

## Town Regulations

- As of 1993, the distribution, use, and sale of helium filled balloons, both for public and private use, is prohibited.
- As of 2015, smoking on town and Cape Cod National Seashore beaches is prohibited.
- As of 2015, plastic bags less than 1.5 mils thick, with handles, are prohibited, including biodegradable and compostable bags.
- As of 2019, plastic straws are prohibited and polystyrene is banned with a few specific exemptions. For more details, contact the Board of Health.
- As of 2019, all recycling must be loose in recycling barrels, with no plastic bags of any kind, not even clear bags. Any recycling placed in bags will not be picked up. Bagged recycling that is put into the recycling stream, either at curbside or at the Transfer Station, contaminates the entire load of recycling, costing the town a significant fine.

## How to Recycle

Recycling barrels must be no larger than 32 gallons, must have a securely closed lid, and must be clearly marked on two opposite sides with the recycling symbols. Stickers can be purchased at the transfer station for \$5.

Any recycling placed in plastic bags will not be picked up. Plastic film and bags are trash. Some private businesses have separate recycling barrels for plastic bags. Town residents and visitors can dispose of recyclables at the transfer station for free; trash costs \$2-4 per bag.

## Water Bottle Filling Stations

Provincetown has installed free filtered water bottle filling stations.

- Town Hall Lower Level
- East End Playground
- West End Playground
- Public Restrooms at
  - MacMillan Pier
  - 189 Commercial at Court Street
  - Municipal Parking Lot
- VMCC at 2 Mayflower Street
- Motta Field

Additional stations will be installed.

## Cigarette “Buttler” Locations

Cigarette filters are made of plastic. Butts that are dropped on the streets wash into the storm drains and into our harbor, polluting our water and beaches. The town has installed more than 30 “Buttlers” to collect the butts which are sent to a special recycling facility where they are recycled and composted.

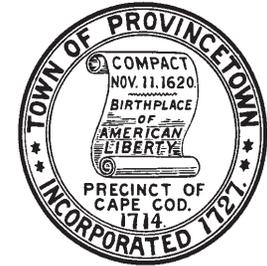


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PROVINCETOWN

# Recycling Guide

for Residents + Visitors



Department of Public Works  
and Recycling and Renewable  
Energy Committee

## Transfer Station Location

90 Race Point Road

<http://www.provincetown-ma.gov/87/Recycling-Renewable-Energy-Committee>

508-487-7076

## Transfer Station Hours

7:00am – 2:00pm

May through mid-October:  
Open 7 days a week

Mid-October through April:  
Closed Sunday + Monday

Stickers for the Transfer Station are free to residents + property owners and may be obtained at the Transfer Station. Proof of residency is required.

## Swap Shop Hours

8:00am – 12:00pm

Closed Sunday + Monday

Household goods, toys, books, etc.

No furniture at this time.

## Curbside Pick-Up

Visit the Board of Health web page on the town website for pickup schedule, (<http://www.provincetown-ma.gov/101/Trash-Recycling>)

Provincetown is a designated Green Community and uses “single stream recycling” for curbside pickup. Recycling regulations change frequently so please check the RREC web page on the town website regularly for updates to this document.

## PLASTIC

All rigid plastic #1, 2, 4, and 5 can be recycled. Lids can be left on. Containers must be rinsed and relatively free of food. No plastic film or bags.

## PAPER

All paper (glossy or matte) can be recycled. Never use string, rope or wire to bundle recycling as it tangles in the machinery. Use packing tape only when required. Please bring corrugated cardboard to the transfer station garage for bundling whenever possible. Paper and cardboard that is contaminated with food is garbage.

## METAL

All metal containers and foil free of substantial food waste can be recycled.

## GLASS

All glass food containers of any color are recyclable. Metal lids, rings, and labels do not need to be removed. No Pyrex, lightbulbs, mirrors, windows or furniture glass of any sort is recyclable - it is a different type of glass entirely. CFL, LED and fluorescent bulbs should be brought to the transfer station for proper disposal.

## WHAT IS NOT RECYCLABLE IN PROVINCETOWN

Juice boxes, Tetra Paks, containers or cups that are plastic coated paper (e.g. milk cartons, many ice cream containers, single use coffee cups) paper towels, Solo cups, styrofoam, polystyrene (#6), anything tied with string or rope, anything in a plastic bag (even clear bags), plastic pumps for dispensers, toothbrushes and dental floss.

## Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

Provincetown residents can use any of these transfer station locations for free.

June - Wellfleet

August - Truro

October - Provincetown

For specific drop-off dates visit <http://www.provincetown-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/474/Hazardous-Waste-Information?bidId=>

## At the Transfer Station

**RIGID PLASTIC** - All curbside items accepted plus items such as large plastic toys and all plastic lawn furniture. No PVC pipe.

**YARD WASTE** - Grass, leaves, small branches accepted. Compost available free.

**CLOTHING + FABRICS** - All donations must be cleaned + bagged.

**SCRAP METAL** - Fees may apply.

**WOOD** - No pressure treated wood, no furniture or construction debris. Fees may apply.

**MATTRESSES / BOX SPRINGS** - Fees apply.

**FLUORESCENT, CFL, + LED LIGHT BULBS** - Do not throw in the trash. Return to hardware store or Transfer Station.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS** - Computers, TVs, tires, fishing gear, rechargeable and lithium batteries, mercury items, smoke alarms, and propane tanks. Fees may apply.

**STYROFOAM PEANUTS** - Leave some, take some! Bring clean + bagged. Any other styrofoam is trash.

**CARDBOARD** - Corrugated and flattened. No waxed cardboard, no string, rope or wire. Tape is okay. Cardboard collected at the transfer station garage benefits the town.

**SHARPS** - Can be dropped off at the Fire Station or the Transfer Station.