



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## Town of Southwick

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#### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE TRANSFER STATION

All residents should take full advantage of all the recycling opportunities at the Transfer Station. A summary of recyclable items are included in the Transfer Station Rules & Regulations pamphlet you receive when you purchase your sticker and are posted on the Town's website.

Southwick is historically one of the worst Towns in all of Massachusetts when it comes to recycling. A summary of Southwick's historical trash generation rate vs. other Massachusetts communities is below. This information is also posted thru MassDEP's website at <https://www.mass.gov/lists/recycling-solid-waste-data-for-massachusetts-cities-towns>

Southwick	Approx. 2,100 lbs. of trash/household/year
Statewide average	Approx. 1,400 lbs. of trash/household/year
Lowest MA rates	Less than 750 lbs. of trash/household/year

What can you do to help?

- Deliver any returnable bottles and cans into the Lions Club collection bin. The Town does not have to pay for disposal and the proceeds support a great local organization.
- Flatten all cardboard. The influx of cardboard has caused the container to fill very quickly. Flattened cardboard will save on the number of trips necessary for disposal.
- The Town does continue to generate revenue from scrap metal. Metal should be stripped out of any items and disposed of in this bin as opposed to the trash hopper.

Further, recycling is mandatory per Town Bylaws. Article 153-1 states: *Residents of every household within the town shall implement a program of recycling in conjunction with ordinary waste disposal and shall be required to separate all waste material into the following categories before depositing the same for disposal: A) Glass and cans, B) Paper, C) Other waste.*

Through increased recycling efforts, we can reduce the operation costs at the Transfer Station, save tax dollars, and help the environment. Please refer to the Town's website for tips on recycling. If you have any questions, contact the DPW office at 413-569-6772.

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