



**The City of Leominster Municipal Solid Waste and
Recycling Program Residential Guidance Handbook
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**All of this information is also available at: www.leominster-ma.gov
Prepared by the Leominster Health Department**

Contact Information

Health Department

978-962-3558

25 West Street

Leominster, MA 01453

www.leominster-ma.gov See Health Department, Trash and Recycling page

Disposal Contractor

1-800-649-7419 or 603-878-4108

G. W. Shaw and Son, Inc.

Email: julie@gwshawandson.com

4 Old Wilton Road

doug@gwshawandson.com

Greenville, NH 03048

Transfer Station

(978) 345-9425

AKS Recycling

15 Cobbler Drive

Fitchburg, MA 01420

Curbside Collection Holiday Schedule:

Observed holidays that may change the weekly rubbish/recycling schedule.

New Years Day

Labor Day,

Memorial Day

Thanksgiving,

Independence Day (July 4th)

Christmas Day

The Rubbish/Recycle collection schedule will not change for any other holidays even if City Hall is not open to the public. If the observed holiday falls on a weekday, there will be no collection that day and the remaining days of collection will be one day later than normal. For example if the holiday is on a Monday, the weekly rubbish/recycling collection will begin on Tuesday and finish on Saturday. Therefore if your collection day is normally Tuesday, for that week it will be collected on Wednesday. If one of these holidays falls on a Sunday, it is typically observed the next day, Monday, resulting in a one day delayed Holiday collection schedule. There is no collection on Thanksgiving so the trash normally collected on Thursdays will be collected on Friday, Friday's routes will subsequently be collected on Saturday.

If you have any questions about holiday schedules please call the Health Dept. at 978-962-3558

Curbside Collection of Trash or Municipal Solid Waste

Household Waste - Each household will be limited to a 64-gallon volume of household waste per week. Household waste is what is normally generated by families during every day life. **Waste shall be put into tied plastic bags before**

it is placed into the Tote. If residents need additional volume they can dispose of 1 bag per week for free at the AKS Transfer Station or they can purchase official "overflow bags" for \$4.00 each (Bags can be purchased at the Health Dept., City Hall, 25 West St., Leominster, MA.) Nothing else will be picked up other than what is contained in the Tote and official "overflow" bags. Additional totes can be purchased for \$92.50 and the additional annual fee is \$280 for collection (contact Leominster Health Dept at 978-962-3558) to arrange for another tote.

Acceptable Refuse (allowed): Rubbish, including but not limited to, Garbage or all organic waste matter (animal, fish, fowl, fruit and vegetable) produced from the preparation of food for human consumption, waste paper, pizza boxes, soiled paper plates, wax paper milk and juice containers, earthen ware (china), rubber, glassware, plastics, toys, and small tools.

Not Acceptable (not allowed): Demolition and construction debris, windows, screens, doors, microwave ovens, car seats, luggage, air conditioners, explosives, metal objects, televisions, computer monitors, large appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, trash compactors, dehumidifiers, bulk items, biological waste, toilets, shower stalls, sinks, chemicals, radioactive materials, oil, oil sludge, highly flammable substances, cardboard, septage or human waste, human or animal remains, motor vehicles, large auto or motorcycle parts, by-product waste of rubber, leather or plastics, yard machinery (lawn mowers, snow blowers, leaf blowers) liquid wastes, wood (excluding furniture), fluorescent light bulbs, liquid paint, caustic materials or liquids, paint thinner or remover, pesticides, soil and stone will not be picked up curbside. Please refer to the City Household Hazardous Waste Collection days and Bulk items for disposal of some of these waste ban items.

CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUR TRASH TOTES - All rubbish must be placed in tied plastic bags before placing them into the Green Tote. These can be any kind of plastic bag; they do not need to be "official over flow bags". Loose rubbish in the Tote will create more litter on the street which the homeowner or landlord is responsible for picking up. Do not over fill the tote. If the bags do not slide out when tipped into the truck, the contractor will not stop to manually pull the contents out. The tote will not be emptied. **It will then be the responsibility of the homeowner for disposal.** The top flap on the totes must be closed, do not leave them open and pile up bags of rubbish on top.

