

What do I do with...

Please check the list below to determine how to dispose of common household items. If you have additional questions, please call Public Works at (860) 653-8960.

The Town of Granby sponsors **Household Hazardous Waste** collections a few times a year. Please call Public Works or check the [Town of Granby website](#) for next available date.

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Acrylic paint

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station for recycling through the PaintCare program. Paint must be in its original, labeled container. Leaking, unlabeled or empty containers are not accepted. If the can is not labeled or almost empty, open and dry out the contents (sand or cat litter can speed up this process). Once dried out, place can in trash.

Aerosols

Empty aerosol cans that contained food products (cooking spray, whipped cream, cake frosting) may be recycled. Don't puncture, pierce, flatten, or remove nozzles prior to recycling.

Empty aerosol cans that contained non-hazardous materials, such as health & beauty products (sun block, first aid spray, hair products, deodorant, & shaving cream); laundry products (spray starch, anti-static spray & air fresheners) should go in your trash. These must be completely empty to prevent combustion and fires; no air or noise should come from the nozzle when pressed.

Aerosol cans that contained products such as: insecticides, automotive sprays, spray paint, craft products, waterproofing sprays, etc. are hazardous. If the can is completely empty, place the can in your trash; aerosol cans with any quantity of hazardous material in them should be brought to a Household Hazardous Waste collection.

Air Conditioners

Accepted at the Granby Transfer Station – charges apply.

Air Pillows

Reuse when sending packages. Recycle at a supermarket plastic film collection center.

Aluminum Foil

Recycle clean foil and pie plates in your single-stream barrel. If soiled, place in your trash.

Ammunition

Ammunition, road flares, and fireworks must be handled properly. Call local police before moving explosives and shock-sensitive materials. Do not put in the trash! Please note: **These cannot be brought to a HHW collection.**

Antifreeze

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station, also accepted at a Household Hazardous Waste collection.

Appliances

If the appliance is still in usable condition, contact a local charity or consignment store. Some suggestions are: Covenant to Care, Bloomfield, CT; Gifts of Love, Avon, CT; Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Bloomfield, CT. If no longer usable, appliances are accepted at the Granby Transfer Station - charges apply.

Asbestos

Please refer to the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection website:

Aseptic Containers (juice box or milk carton)

Recycle in your single-stream barrel. Remove any straws or caps and rinse clean. Do not crush.

Ashes

Please refer to the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection website:

http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2718&q=325496&deepNav_GID=1646#Ash

Asphalt

Contact one of the companies below to check into asphalt recycling:

Incorporated Industries, LLC

180 West Newberry Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002

860-242-0150 www.incorpind.com

Accepts roofing shingles in addition to clean wood, asphalt, concrete, and sand.

Babylon Recycling Center, LLC

1221 Harvey Lane, Suffield, CT 06078

860-623-0000

Accepts roofing shingles in addition to scrap metal, clean wood, separated wallboard scrap from new construction, asphalt, brick, concrete, pallets, gravel, stone and old corrugated cardboard.

Automobiles

Donate working vehicles (or even those in need of repair) to a reuse outlet. There are numerous charities that participate in vehicle donation programs and many not only take cars but also trucks, boats, RV's, motorcycles, etc. Some websites you can check out are: [Wheels for Wishes](#), [DonationLine](#), [Cars 4 Causes](#), [DonateCarUSA](#), or [Donate for Charity](#). Or contact a local junk yard to see if they will purchase the vehicle.

Bags

Paper – reuse or recycle in your single-stream barrel.

Plastic – reuse or recycle at a supermarket plastic film collection center.

Ballasts

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station.

Barbed wire

Accepted at the Granby Transfer Station – charges may apply.

Batteries - automotive & general

Batteries may be dropped off at the Granby Department of Public Works, 52 North Granby Road from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday or at the Granby Transfer Station during hours of operation.

Books

If in good condition, donate to the Friends of Granby Public Library or Cossitt Library book sales.

- Reuse – take to used bookstore, ask at hospitals, nursing homes etc.
- Drop in the collection box at the Granby Transfer Station.
- Recycle in your single-stream barrel.

Bottles – glass

Recycle rinsed, unbroken bottles in your single-stream barrel. Leave labels on but remove lids.

Metal lids from wide-mouth bottles can be placed separately in recycling barrel. Small caps from bottle-neck bottles are not recyclable and must be placed in the trash.

Boxboard

Recycle in your single-stream barrel. Large boxes are accepted at the Granby Transfer Station free of charge.

Box springs

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station.

