
Recycle and other waste reduction tips for Devens Residents



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Reduce Your Paper Use

- Share info electronically
- Always print and copy double sided
- Save documents electronically instead of in a file cabinet
- Use paper with recycled content
- **Did you know:**
Staples, paper clips, spiral binder combs, etc. don't have to be removed from paper before it can be recycled



Can't Recycle at Home?

- Use containers at Devens DPW for cardboard, paper, plastics, bottles, cans
- Earth911.com – great resource for tips, outlets for hard to recycle items



Reduce Packaging Waste

- Bring your canvas bags to ALL stores
- Skip the produce bag – bananas don't need bags!
- Buy in bulk – saves money, too
- Buy selectively – avoid items with excess packaging
- Bring packing material to UPS stores for reuse



Donate Home Goods For Reuse

- Furniture, appliances, etc: Salvation Army, Household Goods Recycling of Mass. (Acton)
 - New and gently used building materials, home accessories: Reuse Stores (Habitat for Humanity)
 - Worn towels, sheets can go to pet shelters
 - ALL textiles, as long as not wet, moldy, smelly
 - Clothing, shoes, belts, pocketbooks, stuffed animals...
 - If can't be reused, fibers turned into rags, insulation
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Minimize impacts of e-waste

- Recycle electronics at town collection events, Devens DPW, Best Buy, Staples
- Buy refurbished products – they are guaranteed!
- Don't upgrade until you need to



Did you know?

- Many local schools, day cares and non-profit organizations would welcome the donation of your unneeded office supplies
 - Ink cartridges and 3-ring binders can be recycled at Staples – get a coupon in return!
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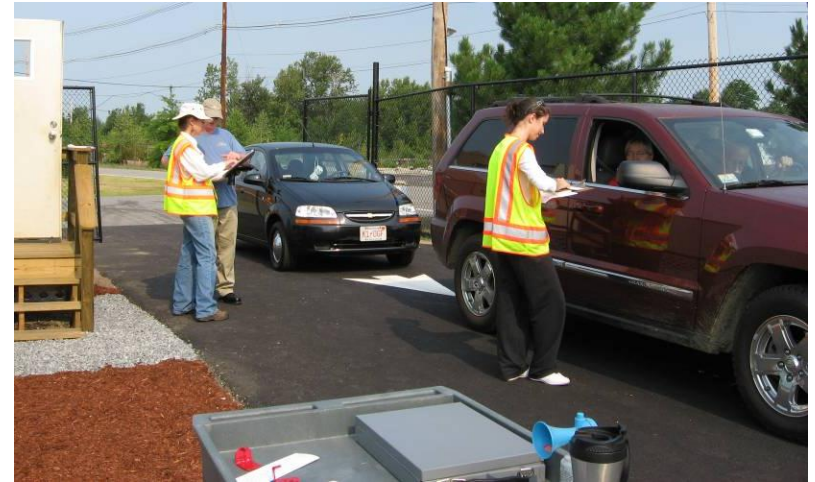
Compost

- 1.2 million tons of food scraps are generated each year in the state
- Decomposing food in landfills create methane, a potent greenhouse gas
- Opportunity at home
 - Support the right grocery store
 - Coffee grounds great for plants
 - Vermiculture with the kids
 - Compost all organics in the garden
 - Bins from town hall, stores, DIY plans



Devens HHW

- 9 Cook Street (behind DPW)
- For residents of Ashby, Ayer, Bolton, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Lancaster, Littleton, Lunenburg, Shirley, Townsend
- Open first Wednesday and following Saturday, 9a - noon
- Paint, fertilizers, pesticides, cleaners, mercury items, etc.
- www.devenshhw.com for info, hours and fees





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