



Chelmsford Recycles

July 1, 2008– June 30, 2009

A Guide to Waste Reduction in Chelmsford

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Office of Recycling and Solid Waste, 50 Billerica Road

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Recycling/Trash News

The Good News: Chelmsford did a great job reducing its trash tonnage this year. In FY2008, we generated around 13,500 tons of trash— **2500 tons less than in FY05**, the year before our mandatory recycling bylaw went into effect. In that same time period, we went from recycling 3000 tons a year to 4000 tons a year. This year, our curbside recycling rate was about **23.5%**—a huge improvement over 16% in 2005! In addition, based on the observations so far by the new Recycling Enforcement Coordinator, we have **between 90% and 100% participation** in the curbside recycling program, depending on the route! When we reduce the amount of trash we generate (by recycling, composting and donating usable items, for example), we help the environment *and* the Town saves money. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost.

Trash Limits: To achieve waste reduction, Chelmsford limits the amount of trash each household may put out each week to no more than four 32 gallon barrels of trash (or the equivalent if you don't use barrels). Our hauler has been instructed not to collect trash that exceeds these limits. This flyer contains information that will help you avoid getting anywhere near that four barrel limit.

Curbside Appliance/Electronics/Tire program: For years the Town has held recycling drop offs for waste banned items such as TVs, tires and appliances. Residents would wait months and then hope they didn't have other plans when the day finally arrived. They then found themselves waiting yet again—in line, sometimes for as long as 40 minutes, burning gas and wasting time. While residents were unfailingly polite and patient during these events, we were asked many times whether there might not be a better way. To that end, Chelmsford worked with the Merrimack Valley Recycling Partnership to find an affordable, convenient alternative. Details are in the article on the right.

Curbside electronics/appliances collection program

The Town of Chelmsford has contracted with **Appliance Recyclers, Inc.** for the curbside collection of electronics, appliances, tires and other items. Starting July 1, Appliance Recyclers, Inc. will come to town at least every two weeks to collect these items for the prices listed below:

- Appliances with Freon \$12.00 ea. (remove refrigerator & freezer doors)
- Appliances—no Freon \$10.00 ea.
- TVs/Monitors 27" and larger \$20.00 ea.
- TVs/Monitors 13" to 26" \$10.00 ea.
- Small electronics \$5.00 ea. (CRTs and flat monitors 12" or less, DVD players, laptops, etc.)
- Tires \$5.00 ea.
- Other metal \$10.00 ea. (sheds, bulkheads, furnaces, boilers, radiators, lawn mowers, grills, snow blowers, treadmills, wood stoves, garage door openers, bathtubs and other metal items)

These prices are good through June 30, 2010. To schedule a pick up, call **Appliance Recyclers** at **877-228-2898** (toll free). You will be told when to put the item(s) at the curb and you will pay them directly. A CPU, keyboard, mouse and desktop printer will be collected for no charge when Appliance Recyclers collects a CRT from your address. Appliance Recyclers is willing to pick up other items as well—call them for prices.

Up to date recycling information can be found on the web at www.townofchelmsford.us/Recycling-Department.cfm and at the new website, www.ChelmsfordRecycles.org.

Disclaimer: information on companies in this flyer is provided as a convenience for residents. With the exception of Appliance Recyclers, Russell Disposal and Community Tree the companies are not endorsed by the Town nor operating on its behalf. Residents must verify the reliability of all companies herein. The flyer contains current information at the time of printing: fees, hours and services are subject to change—call first!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: the Town paid over \$900,000 JUST to burn FY2008's trash!

Trash and Recycling Collection Calendar

July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009

July 2008

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Recycling is collected **every other week** on your trash day. Call the Recycling Office if you don't know your trash day or which recycling route you're on.

Red route recycling week

Blue route recycling week

Circles denote holidays—collection delayed by one day (e.g., if your usual collection is Monday, collection will be on Tuesday. No extra trash or bulk items on holiday weeks.)

Trash and recycling must be at the curb by 6:30 a.m. regardless of the time the truck usually comes. If your trash or recycling are missed because you didn't have them out by 6:30 we cannot make the hauler return for it.

Important Dates for 2008-2009

Brush Drop-offs: October 4, 2008 and April 4, 2009. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Community Tree, 163 Billerica Road, Chelmsford. See page 5 for details.

Fluorescent bulb shed: first Wed. of the month April through November from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. See page 6 for details on mercury recycling.

Household hazardous waste day—May 9, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., lower lot, Town Offices. See page 6 for details.

Town wide Litter Cleanup: Spring, 2008—date TBA
Friends of Music Fundraiser: go to www.cfom.org for bottle and can drop off dates

Problems or questions: Call the **Office of Recycling/Solid Waste** (978-250-5203) - the office is open part time. If your trash or recycling is missed leave a message that evening or early the next morning—we return calls and call in missed addresses in the morning. **Russell Disposal** can be reached at 888-870-8882, but let the Recycling Office know of problems as well.

How to stay informed about recycling in Town: Local cable TV bulletin board; local newspapers; Chelmsford Community Newsletter; Recycling-Info line (978-250-5299); website - www.townofchelmsford.us (sign up to receive occasional Town emails on the Town's homepage), or go to www.chelmsfordrecycles.org.

Trash and Recycling Guidelines

Trash:

Trash Limit: Weekly household trash is limited to the amount that will fit **INSIDE four (4) 32 gallon barrels**.

Barrels: MAY BE NO LARGER THAN 32 GALLONS and weigh no more than 60 pounds when full. Do not fill over 3 inches above the top.

Bags may be no larger than 39 gallons and weigh no more than 40 pounds.

Time: Trash must be at the curb by **6:30 a.m.**

Multi-family properties with curbside collection: Please put trash out in a way that makes it clear that there are no more than 4 barrels per household (mark your barrels with your address and set them out separately from other households' trash).

Bulk items: no more than one bulk item per week—none on holiday weeks. Bulk items are items over 60 pounds and/or that cannot be easily lifted by one person and include couches and mattresses, but do **not** include items otherwise banned from trash (see below).

The following items are NOT collected with the trash in Chelmsford:

- **Appliances:** call **Appliance Recyclers at 877-228-2898** for curbside collection for a fee. Donate working appliances—see p. 7.
- **Yard waste** -leaves, grass clippings, brush and Christmas trees -p. 5.
- **Construction/demolition debris:** asbestos, asphalt, brick, concrete, fiberglass insulation, wallboard, sheet rock, gravel, plaster, roofing/siding shingles, stone, large pieces of construction wood—p. 5.
- **Electronics**—computer monitors, TVs, other screens, etc.: call **Appliance Recyclers at 877-228-2898**.
- **Hazardous waste**—Save until spring HHW day or see page 6.
- **Large metal items**—car parts, metal fencing, wire, cable, gas tanks, lawn mowers, snow blowers, bbq grills, sheet metal, etc. Call **Appliance Recyclers** for curbside pick up for a fee at **877-228-2898**.
- **Some batteries**—do not put car/boat batteries, button cell, NiCad, lithium or any rechargeable batteries in the trash. Bring to HHW days; button batteries and small rechargeables—recycle at Town Offices—see page 8. Alkaline batteries can go in the trash.
- **Tires**—call **Appliance Recyclers at 877-228-2898** for curbside collection for a fee.
- **Cardboard**—**No trash in cardboard and no cardboard in the trash** (except contaminated pizza boxes). Cardboard must be recycled—see “Recycling” this page, and page 4.
- **Fluorescent light bulbs including CFLs:** see p. 2 and p. 6.
- **Mercury added products** such as thermometers, mercury thermostats, blood pressure cuffs, etc. See page 6.

Extra Trash: once a year, residents may put out up to 8 barrels of trash but **you must call the Recycling/Solid Waste Office at least four days before your regular trash day. No extra trash on holiday weeks.** *Regular household trash only—no bulk items.* Moving? See page 7.

Keep usable items out of the trash! See page 7 for information.

Recycling:

No limit on the amount of recycling you may put out.

Containers: Use **recycling bins** (*each household is entitled to two free bins*—call the Recycling Office to get yours) and/or other sturdy, well-marked containers such as laundry baskets. Leave at least 3 feet between your trash and recyclables. **NO plastic bags in recycling, no recycling in plastic bags.**

Stickers: Call for **recycling stickers** to put on your own 32 gallon barrel. Use stickered barrel for bottles, cans, milk and juice cartons—no paper or cardboard in the barrels, please.

Time: Recyclables must be at the curb by **6:30 a.m.** every other week on your trash day—see p. 2.

