



Why a ReCenter?

The purpose of the ReCenter is to promote reuse of durable goods in the greater Northampton area.

We prevent waste by rescuing usable items from landfills and incinerators, and aim to fill the reuse gap between one's home (or office) and existing resale outlets.

Who We Are

The ReUse Committee is a group of volunteers committed to reducing Northampton's municipal waste stream via increased reuse, recycling and composting.

Contact us: 413-587-1059
or at swaite@northamptonma.gov.



Who Can Participate?

Members of over 4000 Northampton households with Transfer Station stickers are automatically ReCenter members. If you don't currently own one, you have two options:

1) Buy a City of Northampton Transfer Station sticker (\$25, residents only, means-based discounts available). It grants annual access to the ReCenter and all other services at the two City transfer stations, including:

- Save Money and Reduce Trash (SMART) blue bag trash disposal program
- Bulky waste disposal (fees apply)

And free services such as:

- Paper, cardboard & container recycling
- Food scrap composting
- Leaf & yard waste disposal
- Cooking & motor oil recycling
- Battery, scrap metal & bulky rigid plastic recycling

2) Buy a ReCenter membership sticker (\$10). It grants annual access to the ReCenter and the ability to pay disposal fees for select items. It is a good option for apartment dwellers and those living outside of Northampton.

All stickers may be purchased at the Northampton DPW, 125 Locust Street, Northampton, MA

Please note:

We can't take everything.

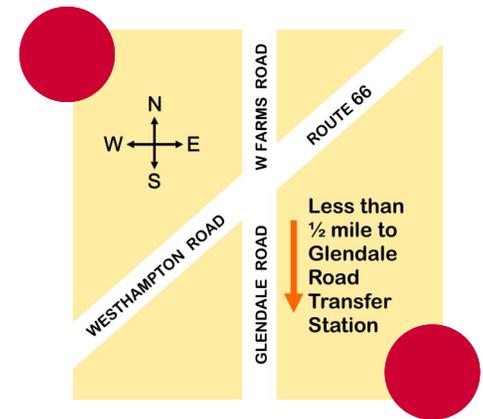
Because of our zero waste/zero cost pledge, some items cannot be accepted or will require a pre-paid disposal fee. For details visit

www.northamptonma.gov/reduce-waste



A community swap shop with a *twist!**

At the Glendale Road Transfer Station
170 Glendale Road, Northampton
(off Route 66)



**Open Saturdays 8-11:30 AM
April through October**

*The twist: We're aiming for zero waste *and* zero cost, so we'll accept many items, but not everything.

The ReCenter is managed by the ReUse Committee and the City of Northampton Department of Public Works

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Typical items we will accept:

(must be in working order):

Household items: kitchen ware
& decorative items
Tools: hand & small power tools
Furniture (non-upholstered): household,
outdoor & office
Books, CDs & DVDs
Wood: nail free, unfinished/untreated
Games & toys (no missing parts)
Sports equipment
Jewelry
Art & craft supplies (no liquids)
Reusable shopping bags

Items we cannot accept:

(but will try to help you find a home for)

Mildewed, moldy, dirty, or wet items
Boxes of jumbled, unsorted material
Items requiring major repair/restoration
CRT-style television sets
Used personal items & toiletries
Linens, clothing & accessories*
Fuel-powered tools & equipment
Frequently recalled children's items
Flammable or hazardous material
Liquids & food
Weapons

*Donation bin available on-site.

A detailed list of items we accept is available at
www.northamptonma.gov/reduce-waste

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Our Guiding Principles

Zero waste: We accept only items that are easily reusable or can be dismantled into recyclable parts if necessary (See list at left).

Zero cost: We can't accept items we'll have to pay to throw away if nobody adopts them. If transfer station disposal fees apply to risky or low-demand items, the fees must be paid before an item is accepted.

Demand-Driven: What we accept will change over time based on demand, popularity and alternate outlets for unadopted goods.

Problem-Solving: We offer a "Needs & Leads" bulletin board where you may post items we cannot accept. We are gathering a list of other organizations that accept material locally. When possible, we'll suggest regional and on-line options for reuse, recycling and—if necessary—disposal.

Membership-based: Over 4000 Northampton households are already members and membership is affordable. See reverse for membership details. Member ideology:

- *Sharing is required.* Please take only what you will use immediately, so that others may also find treasures. ReCenter goods are intended to be available at no cost to people who use them; resellers, please respect that goal.
- *Selection, relocation and use of all items are at your own risk.* We make no warranty statements.
- *Comments and suggestions are welcome* (see contact info below). Please understand that we are volunteer-driven and operate on a shoestring budget. We seek creative solutions!
- *Community support is vital.* Tell your friends about the ReCenter! Financial contributions are encouraged to offset expenses (cash or check, payable to City of Northampton, with "ReCenter support" on memo line). Interested in volunteering? Contact Susan (see below).



Visit Northamptonma.gov/reduce-waste for additional information.

Please direct inquiries to swaite@northamptonma.gov (413-587-1059)