Recycling Everyday Items – Additional Resources

First, make full use of your Lynnfield curbside recycling program. *Next,* get your unwanted items into the hands of people who can use them.

Appliances- small, large

Small working appliances, such as microwaves, fans, bread machines, etc. can be brought to Goodwill or Savers. Depending on their size, appliances NOT in good working order may be disposed of in your weekly trash, or may require a white goods/appliances sticker that must be obtained at the DPW office.

Batteries

Button cell Batteries, Rechargeable Batteries, Thermostats and Thermometers should be brought to the DPW office. Alkaline batteries can go in your trash.

Books

Books may be donated to the Lynnfield Public Library in designated book donation boxes or with prior approval from the Reference Librarian (781) 334-5411. Certain restrictions apply. Donated books are sold in twice-yearly book sales by the Friends of the Lynnfield Library, as fundraisers.

Cars & Trucks

Many charities in Massachusetts will recycle your donated car and/or other vehicles such as campers, trucks, etc. Here are some charities that accept such donations: <u>American Red</u> <u>Cross, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Clubs, Goodwill, Make-a-Wish, Salvation Army, Special Olympics, Vehicles for Veterans MA.</u> You can also check with your favorite charity for an available program.

CDs, DVDs and Video Games

Unwanted but still good CDs, video games and DVDs can be donated to the Lynnfield Public Library with prior approval from the reference Librarian at (781) 334-5411.

Cellphones

Cellphones can be donated to Cellphones for Soldiers.

Christmas Trees

Live Christmas trees (decorations removed) can be brought to the DPW Recycling Yard during limited days during the holiday season. Disposal is free of charge but a valid recycling sticker is required. Call the DPW office for schedule and sticker details.

Clothing and Textiles

Bring your textiles to the clothing and textile boxes in the parking lots of any Lynnfield public schools (a portion of the proceeds benefits the schools' PTOs). All textiles must be **bagged**, **clean and dry**.

Computers & Electronics

Staples and Best Buy will recycle computers and other electronics for free (NOT including CRT's and TVs, when a fee may apply). Bring them to the Customer Service desk in the stores.

Construction/Demolition Materials

Items can be brought to G. Mello Disposal in Georgetown (978-352-8581) and disposed of for a fee.

Eyeglasses

Walmart in-store Vision Center at 55 Brooksby Village Way, Danvers, MA 01923 accepts all eyeglasses and donates these to Lions Clubs International.

Flags

Lynnfield Boy Scout Troop 48 has 2 flag collection boxes; on the front steps of Town Hall, and outside the Post Office in South Lynnfield. All flags are disposed of honorably.

Flower Pots

Plastic flower pots need to be put in the trash.

Holiday Lights

During the holiday season, and only during the month of December, Lowes Home Improvement at 153 Andover St., Danvers, MA 01923 will accept your tree lights in any condition at their Customer Service desk.

Household goods, Sporting Equipment, Toys & Kids' Items

Donations of working, gently used household items can be given to Goodwill, Savers and Project Home Again. Some organizations, such as <u>Big Brothers Big Sisters</u>, the <u>Epilepsy</u> <u>Foundation</u>, <u>Salvation Army</u>, and <u>St. Vincent de Paul</u> will pick up reusable household items from your home on a schedule or by appointment. Other useful items not listed? Offer them on <u>freecycle.org/</u>, or <u>craigslist.org</u>.

Ink and Toner Cartridges

Ink cartridges, as well as large copier toner cartridges can be recycled for free at the Staples and Best Buy stores' customer service desks.

K-Cups

These should be put in the trash.

Metals

Only food and beverage cans can be placed in your blue curbside recycling bin. Other metals can be brought to G. Mello Disposal in Georgetown (978) 352-8581 and disposed of for a fee. Call ahead for hours of operation and possible daytime capacity limits.

Plastic Bags & Plastic Film

Grocery bags, case wrap, paper towel wrap, etc. can be recycled! Many grocery and retail stores (Shaw's, Market Basket, Target, Kohl's, Staples, Lowe's) have recycling bins for plastic

bags and wraps. Recycle them during your weekly shopping trip, consider reusing them for some other household purpose, or avoid using them completely by investing in reusable bags.

Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Remove and recycle the batteries (see recycling batteries above) and then put these your trash.

Sporting Goods

Donations of working, gently used sporting goods can be given to Goodwill and Savers. <u>Passback</u>, a donation program of the US Soccer Federation, accepts soccer cleats, balls, shin guards, pads, nets, shirts or shorts, etc.

Wire Hangers

Wire hangers in good condition can be returned to the dry cleaner for reuse.