



# TOWN OF AVON NEWSLETTER

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Police Department</b>	<b>508-583-6677</b>
<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>508-583-5361</b>
<b>Town Hall</b>	<b>508-588-0414</b>
Accountant	1031
Assessors	1027
Board of Health	1016
Board of Selectmen	1019
Building Inspector	1022
DPW	1024
Planning Department	1017
Tax Collector	1012
Town Administrator	1020
Town Clerk	1013
<b>Public Library</b>	<b>508-583-0378</b>
<b>Council on Aging</b>	<b>508-559-0060</b>
<b>School Department</b>	<b>508-588-0230</b>
<b>Housing Authority</b>	<b>508-588-1847</b>
<b>Animal Control</b>	<b>508-767-5259</b>

## TOWN WEBSITE

[www.avon-ma.gov](http://www.avon-ma.gov)

## TOWN HALL HOURS

<b>Mon. – Wed.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b>

## CLOSED:

**September 2, 2019 – Labor Day**



## FEATURE ISSUE – HELPFUL GUIDE TO TRASH DISPOSAL

Please see the center pages of this newsletter for an all-inclusive guide to rubbish disposal for the Town of Avon.

## SUMMER WATER BAN IN EFFECT

Please be advised that a Phase I Water Ban is in effect in the Town of Avon. Outdoor water usage is restricted to a handheld hose only, and watering is **not allowed** during the hours of 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.



## PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR TAXES

The Town of Avon has several options to assist you in paying your real estate and personal property taxes timely.

1. Direct Mail – Using the P.O. Box address listed on the bill
2. Pay Online – through the website at [www.avon-ma.gov](http://www.avon-ma.gov) and by clicking “Online Payments” on the home page.
3. In Person at Town Hall – Office Hours: Monday through Wednesday open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

\*\*Please be advised that payments received after August 1, 2019 accrue an interest charge at the rate of 14% per annum.



## A HELPFUL GUIDE TO TRASH, RECYCLING, BULK COLLECTION & THE COMPOST SITE

### TRASH POLICY

- All residents should have a town trash tote. The hauler will only pick up trash in a town tote.
- All trash must be bagged prior to placing in the tote. All material must be placed inside the tote for collection.
- Trash totes should be placed at the curb no later than 7:00AM on the day of collection.
- All totes should be three (3) feet apart from each other and three (3) feet apart from any obstacles (telephone poles, mailboxes, signs, etc.) Do NOT place totes in front of fire hydrants.
- Residents living on one-way streets and dead ends (without a cul-de-sac) must place their totes on the right side of the street.
- Any trash tote that needs to be replaced, will be replaced with a 64-gallon tote.

### RECYCLING POLICY

- **DO NOT BAG ANY** recyclable material. All material must be placed inside the tote for collection.
- All residents should have a town recycling tote. The hauler will only pick up recycling in a town tote.
- Recycling totes should be placed at the curb no later than 7:00AM on the day of collection. Recycling is biweekly only.
- All totes should be three (3) feet apart from each other and three (3) feet apart from any obstacles (telephone poles, mailboxes, signs, etc.). Do NOT place totes in front of fire hydrants.
- Residents living on one-way streets and dead ends (without a cul-de-sac) must place their totes on the right side of the street.
- The following should be recycled:  
Cans: aluminum and steel cans (empty and rinse so there is no food contamination)  
Cartons: food and beverage cartons (empty, rinse so there is no food contamination and replace cap)  
Glass: bottles and jars (empty and rinse so there is no food contamination)  
Paper: mixed paper, envelopes, newspaper, magazines and cardboard (emptied and flattened)  
Plastic containers: kitchen, laundry and bath products (empty, rinse so there is not contamination and replace cap)
- For questions about what can be recycled visit: [recyclesmartma.org](http://recyclesmartma.org) and use the *Recyclopedia*
- Keep these contaminants OUT of your recycling: Recyclables in plastic bags, food, liquids, electronics, small appliances, textiles, bedding, rugs, carpets, yard waste, non-recyclable plastic, hoses, holiday lights, hangers, extension cords, plastic bags, plastic film, plastic sheets, flexible packaging plastics, paper napkins, paper towels, paper plates, paper cups, tissues, polystyrene foam (Styrofoam), tires, auto parts, scrap metal, concrete, wood, construction material. See below for some ways to recycling these items.