Bubble Wrap

Reuse when sending packages. Check with a local shipping store to see if they accept it. Recycle at a supermarket plastic film collection center.

Building materials

Check to see if the items are accepted at Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 500 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield, CT (860) 519-0828. Residents may bring small amounts of unusable construction debris to the Granby Transfer Station - charges apply.

CD cases & covers

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station as part of the electronics program. Or check out www.greendisk.com

Cans, metal

Empty cans that contained non-hazardous materials may be recycled in your single-stream barrel. Empty cans containing hazardous material should go in the trash.

Car Batteries

Batteries may be dropped off at the Granby Department of Public Works, 52 North Granby Road from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday or at the Granby Transfer Station during hours of operation.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Remove batteries and place in trash.

Cardboard, corrugated

Remove any liners from boxes and then recycle in your single-stream barrel. Large items are accepted at the Granby Transfer Station free of charge.

Carpet

Accepted at the Granby Transfer Station – charges apply. If you have carpet that is in great condition, check with Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 500 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield, CT (860) 519-0828.

Catalogs

Recycle in your single-stream barrel. To eliminate unwanted catalogs: contact companies and ask to be removed from their mailing list, go to Catalog Choice (www.catalogchoice.org) and register for the catalogs you do and do not want to receive, or send a written request with your name as it appears on all catalog labels to Direct Marketing Association, Mail Preference Service, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735

Cell phones

Donate to a charity or accepted at the Granby Transfer Station free of charge.

Christmas trees

The Granby Public Works Department will pick up trees curbside the first two weeks of January.

Christmas tree lights

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station.

Cleaning products

Unused amounts of hazardous products should be brought to a Household Hazardous Waste collection. Empty containers that contained hazardous products should be placed in the trash. Empty containers of nonhazardous products should be rinsed and placed in your single-stream barrel.

Clothing/Textiles

Clothing that is in good shape can go to a consignment store. All other textiles can go to a local donation center or be picked up curbside by Simple Recycling. Schedule an appointment with Simple Recycling and items will be picked up curbside. Contact them at www.simplerecycling.com or 1-866-835-5068. Accepted items include but are not limited to: clothing, bedding, towels, curtains, stuffed animals, purses and shoes. Even items considered 'rags' are accepted and reused. Items stained with oil or mildew should not be donated.

Coat Hangers

If they can't be reused, hangers should go in your trash.

Computer disks

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station or check out www.greendisk.com

Computers

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station.

Construction materials

Check to see if the items are accepted at Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 500 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield, CT (860) 519-0828. Residents may bring small amounts of unusable construction debris to the Granby Transfer Station - charges apply.

Copier toner

Return to the place of purchase for recycling.

Corks

Whole Foods Market has a collection box available at all stores to collect cork. Check with ReCork America (recork.org) for the location of a drop off box or for instructions on shipping corks directly to them.

Crayons

Look for a crayon recycler. Check into Crayons for Cancer <http://www.crayonsforcancer.org/> or Crazy Crayons www.crazycrayons.com

Dishes

If in good condition, donate to a local charity. Not recyclable must be placed in the trash.

Disposable dishes and utensils

Not recyclable must be placed in the trash.

Drink Glasses

If in good condition, donate to a local charity. Not recyclable must be placed in the trash.

DVD's & Covers

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station as part of the electronics program or contact www.greendisk.com. Kid's movies can be donated to www.kidflicks.org – ask them about taking more mature movies too – all go in groups of 100 to a hospital as a "library" of donations.

Egg cartons

Check with someone who has chickens to see if they can reuse clean containers. Cardboard cartons can be recycled; foam cartons go in the trash.

Electronics

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station.

Eyeglasses

Donate in a local Lion's Club collection box. Otherwise, place these in your trash.

Facial Tissue

Not recyclable must be placed in the trash.

Fire extinguishers

Accepted at the Granby Transfer Station

Fireworks/explosives/ammunition

Ammunition, road flares, and fireworks must be handled properly. Call local police before moving explosives and shock-sensitive materials. Don't put in the trash! Please note: **These cannot be brought to a HHW collection.**

Flea killer/Flea Shampoo

Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste collection. Empty containers that contained flea products go in the trash.

Fluorescent bulbs/lamps

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station.

Foil

Recycle clean foil and pie plates in your single-stream barrel.

Food Products

Compost all fruits and vegetables. All other items should be placed in the trash.

Furniture

If in good condition, check into donating to a local charity or selling at a resale store. Otherwise accepted at the Granby Transfer Station - charges apply.

