

# Waste Reduction Options for Dartmouth Residents

## Recycling

The Dartmouth Department of Public Works collects recycling from residents. Empty bottles, cans, jugs & jars go in the gray lid cart. Paper and cardboard go in the black lid cart. The gray lid cart and the black lid cart are collected on alternating weeks. **Not sure if an item can be recycled? Type it into the Recyclopedia at [RecycleSmartMA.org](https://RecycleSmartMA.org) to find out!**



## Food Waste



Around 20% of what Dartmouth residents place in the trash is food waste. See better options below!

- **Waste less food.** Do you have more fresh food than you can eat? Freeze some for later- it's easy! Label and date the container. Follow USDA guidelines for freezing and thawing foods.
- **Backyard compost at home.** Turn fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, eggshells, and yard waste into nutrient-rich soil amendment! The District sells low-cost compost bins to Dartmouth residents year-round at the Crapo Hill Landfill. Find more information: [gnbrmdistrict.org](https://gnbrmdistrict.org)
- **Sign up for curbside pickup with Black Earth Compost.** Weekly pickup and every other week pickup options available for a fee in sections of Dartmouth. Learn more about the program: [blackearthcompost.com](https://blackearthcompost.com)
- **Purchase a FoodCycler.** The FoodCycler is a small appliance that reduces the volume of food scraps by up to 90%! For more information: [fcs-events.com/foodcycler-gnbrmd](https://fcs-events.com/foodcycler-gnbrmd)
- **Drop off food waste at the Dartmouth Transfer Station.** The program accepts unpackaged food waste, even bones and seafood shells. Transfer station permit required.

## Clothing, Shoes, & Linens



**Schedule a free home pickup with BBBS** for gently used clothing, sheets, towels, shoes and small household items! *Registration is required.* Call or text PICKUP to (508) 466-4590 or visit <https://donation-form.donatene.org/?code=bbbs>.

**Drop off clothing in a clothing bin.** Most clothing bins accept clean & dry clothing, shoes, sheets, towels, comforters, pillows, and more! All Dartmouth schools host clothing bins and earn funds for the clothing dropped off.

## Why Recycle, Compost, Reuse, & Repair Whenever Possible?

The Crapo Hill Landfill, where Dartmouth's trash is disposed, is an important resource for the community and saves the Town an estimated \$540,000 per year in potential waste disposal costs. Landfill space is limited. We encourage everyone to help preserve this resource by reusing and recycling materials whenever possible, keeping them out of the landfill.

**Do your part to reduce waste by reusing & repairing items, reducing wasted food, composting food waste, donating clothing, and recycling bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard.**

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### Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District

Questions? Visit [gnbrmdistrict.org](https://gnbrmdistrict.org), call (508) 979-1493, email [marissa@gnbrmdistrict.org](mailto:marissa@gnbrmdistrict.org), or text (774) 503-0254

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