### BULK COLLECTION POLICY

- Bulk items are collected quarterly on a Saturday.
- A limit of ten (10) items may be placed out for each bulk collection.  
Example: a table and four chairs would be five items.
- Items may not be placed out earlier than one week prior to the collection.
- Trash totes will not be picked up.
- Mattress and box springs are no longer collected at bulk collection. See below.

### GRASS CLIPPINGS, LEAVES, BRUSH

(less than 6" diameter)

Accepted at Compost Site.  
Do not put in  
trash/recycling tote.

No Fee

### CHRISTMAS TREES

All ornaments, tinsel, lights and stand must be removed.  
No artificial trees.

Collected by the DPW.  
Check for dates.

No Fee

### ELECTRONICS

fax machines, stereos, radio equipment, propane tanks, cable attachments, e-book readers, scanners, wire, speakers, metal (non-ferrous), cell phones, telephone, tablets, water heaters, printers, keyboard, computer mice, telecommunications equipment, VCR/DVD players, space heaters, servers, copiers, cameras, modems.

A recycle bin is available at town hall to drop off small electronics. Other items can be brought to the Compost Site.

No Fee

TV's, computers, monitors, laptops

Accepted at the Compost Site only.

\$10 Fee - Purchase Recycle Ticket at the Town Clerks Office

### APPLIANCES

refrigerators, stove, dishwasher, washers, dryers, humidifiers, dehumidifiers

Accepted at the Compost Site or on Bulk Collection Days.

\$10 Fee - Purchase Recycle Ticket at the Town Clerks Office

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<b>APPLIANCES</b>	air conditioners and microwaves	Accepted at the Compost Site or on Bulk Collection Days.	\$10 Fee - Purchase Recycle Ticket at the Town Clerks Office
<b>OTHER</b>	fluorescent lights	ONLY accepted the Compost Site.	No Fee
	mercury items (thermometers, thermostats, batteries)	ONLY accepted at the Compost Site.	No Fee
	cardboard and paper	Accepted for curbside collection and at the Compost Site.	No Fee
<b>BATTERIES</b>	most single-use household batteries (AAA, AA, C, D and 9 volt), alkaline batteries, batteries that contain NO mercury	Can be disposed of in the weekly trash.	No Fee
<b>FURNITURE</b>	couches, dressers, chairs and other small items	Accepted on Bulk Collection Days or at the Compost Site.	No Fee - Please note that only 10 items may be put out for bulk collection day.
<b>MATTRESSES AND BOX SPRINGS</b>	<p><b>Acceptable:</b> Twin, double, queen, king, California king; traditional mattresses/box springs constructed of metal, textiles, wood and foam. Includes crib mattresses and memory foam mattresses.</p> <p><b>Unacceptable:</b> Excessively torn, punctured, soiled or moldy items. Twisted or crushed mattresses or broken box springs. Wet or frozen mattresses or box springs. Mattresses or box springs infested with bed bugs or other pests. Futons, fold-out sofa beds. Mattress pads and toppers. Infant sleeping pads; air or water beds; any other furniture or textiles.</p>	Accepted at the Compost Site. No longer accepted for bulk pick up.	No Fee
<b>MEDICATION</b>	The Board of Health is in the process of contracting with a company to have a medication kiosk at the new Police Station. More information will be available soon.		
<b>CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL</b>	No construction material is accepted at the Compost Site or Bulk Collection.		
<b>SHARPS</b>	Must be in a hard-plastic container	Accepted at Town Hall	No Fee
<b>TEXTILES</b>	tops, sweaters, sweatshirts, dresses, tank tops, blazers, pants, jeans, sweatpants, skirts, shorts, slacks, undergarments, socks, t-shirts, slips, pajamas, coats, shoes, heels, pumps, sandals, boots, work boots, dress boots, winter boots, sneakers, cleats, slippers, flip flops, hats, purses, belts, gloves, duffle bags, ties, scarfs, totes, bathrobes, sheets, blankets, draperies, pillows, towels, table linens, comforters, throw rugs, placemats, stuffed animals	Accepted at collection bins located at the Butler Elementary School and AMHS. Curbside pick-up of textiles will begin in September and an additional collection bin will be placed at the compost site around that time.	No Fee
<b>HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE</b>	batteries (rechargeable, specialty and button batteries), flea and tick powders, lead-acid batteries (auto, motorcycle, security alarm, etc.), tires, adhesives, antifreeze, aerosol cans, art supplies, hobby supplies, household cleaners, insecticides, motor oil, oil based paint, oil filters, paint thinner, pesticides, photography chemicals, stains, varnishes, weed killer	Collected at Household Hazardous Waste Day. Usually held in October at Randolph High School.	Some fees may apply. Look for information in September/early October.