Gasoline and gas/oil mixtures

Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste collection.

Glassware and ceramics – non-recyclable

If in good condition, donate to a local charity. Light bulbs (excluding fluorescent lights), ceramic items, drinking glasses, window/plate glass, mirrors etc. cannot be recycled and should be put in the trash. Broken items should be wrapped carefully to protect your hauler.

Glass bottle and jars

Recycle rinsed, unbroken bottles in your single-stream barrel. Leave labels on but remove lids. Metal lids from wide-mouth bottles can be placed separately in recycling barrel. Small caps from bottle-neck bottles are not recyclable and must be placed in the trash.

Grass

Yard waste is banned from disposal in your trash/recycling barrels. Leave them on the lawn where they will decompose and act as a natural organic fertilizer. Accepted at the Granby Transfer Station.

Hangers

If they can't be reused, hangers should go in your trash.

Hazardous product containers – empty or almost empty

Do not mix leftover hazardous products together. Do not rinse out empty containers. If not empty, bring to a Household Hazardous Waste collection. In general, you can place empty hazardous waste containers, such as quart containers for oil and paint cans, in the trash. If nothing can be poured or used from the container – it is considered empty and, therefore, a solid waste.

Hazardous waste

Bring to a town sponsored Hazardous Waste collection. For a fee, items can be brought to NEDT Collection Center in Westfield Mass. Check their website www.nedt.org or call 866-769-1621 for pricing and directions.

Hearing Aids

Recycle unwanted or older hearing aids and assistive devices at the Hearing Aid Project. Contact them at 816-895-2410 or <https://hearingaiddonations.org/>

Herbicides

Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste collection. Empty containers that contained herbicides should go in the trash.

Helium tanks

If possible return to the place of purchase for reuse. Otherwise accepted at the Granby Transfer Station – charges apply.

Holiday Lights

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station.

Hydraulic fluids

Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste collection.

Hypodermic needles/sharps

Needles, lancets and syringes used for home health care are not regulated and can go in the trash. To protect workers in the waste industry, place all needles in a hard plastic container such as a laundry detergent bottle. Make sure cap is on and sealed with duct tape. Label the container "Sharps – Do Not Recycle."

Check the following website to see if there is a mail back program available.

http://www.sustainablehospitals.org/cgi-bin/DB_Report.cgi?px=W&rpt=Subcat&id=19!49

Insecticides

Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste collection. Empty containers that contained insecticides should go in the trash.

Irons

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station.

Joint compound and spackle

Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste collection. If the material is dried up it can go in the trash.

Junk mail

Recycle in your single-stream barrel.

Kerosene

Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste collection.

Latex Paint

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station for recycling through the PaintCare program. Paint must be in its original, labeled container. Leaking, unlabeled or empty containers are not accepted. If the can is not labeled or almost empty, open and dry out the contents (sand or cat litter can speed up this process). Once dried out, place can in regular trash.

Lawn clippings

Yard waste is banned from disposal in your trash/recycling barrels. Leave them on the lawn where they will decompose and act as a natural organic fertilizer. Accepted at Granby Transfer Station; leaves are free, brush is charged by the load

Lead paint chips

Lead paint chips that have been scraped off wood siding, windows, furniture, etc. should be brought to a Household Hazardous Waste collection.

Lead paint wood

Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste collection.

Leaves

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station.

Light bulbs, incandescent

Broken or burned out incandescent bulbs should be placed in the trash.

Lumber

Check to see if the items are accepted at Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 500 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield, CT (860) 519-0828. Residents may bring small amounts of unusable construction debris to the Granby Transfer Station - charges apply.

Magazines

Check with local library to see if there is a swap area. Local hospital waiting rooms, senior centers or day care businesses may enjoy what you have to share. Some school art teachers appreciate used magazines for art projects. Magazines can be recycled in your single-stream barrel.

Mattresses

Accepted at the Granby Transfer Station.

Medical supplies

In Connecticut, different organizations accept used medical equipment.

Granby Senior Center – Durable Medical Equipment loaner closet accepts some gently used equipment. Call (860) 844-5352

Chariots of Hope accepts used wheelchairs, and New England Assistance Technology Center at Oak Hill, as well as the Hospital for Special Care accepts not only used wheelchairs, but other medical equipment such as tub benches, canes, rollator walkers, ramps and raised toilet seats.

