

# Tyngsborough Zero Waste Day FAQ

## **ACCEPTED ITEMS LIST**

### **1. GENTLY USED FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD GOODS**

Items collected will benefit the Household Good, Inc. of Acton (who will donate to those in need)

Items must be like new or gently used

- Furniture (dressers, tables, chairs)
- Mattresses (NO rips, tears or stains - tears in mattress foundation okay)
- Bed Frames (must include all parts and hardware)
- Dishes, flatware & kitchen items
- Sheets, towels (like new, no rips or stains)
- Working small kitchen appliances (coffee makers, blenders, toasters, etc.)
- Working DVD players, radios & TV's less than 10 years old and smaller than 55" (must have plug and stand).
- NO items with glass tops, cribs, desks or office furniture

### **2. ELECTRONICS & SMALL APPLIANCES**

Small donation requested. Sponsored by Scout Troop 46.

- Stereos/ Radios
- Cables/ Power Cables
- Video Games
- Computers
- Cell Phones - working or not (please let us know and bring power cord if working)
- Speakers
- Small Appliances
- Microwaves
- Toaster Ovens
- Vacuums
- Dehumidifiers
- Dorm Refrigerators
- Large Subwoofers
- Window Air Conditioners

*NO TVs or CRTs. • Monitors (No TVs)*

### **3. TEXTILES, BOOKS & MORE**

Items collected will benefit the Big Brother, Big Sister Foundation and will be either reused or recycled by CMRK, Inc.

Please bring the following items **IN BAGS**.

(Stained or worn/torn in fine. Items that cannot be reused will be responsibly recycled.)

- Shoes/Footwear (singles or in pairs)
- Men's, Women's & Children's clothing • Hats, belts, gloves
- Wallets, purses, backpacks, totes
- Watches & Jewelry
- Towels, linens, bedding
- Throw rugs, placemats
- Curtains and drapes
- Stuffed animals
- Halloween costumes

Please bring the following items **IN BOXES**

- Pots/pans, dishes, glassware
- Small home decor items
- Small musical instruments
- Books, DVDs (NO Encyclopedias, magazines or VHS tapes)

Please bring unpackaged

- Suitcases

#### **4. SCRAP METAL**

Items collected by Junk King - Available until dumpster is full

- Items that are primarily metal
- Metal rakes, shovels, rebar
- Snowblowers, lawnmowers (drain all fluids first)
- Stoves, dishwashers, washers & dryers

**NO TVs, refrigerators, safes, and nothing containing oil or fluids**

#### **5. BIKES & BIKE PARTS**

Collected items to benefit Cambridge Bike Give Back, a Cambridge-based non-profit with a mission to make bicycling accessible for all. Bikes that are too rusty or damaged to be reused will be recycled with scrap metal.

- **Bicycles** that are "serviceable" - no bent frames or stuck seat posts
- **Bicycle Parts** - spare parts and components, including tubes, tires, wheels, chains, pedals, saddles, kickstands, racks and handlebars
- **Bicycle Accessories** - Helmets (new only), tire pump locks and chains for locks, gloves, bicycle books & manuals
- **Tools** - General hand tools and specialized bike tools

#### **6. SMALL ENGINES**

Provided by a local resident. Items will be repaired and reused. Items that cannot be repaired or used for parts will be recycled with scrap metal.

- Snowblowers
- Riding mowers
- Leaf blowers
- Generators
- Chain saws
- ATVs and dirt bikes

- Snowmobiles
  - Pressure washers
- NO PUSH MOWERS or WEED WHACKERS/ STRING TRIMMERS.

**7. OTHER ITEMS**

- Eyeglasses & Sunglasses
- Skis/Snowboards
- Golf clubs
- Water skis
- Wooden oars and paddles
- Wooden bats
- Metal license plates and hub caps

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Can I bring items not on this list?** No. Only the items specifically listed and accepted by our vendors and volunteers can be left at the event. Items that cannot be accepted will need to remain with the resident. There is no general-purpose dumpster on site.

**What if I have items to recycle that are not accepted at Zero Waste Day?** Check the MassDEP Beyond the Bin recycling directory for more recycling options at <https://recyclesearch.com/profile/ma> or contact the Tyngsborough Board of Health at (978) 649-2300 x118 for bulky sticker disposal.

**What if I bring a mattress that is not accepted by Household Goods?** Household Goods is very strict about accepting mattresses that have no rips, tears or stains. They cannot accept a mattress with even small stains. They are more flexible about boxsprings. If Household Goods is not able to accept your mattress, you will need to bring it home and contact UTEC for curbside collection service (\$40/mattress) – <http://utecinc.org/mattress-recycling/>

**Is this event limited to Tyngsborough residents?** Residents from any municipality are welcome to attend.

**Can I volunteer at the event?** Yes! We're happy to have an extra set of hands. Let us know if you need service hours or wish to participate in Zero Waste Day.

**What if I have other questions?** Please contact the Sustainability Committee with any additional questions by calling (978)649-2300, ext. 100. You can also connect with us on Facebook at Sustainable Tyngsboro.