

# State of Massachusetts DEP “Waste Bans”

Did you know that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has “Waste Bans” and that it is unlawful to dispose of these materials in your trash? Waste bans are prohibitions on the disposal and transfer for disposal of certain toxic and/or recyclable items. Waste bans are intended to encourage reuse and/or recycling of certain waste materials, conserve disposal capacity, and reduce adverse environmental impacts from waste materials containing toxic substances.

Households are considered generators of refuse and are required to adhere to these bans. All trash haulers in the Town of Plainville are required to provide recycling services in addition to trash collection.

Below is the list of **Materials Banned from Disposal by the State of Massachusetts**. Some of the banned items may be recycled with your curbside collection or brought to the Plainville Recycling Center at the Highway Garage. Other outlets for recycling these materials may be found at [www.recyclingworksma.com](http://www.recyclingworksma.com) or [www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/recycle](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/recycle).

## RECYCLE CURBSIDE with the MUNICIPAL COLLECTION PROGRAM

In addition to the items below, the curbside collection program collects additional materials

Please see the reverse side for a complete list of acceptable materials

- ✓ **Recyclable Paper:** all paper, cardboard, and paperboard products. But not tissue paper, toweling, paper plates and cups, wax-coated cardboard, and other low-grade paper products that cannot be used by paper mills as a result of normal intended use, these items are to be disposed of as trash;
- ✓ **Glass Containers:** glass bottles and jars (soda-lime glass). But not light bulbs, Pyrex cookware, plate glass, drinking glasses, windows, windshields and ceramics these items are to be disposed of as trash;
- ✓ **Single Polymer Plastics:** all narrow-neck plastic containers;
- ✓ **Metal Containers:** aluminum, steel or bi-metal beverage and food containers

## RECYCLE at the PLAINVILLE RECYCLING CENTER

These items are NOT collected curbside

The Plainville Recycling center accepts additional materials for recycling

Please see the enclosed “Municipal Trash & Recycling Program” flyer for a complete list

- ✓ **Batteries:** lead-acid batteries used in motor vehicles or stationary applications;
- ✓ **Cathode Ray Tubes:** any intact, broken, or processed glass tube used to provide the visual display in televisions, computer monitors;
- ✓ **Leaves:** deciduous and coniferous leaf deposition;
- ✓ **Metal:** Ferrous and non-ferrous metals from used appliances, building materials, vehicles, and manufacturing processes;
- ✓ **White Goods:** appliances employing electricity, oil, natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas to preserve or cook food; wash or dry clothing, cooking or kitchen utensils or related items. These typically include refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, clothes washers, clothes dryers, gas or electric ovens and ranges, and hot water heaters;
- ✓ **Whole Tires:** motor vehicle tires of all types. Whole tires may be disposed at combustion facilities;
- ✓ **Yard Waste:** grass clippings, weeds, garden materials, shrub trimmings, and brush 1" or less in diameter (but not diseased plants) *(The recycling center accepts brush up to 3" in diameter)*

## RECYCLE by calling Recycling Works at 888-254-5525 or visit

[www.recyclingworksma.com](http://www.recyclingworksma.com) or [www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/recycle](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/recycle).

These items are NOT accepted by the Plainville Municipal Recycling Program (curbside or drop-off)

- ✓ **Asphalt Pavement, Brick, and Concrete;**
- ✓ **Clean Gypsum Wallboard:** A panel (known as drywall) with a gypsum core and faced with a heavy paper or other material on both sides that is not contaminated with paint, wallpaper, joint compound, adhesives, nails, or other substances after manufacture. *(small amounts may be disposed of with trash as a bulky item)*
- ✓ **Wood:** Treated and untreated wood, clean wood, trees, stumps, and brush *(the recycling center accepts brush up to 3" in diameter)*, including but not limited to sawdust, chips, shavings and bark. *(small amounts of lumber less than 4' may be disposed of with trash as a bulky item);*
- ✓ **Commercial Organic Material:** Food and vegetative material from businesses and institutions that dispose of one ton or more organic material per week.

**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLES FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION**