

# City of Providence Move In/Out Guide



Are you moving in or out of Providence?

Use this guide to help you properly dispose of your unwanted belongings!

## What do I do with usable items?

**SELL IT!** Use Craigslist, Let Go, Mercari, Market Place or have a yard sale

**GIVE IT AWAY!** Use Freecycle, Craigslist, give to a friend or neighbor for re-use

## Donate it!

If you have appliances, bedding, clothing, furniture, household items, tools, toys, personal care items and more, see this link to download RIRRC's guide to organizations that accept secondhand items: <http://www.rirrc.org/reducing-reusing/reuse-give-or-get-stuff/finding-organizations-in-need>

### Cleaning out your refrigerator or pantry and have extra non-perishable food?

Consider donating them to an organization that can reuse them. Donate them to a local shelter. There may be one right in your neighborhood. Unusable/expired food should be properly composted, put down the disposal or thrown away in your regular trash on collection day.

**The Providence Public Library** accepts certain donations for usable books and media. Please see guidelines: <https://www.provlib.org/using-the-library/donations/>

## Recycle cardboard, packing paper and mixed recyclables

- 1) Cardboard is accepted in your weekly recycling collection. All cardboard must be flattened and placed in your cart.
- 2) You can also bring cardboard, curbside recyclables, scrap metal, cooking oil and electronics to RIRRC (65 Shun Pike, Johnston, RI) for free. Please bring proof of RI residency.

**Note:** To recycle cardboard curbside, it must fit inside your recycling cart so using a drop off option may be your best choice for large amounts of cardboard from moving.

## What's recyclable in Providence & RI?

### Paper & Cardboard

Newspaper, phone books, envelopes, office paper, spiral notebooks, wrapping & tissue paper, gift bags, paper-back books, food boxes (not waxed), junk mail, paper bags, magazines, tubes from toilet paper & paper towels, egg cartons.

### Metal cans & foil

**Aluminum:** cans, foil, pie pans, **empty aerosol cans** (hairspray, air freshener, whipped cream) **Tin cans:** soup, vegetables, tuna, pet foods. *Do not crush cans.*

### Glass containers

**Jars:** pasta sauce, jelly, baby food  
**Bottles:** soda, wine, beer

*Empty & rinse.  
Remove metal lids & recycle both.*

### Cartons

Milk, juice, soup, broth, juice boxes.  
*Empty & rinse. No juice pouches or straws.*

### Plastic Containers

You can recycle plastic containers up to 5 gallons such as plastic bottles & jugs, plastic jars, tubs, cups, yogurt containers, egg cartons and take out containers. *Empty & rinse, replace lid/cap. No straws or Styrofoam. Do not crush.*

## Want more information?

### Visit:

**A-Z of what can be recycled:**

<http://atoz.rirrc.org/>

**Rhode Island Resource Recovery:**

<http://rirrc.org>

**Mattress Recycling Council:**

<https://mattressrecyclingcouncil.org/>

**RI's recycling system, Recycle Together RI, allows all recyclable materials to be mixed into one bin!**  
[www.RecycleTogetherRI.org](http://www.RecycleTogetherRI.org)

**When recycling, please do not put any of the following objects in your recycling bin:**

Scrap metal, plastic bags, food, refrigerated & frozen food boxes (soda & beer), plastic containers larger than 5 gallons, greasy pizza boxes, clothing, textiles, chip bags & candy wrappers, hot beverage cups, Styrofoam, sharps (injectable needles), light bulbs, mirrors, broken glass, household hazardous waste.

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## Bulky Item Curbside Collection

### Request a Bulk Item Pickup with Waste Management:

- Bulky items refer to furniture such as tables, chairs, bureaus, bedside stands, shelves, and other common household furniture. Large appliances are refrigerators, stoves, washer-dryers, water heaters, and air conditioners.
- Providence residents are able to have 3 items collected curbside each week with an appointment confirmation.
- Please request a pick-up with the online form: <https://www.wm.com/us/en/support/request-bulk-pickup/request-a-bulk-pickup-form> or by calling The Waste Management Call Center at 1(800)972-4545 (make sure you receive a confirmation number for pick-up).

**Waste Management Call Center** Please call ahead to give yourself enough time to plan 1(800)972-4545

- **Bulky items:** You may schedule up to 3 items per unit for service.
- **Curbside placement:** Items should be placed at the curb no earlier than 4 PM the evening before collection and no later than 4 AM the day of collection.

Residents can also make an appointment with Waste Management who can collect mattresses and box springs at the curb by appointment and for a fee.

## Hazardous Waste

### Eco-Depot hazardous waste collections

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Appointments are required and can be made by calling 942-1430 x241 or by visiting [www.rirrc.org/ecodepot](http://www.rirrc.org/ecodepot)

The Eco-Depot visits Providence several times a year, however, there are many more dates available throughout the state. All events are held between 8am-noon. This event is for hazardous waste such as oil-based paints, gasoline, antifreeze, propane tanks, paint thinners, pesticides & more.

*This free service is the best opportunity to dispose of hazardous waste, so please plan accordingly when moving.*

### Mattress Depot

The Department of Public Works at 700 Allens Avenue is accepting residents' mattresses and box springs on Saturdays from 7am-1pm. Please arrive before 1pm for item inspection on site. Please make sure to wear a mask and socially distance.

2 items will be accepted with a valid Providence ID.

If you are unable to make Saturday's hours, Rhode Island residents can bring mattresses and box springs to RIRRC (65 Shun Pike, Johnston, RI). Please visit their website for hours and additional information. They typically accept items 6 days per week.

## General Collection Guidelines

- Curbside trash & recycling collection is provided to certain residential properties once per week with the allotted carts. All items must fit inside these carts (except for overflow bags).
- **The Overflow Trash Program** allows residents to purchase at a handful of local retailers specially colored and marked plastic trash bags to supplement carts. Bags are sold in rolls of 5 for \$10.
- **Yard debris** is collected curbside from mid-April to mid-December only. Leaves and other yard debris must be labeled and placed in paper bags or put out in open barrels clearly labeled yard debris.

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