The Compost Site is located at 100 Wales Avenue. The Compost Site is open on Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Identification must be shown. For questions please contact the Board of Health at 508-588-0414 x 1016 or at [kwaldron@avon-ma.gov](mailto:kwaldron@avon-ma.gov).

### **FREE CURBSIDE TEXTILE RECYCLING COMING TO AVON**

Beginning Monday, September 16, 2019, Avon residents will be able to recycle unwanted textiles simply by bagging them and leaving them at the curb on their regular scheduled recycling collection day. The Avon Board of Health is providing this new service, free to the residents of Avon, in partnership with Simple Recycling. In the weeks before the program's September launch date, Simple Recycling will send mailers to homes that receive recycling collection from the town. These mailers will contain information along with two free pink bags for residents to get started using the program.

When cleaning out closets or disposing of unwanted items, residents should place all textiles in the provided bags. Residents may then place the bags at the curb on their regular scheduled recycling collection day. Bags should be placed three (3) feet from your recycling tote and should be put out before 7:00AM on the day of your pickup. Simple Recycling's trucks will pick up the bags, free of charge. At the time of the pick-up, Simple Recycling will provide a new bag for the resident to continue to dispose of textiles. Simple Recycling will accept a wide range of used textiles. The list of accepted items includes all types of used or new clothing (men's, women's and children's), coats/jackets, jewelry, shoes, purses, hats, small toys, blankets, sheets, drapes/curtains, pillows, sleeping bags, backpacks, etc. A list of all items can be found on their website at [www.SimpleRecycling.com](http://www.SimpleRecycling.com).

Simple Recycling service is not meant to compete with local charities. Its purpose is to provide a convenient curbside collection option for residents who choose that option. Ultimately, it's about keeping those items out of the trash. If residents can eliminate textiles from the municipal waste stream, the town could decrease the tonnage of waste produced, potentially reducing costs on waste disposal. For more information about the Simple Recycling program, for more bags or missed pickups, residents may call 866-835-5068 or visit [www.SimpleRecycling.com](http://www.SimpleRecycling.com). Residents may also contact the Avon Board of Health at 508-588-0414 x1016 or at [kwaldron@avon-ma.gov](mailto:kwaldron@avon-ma.gov).



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Taxes Due Planning Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall	2	3
4	5	6	7 Final Summer Concert at 6:30 p.m. at DeMarco Park	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Selectmen Meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Planning Board at 7:00 p.m.	16	17 Bulk Collection Day – Items Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 ZBA Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall	28 Avon Public Schools 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School Grades 1-12	29	30	31