CHRISTMAS TREES and Holiday Wreaths - Will be picked up at the curb during the month of January. They do not have to be placed into the Tote.

RECYCLABLES

Acceptable Items for Recycling - Plastic, glass and metal food containers that have been rinsed out, flattened cereal, cracker, pancake mix, and cookie boxes, newspapers, magazines, catalogues, phone books, brown paper bags, waste paper, broken down cardboard. **NO PLASTIC BAGS, Styrofoam, or Pizza boxes!**

Items NOT acceptable for Recycling - Pizza boxes, any paper plate/cup that is soiled with food or drink are not acceptable for recycling. Any type of plastic bag, Styrofoam of any kind, soiled tissue or paper, coffee bags, tea bags, organic materials, colored wrapping paper, broken glass, wax paper milk and juice containers are not recycled. **Do not place recycling in plastic bags before putting them into the blue Tote.**

CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUR RECYCLING TOTES - All containers to be placed into the **recycling Tote** must be washed and rinsed of residual food products. Paper, glass bottles, cardboard, metal cans and plastic all go into the same container. Do not put items in plastic bags for recycling. Do not over load the Tote with heavy paper or pile up materials so the top cannot be closed. Most small plastic and metal food or drink containers can be stomped flat on the ground prior to placing them into the tote. This will save some volume in the container. Do not place rubbish or anything else that is not recyclable into the blue recycling Tote. Improperly loaded recycling totes will not be picked up. **The contractor will not return until the following week.**

Bulk Items

are limited to upholstered and wooden furniture, mattresses, box springs, rolled rugs (<5' long and < 50 lbs) and large plastic toys. This does not include metal or plastic furniture, pieces of wood or other construction and or demolition materials. Residents may put out one bulk item per week with their rubbish and recycling. A mattress and box spring is considered to be one item, a table and chairs would also be considered to be one item. A couch, a stuffed chair, an ottoman or other large pieces are considered to be one item as well. If you need clarification contact the Health Department at 978-962-3558 before putting the item(s) at the curb.

LEAF AND YARD WASTE PROGRAM

The city will pick up leaf and yard waste at the curb for 8 weeks in the spring and 8 weeks in the fall. **NO PLASTIC BAGS ALLOWED.** Residents can also take any amount of this material to the AKS Transfer Station all year long. Dates of Spring and Fall Pickup for 2023 are **April 3, 2023 thru May 26, 2023**
October 9, 2023 thru December 1, 2023

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS

Residents will be able to dispose of this type of waste 4 times per year at the DPW yard, 109 Graham Street. Dates for 2023 are:

March 18, 2023

June 17, 2023

August 19, 2023

November 18, 2023 (Mobile Paper Shredder on site)

HHH Waste Collected:

Antifreeze, Fluorescent light bulbs, Paint thinner/solvents
Art supplies furniture polishes, Pesticides
Auto fluids, Gasoline products, Photographic supplies
Button Batteries, Insect sprays, Rodent killers
Creosote, Kerosene, Root killers
Chemistry sets, Lead acid batteries, Septic tank cleaners
DDT, Metal polishes, Spot removers/solvents
Disinfectants, Mothballs, Pool chemicals
Drain cleaners, Motor oil, Thermostats
Dry gas, Muriatic acid, Toilet cleaners
Engine Degreaser, Nickel-cadmium batteries, Varnish
Flea killers, Paint: oil, marine, lead Stain & preservatives

Note: latex paint will not be accepted as hazardous waste. Leave cans open until they solidify and dispose of them in your normal rubbish. The paint must be dried and solid prior to disposal. If it is still in liquid form when the truck compacter is activated, the can will rupture and the paint will be released to the ground. There is a product (Homax Waste Away Paint hardener) which can be added to the paint to make it harden. It is available at Home Depot and Lowes.

AKS RECYCLING & TRANSFER STATION

Residents of Leominster may bring trash, recycling and yard waste to the AKS Transfer Station located at 15 Cobbler Drive, Fitchburg, MA. You no longer need a sticker for your vehicle but you must have a current driver's license or other proof of residency to present at time of drop off.

The hours of operation for the AKS Transfer Station are as follows:

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 AM to 1 PM

Thursday and Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM

Saturday 8:00 to 11:30 AM, (except on certain holidays).

