

Recycling in Truro

At the Truro Transfer Station, East side of Route 6, about 1/2 mi. south of Pamet Roads.

You do not need a dump sticker to recycle, but it is open to *residents* and *seasonal renters only* !

Hours: 7:30AM to 3:00PM (Open 7 days a week, except a few holidays)

Deposit Bottles and Cans	Metal and plastic: Please rinse clean and put in boxes in trailer near exit at right, for benefit of our senior citizens. Glass: Rinse and put in wooden box to the right of containers for other glass. Redemptions are making a big contribution to paying for the new COA-community center.
Other Glass Bottles and Jars	Rinse clean, remove plastic wrappings. (Paper labels, metal caps and rings, metal foil are OK.) Sort clear glass, green, and amber (brown) glass and carefully place them in the appropriate marked boxes on the tables in front of the bins. Only the attendants are allowed to throw them into the bins! No broken glass, window glass, light bulbs, drinking glasses, or mirrors, please; all that goes into the hopper. We also cannot accept (because we have no market for them) blue bottles or those with clear but non-removable plastic labels; they too go into the general trash.
Metal Cans (non-deposit)	Aluminum, steel, and tin cans may be put together in marked boxes on the table, with aluminum pie plates, foil, etc. All must be rinsed and clean, preferably flattened. Empty aerosol cans are OK. Put empty (dry) paint cans on the metal pile. (Take usable residues of paint of all kinds to our special shack during the warm months, May—October. See an attendant.)
Plastic Jugs and Bottles with Narrow Necks	We collect three types, which must be kept separate! For all: please rinse clean, and put them into the appropriately marked boxes. Note: at present (because of state regulations) we cannot recycle wide- mouthed containers, like those for yogurt, nor plastics #3—7. Take plastic grocery bags back to supermarkets for recycling. Truro has markets only for the following: 1. Milk and water jugs made of colorless plastic with the #2 recycling logo on the bottom. Please remove caps and stomp them flat. 2. Other, colored #2 plastic bottles and jugs. 3. Clear, hard #1 plastic (PET) bottles.
Waste Paper	Truro recycles (1) newspapers, which may be brought in stacks or in paper bags; (2) corrugated cardboard cartons, preferably flattened; (3) all other kinds of clean, dry paper and pasteboard: glossy inserts from newspapers, junk mail, office paper, magazines and paperbacks not wanted at the Swap Shop, phone books, wrapping papers, cardboard tubes, shoeboxes, etc. Note,

	<p>however: we cannot recycle cardboard or paper if coated with wax or plastic EXCEPT rinsed and flattened cartons formerly containing milk or juices; they are now recyclable if they have plastic screw-on caps. Bring miscellaneous paper in paper bags or in cardboard boxes. Please, no string, and no plastic bags. Take all types to the paper shack except corrugated cardboard; put that into the wagon or bin outside, flattening boxes. Put dirty or used paper towels and paper napkins into your compost bin/heap — they supply the necessary carbon just as well as leaves do.</p>
Things Made of Metal	<p>In the paved area beyond the Swap Shop there are two bays for metals: on the left, a general scrap pile for everything made of iron, steel, or aluminum, from nails to empty oil tanks; on the right, a place for "white goods": discarded refrigerators, stoves, washing machines, and other major appliances made of metal. Fees are charged for some big things, so check with the dump attendants before leaving them.</p>
Automotive Wastes	<p>Auto batteries; used motor oil and oil filters; and tires (but rims go on the metal pile): Check with dump attendants, who will show you where to put them and collect a small fee if applicable. Used (or leftover) anti-freeze should be recycled, free, at Fay's Automotive Center, 45 Court St., Provincetown. Never pour it on the ground or down a drain; it's poisonous and will get into the ground water.</p>
We Also Take:	<p>Leaves and manures (on the compost pile; no brush or bags); scrap lead, copper, brass, bronze, and other heavy metals; button and NiCad rechargeable batteries. Signs will tell you where to put them, or see attendants. Cathode ray tubes (TV screens and computer monitors), flat LED/plasma ones, go into a special trailer for recycling after you pay a fee to the attendant. Plastic "peanuts," bubble wrap, and other packing materials are not currently being recycled or collected for reuse. Silent switches, glass clinical thermometers and other waste containing mercury; and fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent bulbs: see attendant.</p>

Truro Swap Shop

Hours: 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Truro's "Free Store": Give to and take from it all sorts of usable items like tools, toys, clothing, shoes, kitchen equipment, books & magazines, and small appliances in working order. Everything must be clean and in good condition. Note: The Swap Shop closes every day at 3 PM.

Furniture Exchange: If you want to get rid of still-usable furniture, fill out a simple form (from the bulletin board, Swap Shop) and post it. If you want to get furniture, consult such posted

notices or put up a WANTED note. Lots of good stuff changes hands this way!

Check with attendants before leaving large items anywhere; some require fees. Dump sticker is required to dispose of waste in the hopper.

Composting

An important part of recycling is composting, which takes advantage of one of nature's ways of recycling organic wastes. Most people don't realize that more than two thirds of municipal solid waste can be composted! We do have a compost pile at the dump, but there is no reason most people can't compost at home, saving the trouble of taking a large part of their garbage to the dump. Leaves, grass clippings and other trimmings from the yard, weeds, and garden wastes, plus kitchen wastes (except fats, meats, and fish) and fireplace ashes, can all be put into a composter/compost heap. Some people simply dig a small pit, cover it when full, and move on to another spot, enriching the soil as they go. Others buy readymade compost-makers, though it is not difficult to build one yourself. Brochures explaining how to do it and the whole process are available at Town Hall or in the Swap Shop.

Maybe you have a very small yard, or nowhere to put a composter that wouldn't spoil the design of your outdoor space. In that case, consider making a box for indoor use. Red wigglers, the earthworms used in vermicomposting, eat their weight of organic material in a day, and will happily turn your kitchen scraps and non-recyclable paper into a smaller amount of valuable compost. You can use it on house plants, and/or save it for your garden or yard.

Among composting's benefits: it provides valuable nutrients to the soil; increases beneficial soil organisms (which chemical fertilizers tend to kill); it reduces the need for fertilizers and pesticides, since it suppresses certain plant diseases; it protects the soil from erosion, adding tilth and water-retaining capacity; and it helps remediate pollution. All the while reducing the amount of the smelliest kind of garbage, which you need to take to the dump and which needs to be expensively hauled away to be wastefully burned!

Any questions? Call the transfer station when it's open (7:30 AM to 3:30PM) at 349-6339.