packaging:** Clean

## Free Recycling

- Fluorescent bulbs and tubes
- Mercury switches and thermometers
- Cell phones
- Small quantity of household batteries
- Scrap metal / other metal items
- Returnable bottles / cans (benefits Boy Scouts)
- **Christmas Lights / String Lights**

## Not Recycled

### DISPOSE OF IN YOUR HOME TRASH

- Smoke detectors with removable battery
- Broken fluorescent bulbs or tubes
- Audio and VCR tapes
- Incandescent light bulbs – burnt out

**For additional details, please check  
[www.wachusettearthday.org](http://www.wachusettearthday.org)**

## Resource Building

### ITEMS MUST BE SHELF READY:

### WORKING, CLEAN, AND ODOR FREE!

### (\$ fee to drop off

Recycled Resource building has free items

- Artwork and frames
- Art and craft materials
- Books: **no mold or mildewed please**  
encyclopedias (\$)
- Children's toys, stuffed animals, games
- Clothing accessories: purses, jewelry
- Decor, knickknack, candles
- Electronics (\$), clocks, wires, phones
- Entertainment: CDs, DVDs, records
- Greeting cards, gift wrap, boxes, ribbon
- Hardware, hand tools, misc.
- Holiday decorations – current seasonal
- Infant/baby supplies
- Kitchen supplies, dishes, pans,
- Kitchen appliances(\$)
- Linens, blankets, curtains, etc.
- Office supplies
- Packing materials. Peanuts, bubble wrap
- Party decor, vases, dried flowers
- Power tools (\$)
- Puzzles and games
- School supplies, project supplies
- Sewing or knitting supplies, fabric and yarn

### Outside areas for larger items:

- Bicycles, exercise equipment (\$)
- Building materials (\$)
- Furniture (\$) / Mattresses & box springs(\$)
- Luggage (\$) / Camping & Sporting goods
- Powered yard equipment (\$)
- Sheet plastic, bulky waste (\$)
- Assistive devices: walkers, commodes, etc.