Residents are limited to bringing 1 bag per week of trash or 1 item that would be equal in volume to a 32-gallon trash bag to the transfer station without a charge.

Residents are allowed to bring in any amount of yard waste and recycling to the transfer station at no charge.

Additional trash will be directed across the scale and paid for in a private transaction with AKS. There is a \$90 minimum charge and users will pay by the pound for whatever they wish to dispose of. The current charge is \$130 per ton. Please note that if you go to the transfer station at anytime other than the schedule outlined above, you will have to pay a higher commercial rate.

Current prices for disposal of these items at the AKS Transfer Station.

Please note that these prices are subject to yearly increases:

Microwave oven: \$37.00 each

Refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioners, de-humidifiers or any item containing Freon (The doors of these items must be removed prior to disposal for safety reasons). \$27.25

Stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, trash compactors hot water heaters: Free

Lawn mowers, snow blowers, (no oil, gas or hazardous materials) \$38.25

Television sets and computer monitors \$38.25

Console TV: \$56.00 per unit

Car tires \$28.00 with rims \$49.25

Mattresses or box springs \$38.00 each.

Propane Tanks \$27.25 at AKS

Oil tanks are not accepted.

Lightbulbs (any kind or size) \$13.00

Gas/charcoal grilles (outdoor type, no propane). Free

AKS will provide prices for other items not specifically listed above by calling 1-800-965-9425

Metal Items

Scrap metal can be taken to Fiore for no charge, please contact them at 978-353-3193 for specific information on these items.

Winthrop Metals in Fitchburg will take all metal items for no fee except for those containing Freon. Call 978-343-3627 before going to the facility.

Electrical Component Recycling and Disposal

Raw Materials Recovery Corp.

461 W. Broadway
Gardner, MA 01440
978-730-8266

Blue Knife Recycling LLC

25 Mohawk Drive
Leominster, MA 01453
978-906-5520

Tire Disposal Sites

Tires are not picked up curbside. The Following is a list of establishments and fees charged for dropping off tires.

ESTABLISHMENT DISPOSAL FEE

Monroe Tire

45 N. Main St.
Leominster, MA. 01453
Tel: 978-534-1100
\$3.00 per tire– ***Only when the tires are replaced***

Town Fair Tire \$3.75 per tire – 10 Max at a time

875 Merriam Ave.
Leominster, MA. 01453
Tel: 978-466-8801

Sullivan Tire \$4.00 per tire
162 Main St.
Leominster, MA. 01453
Tel: 978-534-9112

B J's Wholesale Club \$2.50 per tire
115 Erdman Way
Leominster, MA. 01453
Tel: 978-840-0900
No longer doing tire disposal unless you purchase tires

Tire Warehouse \$5.50 per tire
212 Bemis Rd.
Fitchburg, MA. 01420
Tel: 978-345-7335
Rims are \$5.00 extra

PROPANE TANK DISPOSAL SITES

Propane tanks and cylinders cannot be picked up curbside due to State Waste Ban regulations. The following is a list of establishments and fees charged for dropping off propane tanks: Propane Tanks can be taken to AKS for \$26.50

ESTABLISHMENT & DISPOSAL FEE

U-Haul Co. \$10 per tank – 10 lb. Max
207 Central St.
Leominster, MA. 01453
Tel: 534-7904

B J's Wholesale Club \$5.00 per tank
115 Erdman Way
Leominster, MA 01453
Tel: 840-0900

Liberty Supply \$12 per - *20 lb. tank*
\$35 per - *100 lb. tank*
195 Hamilton St.
Leominster, MA. 01453
Tel: 534-5464

Overflow Bags – Where to Purchase

Health Dept., City Hall, 25 West St. Room 11
Price per bag: \$4.00 or a roll of 5 for \$20.00

DISPOSAL OF USED SYRINGES, PRESCRIPTIONS & OTC Drugs

Used syringes can be taken to the Health Dept. in City Hall where they can be deposited in a kiosk in the hall.

Prescription drugs and OTC (Over the Counter) drugs may be brought to the Police Dept. 29 Church St. There is a kiosk in the entrance.