

Waste Reduction Options for New Bedford Residents

Recycling

Capitol Waste Services collects recycling weekly from residents. Recycling is mandatory for everyone in the City of New Bedford. That means recyclable items like bottles, cans, jugs, jars, paper, and cardboard cannot be placed in the trash. Visit NewBedfordRecycling.org to learn more.

Not sure if an item can be recycled? Type it into the Recyclopedia at RecycleSmartMA.org to find out!



Food Waste



Around 20% of what New Bedford 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 New Bedford residents year-round at the Crapo Hill Landfill. Find more information: gnbrrmdistrict.org
- **Sign up for curbside pickup with Black Earth Compost.** Weekly pickup and every other week pickup options available for a fee. Learn more about the program: 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-gnbrrmd
- **Drop off food waste at the Recycling Center.** The program accepts unpackaged food waste, even bones and seafood shells. New Bedford residents only.

Clothing, Shoes, & Linens



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

Drop off clothing in a clothing bin. Most clothing bins accept clean & dry clothing, shoes, sheets, towels, comforters, pillows, and more! Several schools host clothing bins and earn funds for the clothing dropped off. Participating schools include Brooks, Campbell, Carney, Normandin, Pulaski, Swift, Vocational-Technical High School, & Winslow.

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

The Crapo Hill Landfill, where New Bedford's trash is disposed, is an important resource for the community and saves the City an estimated \$2.7 million each year in 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.

**Greater New Bedford Regional
Refuse Management District**

Questions? Visit gnbrrmdistrict.org, call (508) 979-1493,
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