Set out requirements:

- **Containers:** Plastic and glass, metal food/drink cans, clean aluminum foil, milk/juice cartons do not need to be separated—place together loose in bin or in well labeled 32 gallon barrel.
- **Paper and cardboard:** place in **paper grocery bags** or tie in bundles—**NO PLASTIC BAGS.**
- **Corrugated cardboard boxes**—cut down boxes and tie or tape in bundles **ABSOLUTELY** no larger than 3'x 3' and no taller than 1' and place out with recyclables **OR** cut or fold down to fit in paper bag with your other paper for recycling.
- Place recycling at curb at least three feet from your trash every other week on trash day.

Preparation guidelines—see page 4.



Residents of multifamily properties using dumpsters for trash and totes for recycling

We want YOU recycling too!

Prepare recyclables according to instructions on page 4. Put paper and flattened cardboard in recycling toter labeled for paper. Put containers (glass, plastic 1-7 (no Styrofoam), metal cans, milk and juice cartons) in toter marked for containers.

NO PLASTIC BAGS IN THE TOTERS!

Call the Recycling Office if you want to know your property's **collection schedule**—and let us know if you are missed.

What to recycle in your bin or MF toter*	How to Prepare recyclables	What NOT to recycle in your curbside bin or MF toter*
<p>Paper: Newspaper and glossy inserts, magazines, catalogs, phone books, junk mail, colored paper, construction paper, manila folders, envelopes, post-its, shredded paper, computer paper, office paper, chipboard (cereal boxes, shoe boxes, cardboard tubes, gift boxes, etc.), corrugated cardboard, <i>clean</i> (or clean portions of) pizza boxes, cardboard egg cartons, clean frozen food boxes. Books: if usable see p. 7; otherwise, one paper grocery bag per recycling week.</p>	<p>Put all paper in PAPER GROCERY BAGS (no plastic bags) or tie in bundles. Staples, labels, tape, stamps, envelope windows, spiral notebooks OKAY. MF properties—put in toter labeled “paper.”</p> <p>Cut corrugated boxes down and tie or tape in bundles no larger than 3 ft. by 3 ft. and no higher than 1 ft. for curbside collection, or put in paper grocery bag with your other paper for recycling.</p>	<p>No plastic bags in recycling bins (recycle them at grocery stores)</p> <p>No tissue paper, paper towel, napkins</p> <p>No carbon paper, waxed or foil coated paper</p> <p>No soiled paper or cardboard (i.e., greasy pizza boxes—recycle clean portions only), paper plates.</p> <p>No ice cream containers.</p>
<p>Metal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tin cans, aluminum cans, steel and mixed metal cans • Deposit and non-deposit cans okay • Aluminum (clean foil and pie type plates) • Empty food aerosol cans 	<p>Rinse</p> <p>Aerosol cans must be completely empty</p> <p>Labels okay</p> <p>Put loose in bin or recycling barrel with other containers—no need to separate. MF residents—put in toter marked “containers” or “bottles and cans.”</p>	<p>No foil coated paper or boxes</p> <p>No engine, auto or plumbing parts</p> <p>No propane cylinders/tanks</p> <p>No batteries</p> <p>No scrap metal</p> <p>The ONLY metal collected curbside (or in MF toters) is metal food and beverage containers and clean aluminum foil.</p>
<p>Plastic containers with recycling symbol:</p>  <p>BUT no Styrofoam even with a recycling symbol.</p> <p>Recyclable plastics include items such as: soda, water, sports drink, and milk bottles; yogurt, cottage cheese, cream cheese, margarine and deli tubs; plastic food trays; plastic (but NOT Styrofoam) egg cartons, salad dressing bottles, hygiene and cleaner containers, laundry and dish detergent bottles, etc. Include lids if they are marked with one of the above symbols.</p>	<p>Rinse</p> <p>Labels and neck rings are okay</p> <p>Place metal lids separately in bin</p> <p>Flatten if possible</p> <p>Plastic containers with metal handles—remove the handles.</p> <p>Put in bin or recycling barrel with other containers—no need to separate. MF residents—put in toter marked “containers” or “bottles and cans.”</p>	<p>No plastic bags in recycling bins—even with the recycling symbol (recycle them at grocery stores)</p> <p>No unmarked plastic (look for the recycling symbol at left).</p> <p>No Styrofoam—even with the  (Clean packing peanuts: UPS store on Drum Hill Road 978-454-4700.)</p> <p>No prescription medical bottles</p> <p>No hazardous waste containers</p> <p>No plastic tableware</p> <p>No plastic toys or furniture—even with the recycling symbol</p>
<p>Milk/juice cartons:</p> <p>Paper containers that held liquids (milk, cream and juice cartons, etc.)</p>	<p>Rinse. Plastic pour spouts are okay</p> <p>Flatten if possible. Put in bin or recycling barrel with other containers—no need to separate. MF residents—put in toter marked “containers” or “bottles and cans.”</p>	<p>No juice boxes.</p>
<p>Glass:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear or colored glass bottles and jars • Deposit and non-deposit bottles okay 	<p>Rinse, remove lids—put metal lids in bin.</p> <p>Labels, neck rings okay</p> <p>Put in bin or recycling barrel with other containers—no need to separate. MF residents—put in toter marked “containers” or “bottles and cans”</p>	<p>No broken glass</p> <p>No ceramics, drinking glasses, Pyrex or dinnerware</p> <p>No light bulbs</p> <p>No windows or window glass</p>

