

# TOWN OF AVON

## Trash, Recycling, Bulk Collection and Compost Site Guidance

- All residents should have a town trash tote and a town recycling tote. The hauler will only pick up town totes.
- All totes must 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 or dead end (without a cul-de-sac) must place their totes on the right side of the street.
- <https://recyclesmartma.org/results-materials/> is a helpful site to determine the best way to dispose of items.

### TRASH POLICY

- All trash must be bagged prior to placing in the tote. All material must be placed inside the tote for collection.
- 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.
- 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 & bath products (empty, rinse so there is no contamination and replace cap)
- 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 recycle these items.

### BULK COLLECTION POLICY

- Bulk items are collected quarterly on a Saturday.
- A limit of five (5) 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/Recycling totes, bags of trash and cardboard will not be picked up.
- Mattress and box springs are no longer collected at bulk collection. See below.

### GRASS, LEAVES, BRUSH

Brush should be less than 6" diameter.

Accepted at compost site only.  
Do not put in trash/recycling tote. No Fee

### CHRISTMAS TREES

All ornaments, tinsel, lights and tree stand must be removed.

Real trees are collected by the DPW. Check town website for dates. No Fee

Artificial trees can be brought to the compost site. \$32

### ELECTRONICS

Fax machines, stereos, radio equipment, propane tanks, cable attachments, e-book readers, scanners, wire, speakers, cell phones, telephone, tablets, printers, keyboard, computer mice, telecommunications equipment, VCR/DVD players, servers, copiers, cameras, modems.

Accepted at compost site only. No Fee

TV's, computers, monitors, laptops, microwaves, air conditioners (no commercial units)

Accepted at compost site only. \$10

### APPLIANCES

Refrigerators (must have doors removed)

Accepted at the compost site or on bulk collection days. Free for bulk collection. \$32 for disposal at compost site.

### METAL

Any items containing steel, iron, cast iron, aluminum, copper, brass, stainless steel, wire, radiators, rims, lawn mowers (fluids must be drained), oil tanks (must be cut in half), snow blowers, stove, dishwasher, washer, dryer, humidifier, dehumidifier, water heater, compactors, grills (no propane), space heaters

Accepted at the compost site or on bulk collection days. No Fee

### MERCURY ITEMS

Fluorescent lights, thermometers, thermostats, vape pens, batteries (button, lithium and any mercury containing batteries)

Accepted at compost site only. No Fee

### MEDICATION

Can be brought to the Avon Police Station on Fagan Drive or Household Hazardous Waste Day.

<b>BATTERIES</b>	Most single-use household batteries (AAA, AA, C, D and 9 volt), alkaline batteries, batteries that contain NO MERCURY and NO LITHIUM	Can be disposed of in the weekly trash.	No Fee
<b>CARDBOARD</b>	Any cardboard must be flattened. No air pillows or plastic film.	Accepted for curbside collection and at cardboard dumpster at compost site.	No Fee
<b>CARPET</b>	Must be in 3-foot sections and tied. Each section should be less than 35lbs.	Accepted at compost site or on bulk collection days.	Free for bulk collection. \$32 for disposal at compost site
<b>FURNITURE</b>	Couch/sofa, chest, dressers, chairs, tables, ottomans, bookcase, loveseat, etc.	Accepted at compost site or on bulk collection days (limit to 5 items per collection).	Free for quarterly bulk collection. \$32 for disposal at compost site.
<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. 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 compost site only.	<p>If acceptable for recycling, there is no fee and no ticket needed.</p> <p>If unacceptable for recycling, there is a fee of \$60 to dispose of each item.</p>
<b>CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL</b>	No construction material is accepted at the Compost Site or Bulk Collection. Material can be brought to Champion City Recovery 138 Wilder Street, Brockton (508) 941-6700. \$40 for the first 400lbs (\$40 minimum for anything less) \$10 for each additional 100lbs after 400lbs. Debit/credit card only. Must have a hard hat & high visibility shirt on site.		
<b>SHARPS</b>	Must be in a hard-plastic container prior to dropping in kiosk.	Accepted at Town Hall and Police Station	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, 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 Compost Site, Butler Elementary School and AMHS.	No Fee
<b>HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE</b>	<p>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</p> <p><b>Latex paint - let dry and throw away in municipal trash.</b></p>	Collected at Household Hazardous Waste Day. Held on August 12, 2023 from 9-12.	Some fees may apply.
<b>TIRES</b>	Cannot be disposed of in municipal trash collection. Must be brought to Household Hazardous Waste Day or contact Norfolk County Mosquito Control for pick up ( <a href="http://norfolkcountymosquito.org/tire-request-form/">http://norfolkcountymosquito.org/tire-request-form/</a> ).		

**\*Flat screens up to 50in (no crt or plasma), glass, ceramics, office equipment, and small wood furniture can be dropped off at “Just Smash It” Wednesday & Saturday 2-6PM, Sunday 12-3PM - 53 East Main Street, Avon MA 02322\***

**The Compost Site is located at 90 Wales Avenue. April – December it is open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 9AM-2PM. December - April open Saturdays only from 9AM-2PM. Identification must be shown. Check website for any change or closure.**

**All tickets must be purchased prior to disposal at the compost site. Tickets can be purchased at the Avon Town Hall, 65 East Main Street, Avon MA 02322. For more information, visit [avon-ma.gov](http://avon-ma.gov). For questions, contact the Avon Board of Health at 508-588-0414x1016 or [kwaldron@avon-ma.gov](mailto:kwaldron@avon-ma.gov)**