

Cambridge Recycling Center

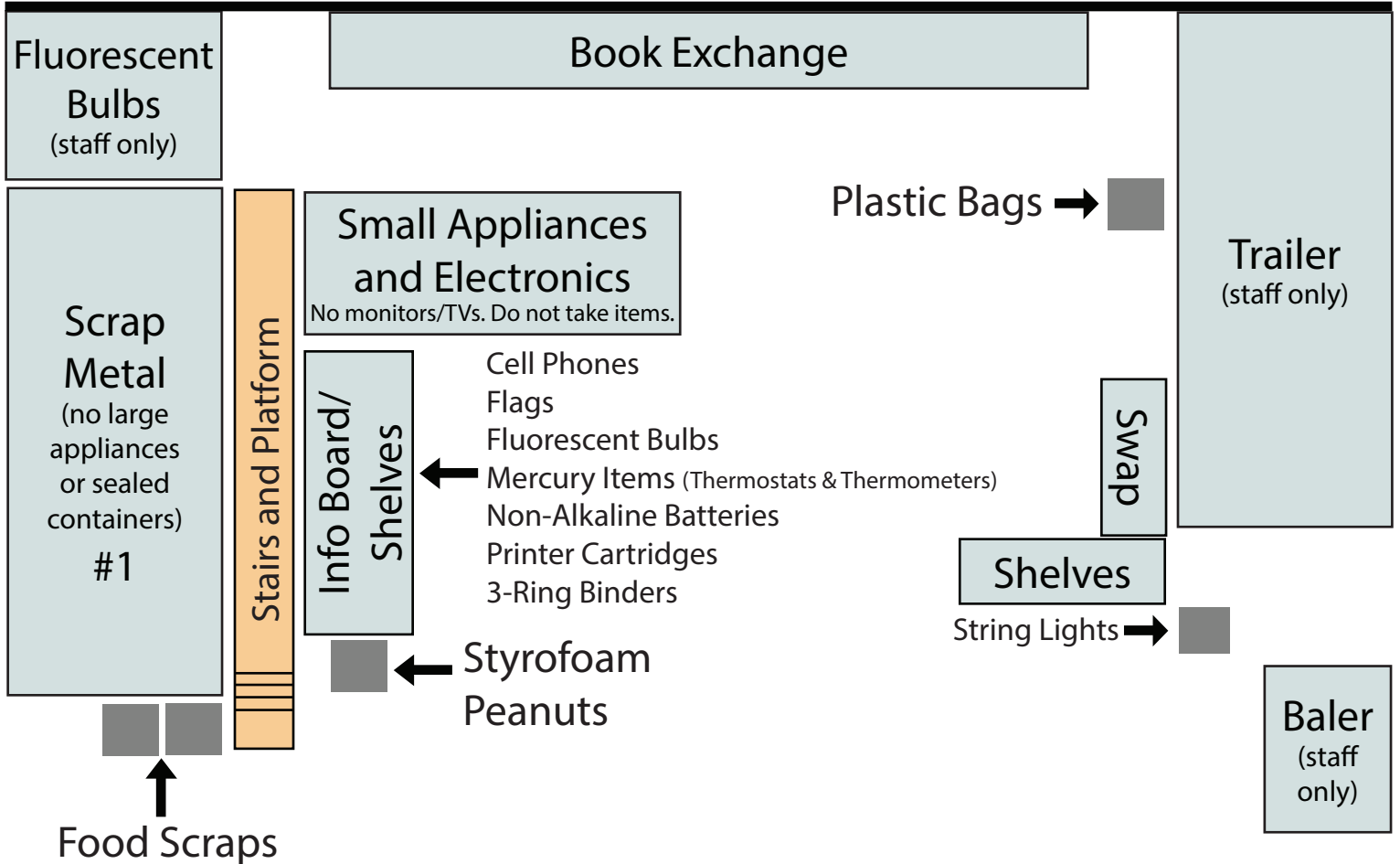


147 Hampshire Street, Cambridge MA 02139

Open Hours: Tues/Thurs 4-7:30pm & Sat 9am-4pm

The DPW yard is closed to the public at all other times.