Medications

- Put them in the trash following disposal instructions.
- Chain pharmacies such as CVS, Walgreens and Rite Aid provide disposal envelopes for prescription and OTC products for a small fee. Ask your pharmacist for details and program restrictions.
- Check with the Granby Police Department to see if a medicine collection is scheduled. (Medicines are **not** accepted at Household Hazardous Waste collections.)
- Bring them to the special collection container located at the Simsbury Police Department.

Check out the DEEP website for more detailed information.

http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2708&q=335480&deepNav_GID=1763

Mercury Products

Thermometers

Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste collection. Mercury thermometers should **not** be thrown in the trash.

Thermostats

Traditional circular thermostats contain a sealed glass "tilt switch" that contains several grams of liquid mercury. These thermostats should not be placed in the regular trash. Instead, place the thermostat in a secure container (e.g. a leftover plastic food container), and take it to a local Household Hazardous Waste collection or the Granby Transfer Station.

Metal, scrap

Accepted at the Granby Transfer Station - charges apply.

Microwave ovens

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station.

Milk cartons or jugs

Recycle in your single-stream barrel. Remove any straws or caps and rinse clean. Do not crush.

Mothballs

Mothballs are toxic and should be taken to a Household Hazardous Waste collection.

Motor oil

Motor oil can be dropped at the Granby Transfer Station during hours of operation or at the Department of Public Works, 52 North Granby Road between 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Motor oil bottles

Empty motor oil containers should go in your trash.

Musical instruments

Contact a local music store to see about resale or donate.

Needles/lancets/syringes

Needles, lancets and syringes used for home health care are not regulated and can go in the trash. To protect workers in the waste industry, place all needles in a hard plastic container such as a laundry detergent bottle. Make sure cap is on and sealed with duct tape. Label the container "Sharps – Do Not Recycle."

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Newspaper

Recycle in your single-stream barrel.

Oil-based paint

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station for recycling through the PaintCare program. Paint must be in its original, labeled container. Leaking, unlabeled or empty containers are not accepted. If the can is not labeled, bring it to a town sponsored Hazardous Waste collection.

Packing Materials

Some office/mailling stores may take them for reuse. Call your local store to find out. Paper material should go in recycling barrel, Styrofoam™ should be placed in your trash and plastic wrap should be brought to a plastic film collection center at your local grocery store.

Paint cans, empty

Empty paint cans or cans with completely dried up contents should be disposed of in your trash.

Paint

House paint, primers, stains, sealers and clear coatings (e.g. shellac and varnish) are accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station for recycling through the PaintCare program. Paint must be in its original, labeled container. Leaking, unlabeled or empty containers are not accepted. If the can is not labeled, open and dry out the contents (sand or cat litter can speed up the process). Once dried out, place can in regular trash. Aerosols, solvents and products intended for industrial or non-architectural use are not accepted

Paper bags

Reuse whenever possible or recycle in your single-stream barrel.

Pesticides

Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste collection. Empty containers that contained pesticides should go in the trash.

Pharmaceuticals & Prescription pills

- Put them in the trash following disposal instructions. In CT, most of our trash is burned at Resource Recovery Facilities at high temperatures that destroy these products.
- Chain pharmacies such as CVS, Walgreens and Rite Aid provide disposal envelopes for prescription and OTC products for a small fee. Ask your pharmacist for details and program restrictions.
- Check with the Granby Police Department to see if a medicine collection is scheduled. (Medicines are **not** accepted at Household Hazardous Waste collections.)
- Bring them to the special collection container located at the Simsbury Police Department.

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Phone books

Recycle in your single-stream barrel (only two books per collection).

Pill Bottles

Empty containers should be disposed of in your trash.

Pizza boxes

Boxes with food pieces must be placed in trash. Boxes which are clean or slightly stained with oil may be recycled.

Plastic bottles and jugs

Recycle in your single-stream barrel.

Plastic bags/plastic film

Collection boxes are located at the front of many local stores. The following items are accepted:

- Polyethylene plastic bags with the #2 or #4 recycling symbol
- Pellet bags
- Other retail single-use plastic "shopping bags" (no cardboard bottoms or handles made from string or other materials)
- Dry-cleaning bags
- Over-wraps from newspapers and bulk purchases of toilet tissues, paper towels, mattresses
- Bread and veggie bags (clean and dry)
- Clean garbage bags

Plastic bags should never be placed in your single-stream barrel.

Print cartridges

Return to store where purchased so that they can be recycled.

Post-It® notes

Recycle in your single-stream barrel.

Propane tanks

Accepted at the Granby Transfer Station – charges apply.

Rags, clean

Place in the pink Simple Recycling bag. The bag should be placed curbside next to your barrels on a recycling pickup day. Donate in textile collection boxes located throughout town including the Granby Transfer Station.

