

New Bedford Holiday Recycling

The holidays can be stressful and they also stress the environment. Buying gifts means lots of packaging. It also means there are used items that are no longer needed. The Greater New Bedford Refuse District offers suggestions to conserve resources for the holidays and make celebrations greener.



Recycle everything that can be recycled. Place all the flattened cardboard boxes (no larger than 2 feet by 3 feet), non-metallic wrapping paper, newspapers, magazines and junk mail in your blue bin designated for paper. Excess flattened cardboard (2 feet by 3 feet or smaller) can be placed beneath your blue bin. Recycle larger cardboard at the Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station. Place all plastic, glass and metal bottles and cans in a separate bin or a barrel labeled with a special recycling sticker.

As you make room for new holiday treasures, consider donating unwanted toys, electronics and clothing to charity instead of throwing them away. Many items, including cardboard boxes (any size), all types of batteries, rigid plastics (barrels, bins, toys), cell phones, cooking oil, printer cartridges, clothing, books, CDs, empty aerosol containers, scrap metal, Styrofoam blocks, electronics, televisions, computers and monitors are accepted for recycling or donation at the Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station, 1103 Shawmut Avenue.

Recycle your Christmas tree at the curb or at designated drop-off sites. During the week of January 7th – 11th, the Department of Public Facilities will collect the trees at the curb on your regular trash/recycling day. Starting on December

26, residents can drop off trees at the following locations:

- Middle parking lot off East Rodney French Boulevard (between Seymour Street and Hudson Street);
- Brooklawn Park (near Irvington Street);
- Pine Hill Park (Phillips Road); and
- Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station.

All trees must be free of ornaments and stands. Please do not place the trees in bags.

For more information, call the City Yard at (508) 991-6133 or Marissa Perez-Dormitzer, District Recycling Coordinator, at (508) 979-1493.