*MF Toter = recycling containers at multifamily properties that use dumpsters for trash.

YARD WASTE: Leaves, grass clippings, brush and composting

Leaves and Grass clippings are banned from the trash.

Contact Jones Farm, 246 Acton Road, Chelmsford, 978-256-8065, for fee based curbside leaf collection and drop off.

Other options:

- Take leaves and grass clippings for a fee to: BMC, Corp. in Tewksbury (781-273-0398 or go to www.tsoil.com); or to Landscape Express, Woburn, 781-933-3818.
- **Allow your grass clippings to decompose on your lawn**—call the Recycling Office for the DEP's brochure "Don't Trash Grass" with advice on how to cut your lawn without bagging your grass. (The brochure is also available at www.townofchelmsford.us—click on "Town Departments," then "Public Works," "Recycling/Solid Waste").
- **Compost your leaves and grass clippings: we have discounted compost bins for sale at the Recycling Office—or you can build your own. Composting resources are available at the Recycling Office, at the library and online.**

Brush and branches:

Let brush degrade in your yard: Do not stack brush more than 2 feet high or in such a manner that the Fire Department would presume that it will be burned, and do not stack brush within 20 feet of any road, within 40 feet of any highway, another person's property or town owned land or wetlands. (Brush may be burned from January 15 through April 30. Permits are required by the Fire Department— 978-250-5265.)

Chip brush

Make your own wood chips- buy, rent or borrow a chipper. (They can be rented from Taylor Rental—978-937-5544.)

Free Town sponsored brush drop offs—Fall date, October 4, 2008, spring date April 4, 2009. Hours 10-2. Location: Community Tree, 163 Billerica Road, Chelmsford. Bring brush and branches no larger than 6 inches in diameter, no longer than 8 feet. String, wire, bags, etc. must be removed by the resident. If you miss the Town sponsored drop off, you can take your brush to Community Tree for a fee. Call 978-256-0341 for hours and fees.

Christmas trees are NOT collected by the Town's hauler.

(For all disposal methods, remove all decorations, hooks, nails, stands etc.)

- Arrange for curbside pick up by Boy Scout Troop 70 for a donation. Call 1-978-501-4611, email xmastrees@troopseventy.com.
- Take to Community Tree, 163 Billerica Road (978-256-0341) for a donation to the Boy Scouts. Call ahead for information.

Construction/demolition debris

The Town's trash contract is for household waste, not construction and demolition debris. If you are doing a small home improvement project, small amounts of some debris generated **may** be acceptable with your trash. **Wall board, sheet rock, concrete, stone, brick, gravel, asphalt, shingles or asbestos** are banned by the incinerator. To dispose of these materials and/or more than small amounts of other debris (see below), rent a dumpster or take to one of the following companies:

Variety of construction debris such as: fiberglass, insulation, plaster, wallboard, sheet rock, roofing, siding, shingles (no asbestos), wood fencing, large wood pieces, railroad ties:

- E.L. Harvey & Sons, Westborough 800-321-3002
- Waste Management Transfer Facility, Leominster 978-840-9557
- C.J. Mabardy, Cambridge 617-354-7580
- Recycle America, Fitchburg 978-342-2200

Asphalt, gravel, stone, brick, concrete (no asbestos):

- Graniteville Recycling, Westford, 978-692-3532

Clean (not painted or stained) construction wood:

- Landscape Express, Woburn 781-933-3818

Metal: call **Appliance Recyclers, 877-228-2898** for curbside collection for a fee or see drop off options on page 7.