Rags, oily

Oil stained rags should go in your trash.

Refrigerators

Accepted at the Granby Transfer Station – charges apply.

Remodeling debris

Residents may bring small amounts of unusable construction debris to the Granby Transfer Station - charges apply.

Sharps (Needles/Syringes)

Needles, lancets and syringes used for home health care are not regulated and can go in the trash. To protect workers in the waste industry, place all needles in a sealed container such as a laundry detergent bottle and label it "Sharps – Do Not Recycle."

Check the following website to see if there is a mail back program available.

http://www.sustainablehospitals.org/cgi-bin/DB_Report.cgi?px=W&rpt=Subcat&id=19!49

Shoes

Donate in textile collection boxes located throughout town including the Granby Transfer Station. Items stained with oil or mildew should not be donated.

Sheet rock

Check to see if the items are accepted at Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 500 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield, CT (860) 519-0828. Residents may bring small amounts of unusable construction debris to the Granby Transfer Station - charges apply.

Shingles

Accepted at the Granby Transfer Station - charges apply.

Shredded paper

Place in your trash.

Smoke detectors

Call the manufacturer to see if they have any policy allowing the return of the product.

For more information, please refer to the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection website:

http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2718&q=325496&deepNav_GID=1645%20#S

Sticky notes

Recycle in your single-stream barrel.

Stuffed Animals (toys)

Items that are in good shape can go to a consignment store or local nonprofit donation center. All others can be placed in the pink Simple Recycling bag. The bag should be placed curbside next to your barrels on a recycling pickup day. Items stained with oil or mildew should not be donated.

Styrofoam™

Dispose of in trash even if it has a recycling number on it. Styrofoam™ is currently not recyclable.

Styrofoam™ Peanuts

Some office/ mailing stores may take them for reuse. Call a local store to find out or place them in a bag in your trash.

Televisions

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station.

Textiles

Clothing that is in good shape can go to a consignment store. All other textiles can go to a local donation center or be picked up curbside by Simple Recycling. Schedule an appoint with Simple Recycling and items will be picked up curbside. Contact them at www.simplerecycling.com or 1-866-835-5068. Accepted items include but are not limited to: clothing, bedding, towels, curtains, stuffed animals, purses and shoes. Even items considered 'rags' are accepted and reused. Items stained with oil or mildew should not be donated.

Thermometers (mercury)

Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste collection. Mercury thermometers should **not** be thrown in the trash.

Thermostats

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station or at a Household Hazardous Waste collection.

Tires

Local tire stores will accept tires for a minimal cost.

Transmission oil, gear oil, crankcase oil

Oil can be dropped off at the Granby Transfer Station during hours of operation or at the Department of Public Works, 52 North Granby Road, Granby between 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tyvek® Envelopes

DuPont Tyvek® is made of high-density polyethylene (HDPE). It is not paper, but can be recycled for use in a variety of new products, including plastic lumber for picnic tables, park benches, construction fencing and also mud flaps. To recycle small quantities (less than 25 envelopes per month), turn any Tyvek® envelope inside out, so the unprinted white surface shows on the outside. Stuff the inside-out envelope with other used Tyvek® envelopes. Address and mail the envelope to: CFS Recycling, 337A Industrial Drive, Petersburg, VA 23805.

Vacuum cleaner

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station.

VCR

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station.

VHS tapes

See Computer Disks, Send to [GreenDisk](#). [Click here](#) for information about how to recycle disks and more.

Video Game system

Accepted free of charge at the Granby Transfer Station

Wine corks

Whole Foods Market has a collection box available at all stores to collect cork. Check with ReCork America (recork.org) for instructions on shipping corks directly to them.

Wire (Barbed, and other)

Accepted at the Granby Transfer Station, charges may apply.

Wrapping paper

Place in your trash.

Yard waste

Yard waste is banned from disposal in your trash/recycling barrels. Compost leaves and brush on-site if possible. Accepted at Granby Transfer Station; leaves are free, brush is charged by the load

Yoga Mats

There are many ways to reuse or recycle your yoga mat. Search 'Recycle your mat' for numerous links on what to do with your used mat. Or check out: <http://www.earth911.com/living-well-being/health/hey-yoga-lovers-dont-toss-your-mat/>

Ziploc® bags

If they have been thoroughly washed (no food residue) and dried, plastic Ziploc® bags are accepted at supermarket plastic bag collection centers. They can also be washed and re-used repeatedly. Otherwise place them in your trash.