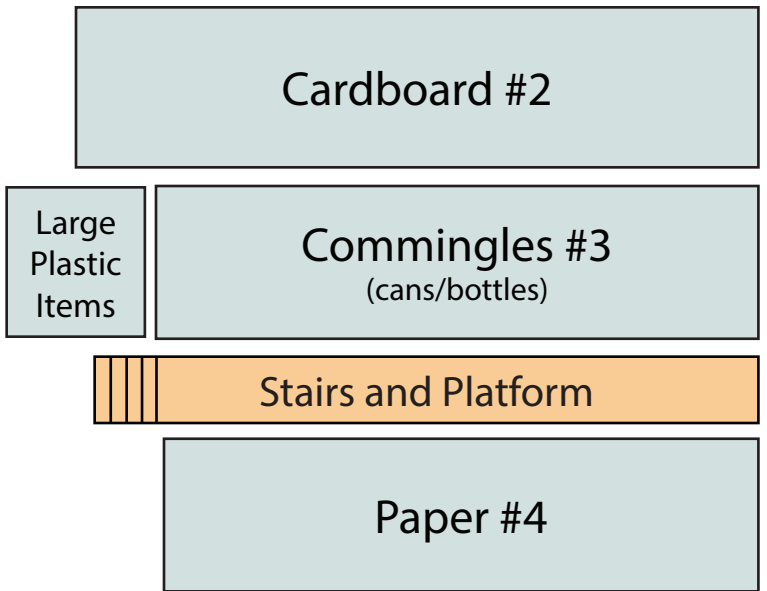
The Center is located in the back right corner of the DPW yard.



The Recycling Center is open to Cambridge residents and Cambridge businesses / nonprofits with 50 employees or fewer. See reverse for list of accepted materials.

This is a drop-off center for recycling only. No trash. With the exception of books, items from the swap shelves, and 3-ring binders, please do not take any items. Residents are welcome to take up to 10 books per visit.

Free compost is available to residents in small quantities April-October. Home compost bins are available to buy at Tags Hardware in Porter Square and Boston Building Resources in Roxbury.



The Cambridge Recycling Center accepts:

- Batteries (non-alkaline only)
- Books & 3-Ring Binders
- Cans & Bottles
- Cardboard & Paper
- Cell Phones
- Flags
- Food Scraps
- Metal Items
(no sealed containers, no large appliances)
- Mercury Items
(fluorescent bulbs, thermometers, thermostats)
- Motor Oil
(from residents only, pour into a container with tight cap)
- Packing Peanuts
(no cornstarch peanuts, which will dissolve in water)
- Plastic Bags
- Plastics, Large Items
(laundry baskets, crates, 5 gallon pails, etc.)
- Printer Cartridges
- Small Appliances & Electronics
(From residents only. No computer monitors, no TVs. Anything with a cord or battery operated device you can lift. No salvaging or rummaging. We also take string lights in a separate container.)
- Swap Shelf Items
(Must be in good condition. Household goods such as dishes, glasses, utensils, toys, picture frames, jewelry, etc. Must be able to withstand weather because this is an outdoor facility. No hazardous waste, no furniture, no suitcases, no baby items, no car seats, no sports equipment, no food, no toiletries, no CDs, no VHS tapes, no cassette tapes, no candles.)

YES (residents only)

- ✓ All vegetable & fruit scraps
 - ✓ Coffee grounds, filters & tea bags
 - ✓ Eggshells & nutshells
 - ✓ Grains & baked goods
 - ✓ Meat, fish, bones, cheese (wrap in newspaper/paper bags)
 - ✓ Food-soiled napkins & paper towels (no tissues)
 - ✓ Food-soiled paper products*
- *Must be US Composting Council certified, no plastic coated

NO

No soup, liquids or grease. No Chinese takeout containers, plastic, Styrofoam, metal, glass or other non-biodegradable items. No yard waste. Place yard waste loose in paper lawn bags or in barrels with City stickers for curbside pickup on collection day, April 1st-mid December.

YES

- ✓ All bags labeled #2 and #4
- ✓ Bubble wrap
- ✓ Bread bags (no cellophane)
- ✓ Case wrap (e.g. snacks, water)
- ✓ Diaper wrap, toilet paper, napkin, paper towel packaging
- ✓ Dry cleaning bags
- ✓ Electric wrap
- ✓ Furniture wrap
- ✓ Grocery & Retail bags (no hard plastic, no string handles)
- ✓ Newspaper bags
- ✓ Cereal liners (not if it tears like paper)
- ✓ Shipping envelopes (no bubble wrap/remove labels)
- ✓ Tyvek (no glue, labels, other materials)
- ✓ Ziplock bag (remove hard components)

NO

No food or cling wrap. No prepackaged food bags (e.g. prewashed salad bags, frozen food). No bag that has been painted or has excessive glue. No compostable plastic bags.

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