Asbestos: Look in the Yellow Pages

Usable building materials to get rid of? Try www.freecycle.org (more information on page 7).

Items that will be collected at curb with trash as bulk items (i.e., no more than 1 per week and NONE on holiday weeks—see "bulk items" on page 3)

Wood: *Small amounts*—remove or hammer down nails, cut boards to no longer than 3 feet, tie in bundles no more than 30 pounds each, no more than 1 bundle/week.

Windows: Thoroughly tape glass on BOTH sides so every inch of the glass is covered. No more than 5 windows per week.

Carpeting: cut into 3' foot strips, tie or tape into rolls up to 12" inches in diameter. No more than 5 rolls per week.

Fiberglass tub/shower: cut into pieces that can be handled by the haulers and put at curb with trash.

Toilet: separate seat from tank and put one part out per week.

Mercury

Chelmsford has been working to keep mercury out of the trash for many years because it is extremely toxic. As of May 1, 2008, state law prohibits any person, household, business, school, state or municipal government from knowingly disposing of a mercury added product in the trash. “Mercury added” products include thermometers (with silver liquid), thermostats (with silver liquid in glass cylinder-not digital); button batteries; blood pressure cuffs; neon lamps; fluorescent lamps (including “green cap” and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs)); electrical switches; bilge pumps and sump pumps that contain mercury switches; flat panel computer monitors and TVs and other electronic devices with screens that are backlit using a fluorescent lamp such as handheld gaming devices and portable DVD players; some appliances such as gas ovens with mercury thermocouple and chest freezers with tilt switches in the lid; and toys and accessories containing button cell batteries that are not designed to be removed by the user/parent.

How to legally dispose of mercury added products:

Fluorescent bulbs: bring to the “Universal Waste Shed” behind Town Offices, 50 Billerica Road, the first Wednesday of the month, April through November, 9-6:30, or by appointment (call 978-250-5203) or bring to HHW day (below).

Thermometers: bring to Town Hall (Recycling Office, Board of Health or Town Clerk) for a free digital replacement.

Thermostats: bring to Recycling Office, Board of Health or Town Clerk for recycling.

Button batteries: bring to Recycling Office or Senior Center for recycling.

Mercury switches: call the Recycling Office—978-250-5203.

Elemental mercury: call the Recycling Office—978-250-5203.

Flat panel TVs and Computer monitors: Call **Appliance Recyclers, Inc. at 877-228-2898** to schedule curbside collection for a fee.

Appliances containing mercury switches (some freezers) or mercury thermocouples (some stoves): Call **Appliance Recyclers, Inc. at 877-228-2898** to schedule curbside collection for a fee.

Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste drop off day: May 9, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lower Lot, Town Offices, 50 Billerica Road. Fees charged (call BOH for fees, 978-250-5241) Bring: cleaners, drain openers, fluorescent bulbs, hobby or photography chemicals, metal or furniture polish, lithium batteries, Nickel/Cadmium batteries, antifreeze, car/boat batteries, brake fluid, degreasers, driveway sealers, motor oil, polishes and waxes, transmission fluid, fertilizers, fungicides and herbicides, insect sprays, pesticides, pool chemicals, rodent poisons, weed killers, epoxies, adhesives, oil based paint, paint thinner, solvents, stains, varnishes, wood preservatives, wood strippers.

DO NOT BRING: Infectious or biologic materials, radioactive materials, Silvex, T-Herbicides/ 2-3-4 Herbicides, unidentified materials, water reactive materials—contact the Board of Health for disposal suggestions. No ammunition, fireworks or explosives— contact the Fire Department at 978-250-5265.

Missed or can't make it to the hazardous waste drop off?

