



Devens Enterprise Commission Reuse and Recycling Guidance for Devens Businesses and Residents

This guidance document was developed to assist Devens businesses and residents with meeting the recycling requirements of 974 CMR 8.00 and 310 CMR 19.017. This document also offers additional guidance on how businesses may be able further reduce waste generation with assistance provided by the Devens Eco-Efficiency Center and its Great Exchange reuse program.

Through MassDevelopment and the Devens Eco-Efficiency Center (DEEC), Devens currently offers recycling facilities for all waste ban materials listed by the MA Department of Environmental Protection. The recycling facilities are provided for all residents and small businesses on Devens.

In accordance with 974 CMR 8.00, all residents, businesses, industries and organizations in Devens are required to recycle all Waste Ban materials as defined by the MA Department of Environmental Protection in 310 CMR 19.017, which include:

- **Glass Containers:** glass bottles and jars (soda-lime glass) but excluding light bulbs, Pyrex cookware, plate glass, drinking glasses, windows, windshields and ceramics.
- **Metal Containers:** aluminum, steel or bi-metal beverage and food containers.
- **Single Polymer Plastics:** all plastic containers with recycle symbol.
- **Recyclable Paper:** all paper, cardboard, and paperboard products excluding tissue paper, toweling, paper plates and cups, wax-coated cardboard.
- **Yard Waste:** grass clippings, weeds, garden materials, shrub trimmings, and brush 1" or less in diameter (excluding diseased plants).
- **Leaves:** deciduous and coniferous leaf deposition.
- **Batteries:** lead-acid batteries used in motor vehicles or stationary applications.
- **White Goods:** appliances employing electricity, oil, natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas to preserve or cook food; wash or dry clothing, cooking or kitchen utensils or related items. These typically include refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, clothes washers, clothes dryers, gas or electric ovens and ranges, and hot water heaters.
- **Whole Tires:** motor vehicle tires of all types. Whole tires may be disposed at combustion facilities. Shredded tires (a tire which has been cut, sliced or ground into four or more pieces such that the circular form of the tire has been eliminated) are not prohibited.
- **Cathode Ray Tubes:** any intact, broken, or processed glass tube used to provide the visual display in televisions, computer monitors and certain scientific instruments such as oscilloscopes.
- **Construction and Demolition Debris:** aggregate, asphalt, brick, carpet, ceiling tiles, concrete, gypsum, metal, paper, rubber, shingles and wood from construction activities and demolition of buildings and similar sources must be disposed of in a Massachusetts licensed construction and demolition debris recycling facility.

Every owner, tenant, occupant, property manager (acting on behalf of an owner, tenant, or occupant), or the person in control of the land at Devens is responsible for the proper disposal of recyclables, including the set up on site of recycling collection areas for owners, tenants, occupants, and property managers and for the proper disposal of recyclable materials and compostable yard waste. **Each occupant of land within Devens should therefore separate all designated recyclable materials and compostable yard waste from other refuse.**

Bundling of solid waste and recyclables service required: All haulers are required to provide bundled solid waste and recyclables collection services for their customers within Devens at a rate that reflects the cost of both services. Haulers are also required to provide quarterly reports to the Devens Department of Public Works (DPW) detailing the amounts and types of solid waste hauled and materials recycled. Exemptions are available provided the generator is using the Devens Recycling drop off or a separate hauler. **Generators (residents and businesses) shall send notice to the Devens DPW upon change of hauler.**

Recycling Services Available at Devens Department of Public Works (DPW)

Plastics, Bottles, Cans, Paper, Cardboard: Those who live or work in Devens can use the containers located in front of the DPW, located at 99 Buena Vista Street, to dispose of these recyclable materials. Containers are accessible at all times; paper and corrugated cardboard is to be disposed in the compactor.

Recycling Services Available at Devens DPW continued...

Appliances, Metal Items

The DPW provides a drop-off location for refrigerators, washing machines, air conditioners, bicycles, filing cabinets, etc., for Devens residents at their facility. The DPW will also arrange to pick up these items curb-side. Both the drop-off and pick up services are available to Devens residents for a small fee and by appointment only. Call 978-772-1864 for additional information or to schedule a pick-up/drop-off.

Electronics

The DPW will also accept computer monitors, fax machines, printers, etc., from Devens residents and those who work in the community for a nominal disposal fee, by appointment only.

A detailed list of accepted items, hours of operation & fees can be found at: <https://bit.ly/DevensRecycling2026>

Compostable Yard Waste

The DPW currently provides free yard waste collection services **for residences only** within Devens. Every residential owner, tenant, occupant, or property manager (acting on behalf of an owner, tenant, or occupant) should place all compostable yard waste in suitable containers/bags and twigs/branches in tied bundles and place them at the curb at designated collection times as per the Devens Department of Public Works.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal:

In accordance with 310 CMR 30.000, all hazardous wastes must be disposed of at licensed disposal facilities. Households, organizations and business/industry within Devens that generate less than 220 pounds or 27 gallons on hazardous waste per month can use the service provided by the Devens Regional Household Hazardous Products Collection Center, located at 9 Cook Street. The Collection Center is open the first Wednesday and following Saturday of each month (March through December), 9:00a-noon. For more information and a list of acceptable materials, visit their website at <https://devenshhw.com/>. For a listing of other current disposal permanent and temporary disposal centers in the region, go to: <https://www.mass.gov/guides/hazardous-waste-facilities-recyclers>

Devens Eco-Efficiency Center Efficiency and Waste Reduction Services:

The Devens Eco-Efficiency Center is a non-profit entity based at 33 Andrews Parkway. The Center offers a number of programs and services that help establishments reduce waste generation and disposal costs. Technical assistance, outreach materials and 96-gallon recycle totes are available to help establish, strengthen or expand recycling programs in businesses and not-for-profit facilities. <https://thedeec.com/>

Great Exchange:

The Center's Great Exchange program creates partnerships that divert a broad range of items and materials to reuse opportunities, including unwanted office furniture, outdated or imperfect inventory, packing materials, and production scraps. For additional information visit <https://tgedevens.com/> or call 978-772-8831 x3304.

Pallet Recycling Service:

Facilities located in Devens can have their wooden pallets collected free of charge on the morning of the first Thursday of each month. As more businesses participate, frequency may increase to every other week. The pallets will be refurbished for reuse, recycled as wood pellets or used as fuel at a local wood-fired power plant. Cardboard and stretch wrap can also be recycled through this service. For more information and to be included in the collections contact the Devens Eco-Efficiency Center at <https://thedeec.com/> or donaneely@tgedevens.com.

Private Recycling Services Available in Devens:

While the DEC does not endorse or promote any of the following private companies, the following recycling services are also situated within Devens:

Republic C&D Recycling Facility:

Devens Recycling Center is a full service 90,000 sf construction and demolition debris recycling facility located at 45 Independence Drive in Devens - <https://www.republicservices.com/devens-recycling>

For additional information or questions on recycling in Devens, please contact the Devens Enterprise Commission and the Devens Eco-Efficiency Center at: 978-772-8831 or visit their websites at <https://thedeec.com/> and <https://www.devensec.com/index.html>