



GREEN MOVING GUIDE

Planning ahead can reduce your environmental footprint.

GREEN MOVING TIPS

- Rent moving boxes from frogbox.com or teracycle.com
- Create an online box exchange
- Green moving companies often provide reusable, eco-friendly packing materials, boxes and bins.
- Use eco-friendly transportation: many companies are now using cleaner biodiesel fuel; some have DIY rental trucks options.
- Consolidated shipping or rail shipping is another great option.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

- Use luggage or reusable shopping bags instead of boxes
- Use reusable packing materials: newspaper, old bubble wrap, egg cartons, blankets, towels, table cloths, etc. to secure fragile items
- Sell reusable clothing and accessories on “thredup.com” or “Craigslist.org” or swap on “swap.com”
- Cut down & bundle cardboard, place on top of recycling toter for pick up.
- Free recycling posters: call 508-764-7252. Recycling info: “thinkreduce.com”

DONATE

- Go to “thinkreduce.com” for a list of donations boxes for clothing and other textiles. Consider donating usable household items to a local charity such as Center of Hope: “[Hopes Treasures](http://HopesTreasures.com)” on Mechanic Street “coh-hopestreasures.com”
- Catholic Charities accepts new people/pet food, laundry detergent, back packs, toiletries/hygiene products, baby diapers/wipes (no expired products please.) ccworc.org 508-765-5936.
- Food Pantry – Blessed John Paul II – 508-765-0245 accepts food items only.

BULK ITEMS

- Craigslist.com to sell or give away useable furniture and other large items.
- Donate useable furniture to “coh-hopestreasures.com” or “cominghomeworcester.org” or “salvationarmyusa.org”
- Used bicycles – Southbridge Bicycles: 508-764-3657 southbridgebicycles.com
- Appliances: take to Hazardous Waste Collection Day, see “thinkreduce.com” for a list of dates.
- Mattresses or other non-useable items: schedule a “bulk pick” at “thinkreduce.com”

HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Electronic waste, fluorescent lights, CD’s & DVD’s, Oil paints, chemicals, fluorescent bulbs, propane tanks, thermometers, tires, etc.: “thinkreduce.com” for dates for Hazardous waste collection. There may be a charge for some of these items. 10-gallon limit; no latex paint.

LEAF AND YARD WASTE

- Curbside collection of leaf & yard waste for six weeks in the spring and fall. Place materials in paper yard waste bags or open-topped containers at the curb on your trash collection day. Drop off location at DPW, 185 Guelphwood Road 30 weeks a year. NO PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE!

GREEN CLEANING RECIPIES

- All-purpose *cleaner*: fill a clean spray bottle with 3 cups water. Add 2 Tbsp white vinegar & 1/8 cup castile soap (be sure to add the soap AFTER the water or it will get too sudsy.) Add 10 drops each of lemon & tea tree essential oils.
- *Fabric freshener*: fill a clean spray bottle with 1 cup water and ½ cup rubbing alcohol or vodka. Add your favorite essential oil (30 drops to start, then add more as you like.)
- *Window cleaner*: pour 1 cup of water and 1 cup of white vinegar into a clean spray bottle. Add 1/8 tsp castile soap. Shake and use.
- *Toilet bowl cleaner*: Mix ¼ cup borax and 1 cup vinegar in the toilet. Let it sit for 15 minutes (or longer), scrub and flush.