Minuteman Regional Hazardous Products Facility in Lexington. Call the Recycling Office (978-250-5203) to pre-register and for dates. **Envirosafe** in Lowell—call 978-453-7772 for hours, fees and what they'll take, or **Clean Harbors**, Braintree, MA—call 781-380-7177 or go to www.cleanharbors.com. **Batteries:** Alkaline batteries manufactured after 1994 are considered non-hazardous and may be disposed of in the trash. **Nicad, lithium and nickel metal hydride batteries**—do NOT put them in the trash—bring rechargeable batteries to the box outside the Recycling Office, hazardous waste drop offs or to the store where purchased. **Staples** (978-256-1828) accepts rechargeable cell phone batteries. **Vehicle batteries:** see if store where purchased will take them back; bring to hazardous waste day (May 9, 2009). **Used motor oil:** take to store where purchased with receipt—in MA they MUST accept it—or hazardous waste day.

Idling Reduction: Drivers—stop your engines!

Chelmsford received a DEP “anti-idling” grant in 2008 to help educate residents about the state anti-idling law. This law prohibits vehicle idling for more than 5 minutes except in a few exempt situations. **The law applies to everyone!** Idling pollutes the air, wastes fuel (and money) and causes needless wear and tear on your vehicle. The emissions from both gasoline and diesel vehicles cause a host of serious health problems, especially for children. These pollutants contribute to asthma, bronchitis, heart disease and other ailments. It is therefore extremely important that you **do not idle your vehicle near schools** or other places where there are children. State law provides for fines of \$100 for a first offense and up to \$500 for each subsequent offense. Please turn off your vehicle when you are not in traffic.

Donate Usable Goods To:

- The **Lowell Wish Project**, conveniently located at 1A Foundry St. in Lowell. Call **978-441-WISH (9474)** for drop off hours and to make sure they need what you have.
- **Boy Scout Troop 74**: they accept usable household goods to sell at their yard sale fundraiser. Drop offs are scheduled for: **9/20/08, 10/11/08, 11/1/08, 4/18/09 and 5/2/09 at the Central Congregational Church, 1 Worthen St., Chelmsford from 9 to 11.** (Dates and times are subject to change—please call their hotline -978-935-9474- during the scheduled week to confirm.)
- **Other options:** Project Home Again (Andover): 978-470-1356; Mass. Coalition for the Homeless: 781-595-7570 ext. 13; Salvation Army—large item pick up: 800-958-7825 (thrift stores: Wilmington 978-988-9488 and Nashua, NH 603-880-0271); Goodwill Industries of MA 617-628-3618 and of NH 603-742-4299; St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Shop: 800-675-2882; Saint Vincent De Paul, Lowell 978-453-7750; and Big Brother Big Sister 800-483-5503.

Moving?

If you are moving, please plan ahead!

If you will have **extra trash** (up to 8 barrels or the equivalent) call the Recycling Office at least four days before your trash day. Residents are permitted to put out extra trash one time a year (no extra trash is collected on holiday weeks). **ONLY** regular household trash (i.e., no bulk items) with extra trash pick up.

Bulk items: you are only permitted ONE bulk item (see p. 3) per week (none on holiday weeks).

Usable goods you do not want to move: See information at left or try **www.freecycle.org** (below).

Recycling bins: Please leave your bins and this flyer for the new occupants. If you are staying in Chelmsford, you can get new bins at the Town Offices if there aren't any in your new home.

Freecycle

If you have usable things to get rid of, don't put them in the trash before trying **www.freecycle.org**—a website designed to keep usable items out of the trash by finding local people who want and will pick up what you want to get rid of. (Please use all the precautions you would normally use when meeting people over the internet.)

Abitibi Paper Retriever

The green and yellow Abitibi boxes at McCarthy and South Row Schools are available for people to recycle magazines, catalogs, newspapers, mail, office and school paper and now, phone books too! (NO cardboard). The Chelmsford Council of Schools earns money for each ton collected. (In 2007, over 50 tons of paper were collected in these boxes!)

Books

Friends of the Library Book Sale: donate good condition books, tapes, videos, CDs, maps and text books (not older than 4 years). The 2008 Book Sale will be Friday, Sept. 26—Sunday, Sept. 28. **Drop off books at the Dutton House (yellow house next to the main library) on the following dates:** Saturdays June 28 and July 12th from 9 to noon; Wednesday July 16, 2 to 4 pm; Saturday July 26, 9 to noon; Wednesday July 30, 2 to 4 pm; Saturday Aug. 9, 9 to noon; Wednesday August 13, 2 to 4; Sat. Aug. 23, 9 to noon, Wednesday August 27, 2 to 4 pm.

