

# Where Does It All Go?

Thanks, Massachusetts, for not throwing it all away!



You're recycling more than ever! There are more than 334 recycling programs across the state that collect a wide range of materials. Massachusetts residents recycle over 500,000 tons each year! This is made possible with the help of more than 1,400 Massachusetts businesses that collect, process or use these materials to manufacture new products. Some material is ultimately shipped out-of-state or overseas to be recycled. You may be surprised to know that the cardboard you recycled last month will soon return to Massachusetts as packaging for a new TV or computer. **Recycle. A little effort, a Big difference.**

Where does it all go? Some examples include:

MATERIAL	SENT TO	RECYCLED INTO...
Office paper	Salem, Westborough, and Charlestown	Office paper and various paper products
Newspapers, magazines, junk mail and mixed paper	Erving, Haverhill, and Fitchburg	Cereal and cracker boxes, book covers and game boards
Boxboard and corrugated cardboard	Worcester, Westborough	Cardboard
Aluminum cans	Westport, Westborough	Cans, rain gutters, and window frames
Steel cans	Everett	Steel cans, bicycles, paper clips, steel beams, and other steel products
Plastic soda bottles	Lawrence, Westborough	Polyester fleece and carpet
Milk jugs, detergent bottles and other plastics	Leominster	Plastic lumber and decking
to  Margarine & yogurt tubs and lids	Ontario, Canada	Floor tiles, garbage cans, and pallets
Glass	Franklin, Milford	Glass bottles and jars
Electronics	Gardner, Stoughton, Brockton, and Fall River	Refurbished electronics, plastics, and metals



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