Got Books (978-664-6555) will pick up books from your home for free. They also take video/audio tapes, DVDs and CDs. Go to **www.gotbooks.com** for more information.

Propane Tanks

- Take (for a fee) to South Chelmsford Agway 978-256-9991 or Taylor Rental 978-937-5544
- One pound propane tanks—Minuteman Regional Hazardous Waste Facility—see p. 6 under “household hazardous waste.”

How to dispose of latex paint:

Latex paint is NOT hazardous waste. Remove lid and allow paint to dry completely. If there is too much paint to dry quickly, purchase paint hardener at the hardware store. Once paint is **100% dry**, place cans next to trash *with lids off so the haulers can see that it is dry.* (Oil based paint IS hazardous waste—see page 6 for disposal options).

Metal items

Recycling metal reduces our trash tonnage and reduces the demand for newly mined ore and the environmental damage caused by mining. Recycle all of your food and beverage cans (aluminum, tin, steel and mixed metal) and clean aluminum foil and pie type plates at the curb. For other metal:

- For curbside collection of appliances or other large metal items for a fee, call **Appliance Recyclers at 877-228-2898.**
- To drop off metal items, try the following—but call first to make sure they'll take what you have: **Max Levine's and Co., Lowell 978-454-7786; Black and Blue Demo and Salvage Inc. 978-804-7240; WM Transfer Facility, Leominster 978-840-9557.**

Town-wide Litter Clean up: Thank you!

Over 300 people volunteered for the Earth Day Litter Clean up in April. Thank you to all of the volunteers who cleaned the Town. Thank you also to the event’s very generous sponsors: The Chelmsford Business Association, Stop and Shop in Chelmsford, Hannaford Brothers in Chelmsford, Chelmsford Agway, North Chelmsford Hardware and Mrs. Nelson’s Candy House.

We held a wonderful Earth Day Fair on April 19 to cap off the clean up. The following people and organizations were there to share interesting ways we can reduce our adverse impact on the earth: Kristy Medina showed us how to make lovely bags from juice boxes and plastic bags; Melinda Goodick and Beth Logan demonstrated their fabric grocery bags; Sandy Fee and Suzanne Dionne talked about the Westlands School “desk art” project; Bonnie Rankin showed us her home made “cigar box” pocket books; Akiko Sano demonstrated “furoshiki” – wrapping gifts in fabric; Phil Jones was there to talk about composting and organic lawn care; Virginio Mendonca brought his car that runs on recycled vegetable oil and his solar ovens; Jonathan Slate and Manoj Padki brought information about a co-housing; Cindy McLain and Beth Logan talked about the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail; Clare Nugent demonstrated worm composting; First Parish Green Ministry presented information on organic foods, sustainable living and energy conservation; Jean Clements from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative told us how to purchase electricity from renewable sources; Steve Trask from Cartridge World talked about the importance of ink cartridge recycling; and Martin Kelly from Kelly Green in Tyngsborough brought information on solar energy options. Ben Rankin, Jonathan Slate and Nolan Slate provided wonderful music during the fair. Thank you to all of the presenters and visitors at the fair –hope to see you next year!

Come to the Town Offices:

- **If you need recycling bins** (every household that does curbside recycling is entitled to two functional bins) or **stickers**;
- To donate **eye glasses**—Lions Club box on 1st floor;
- To recycle **rechargeable batteries**—collection box outside Recycling Office on lower level;
- To recycle **cell phones**—boxes outside Clerk’s Office and Recycling Office;
- To recycle **button cell batteries** (they contain mercury) - box outside the Recycling Office;
- To recycle **mercury thermometers and thermostats**—bring to the Recycling Office, the Board of Health office or the Town Clerk’s office (we’ll give you a digital thermometer in exchange for your mercury one);
- To recycle **print cartridges** for Cartridge World—box outside the Recycling Office;
- To recycle **fluorescent light bulbs**—first Wed. of the month April-Nov., 9-6:30 or by appointment;
- To **purchase a compost bin** (\$40 for Chelmsford residents);
- To get a “**junk mail reduction kit**” at the Recycling Office—also try www.catalogchoice.org to get off of mailing lists;
- To recycle **flattened cardboard** if there is room in the roll-off —do NOT put it on the ground!

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