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**Dear Westford residents,**

Annual Election Day is fast approaching: Tuesday, May 5, 2015, when the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. This election will include all local town official elections as well as a debt exclusion question to fund the new Center Fire Station, approved by Town Meeting, and proposed to be built on Boston Road. Please visit the following link for information on voter locations, registering to vote, precinct maps, and sample ballots: [Voter Information](#).

Annual Town Meeting was held on Saturday, March 28th, 2015 at the Abbot School. Thank you to all residents who attended and participated. The Town Meeting results and other Town Meeting documents are available on the Town Clerk's page at the following link: [2015 Annual Town Meeting](#).

On March 24, 2015, the Board of Selectmen accepted a \$24,000 gift from the Friends of the Cameron Senior Center, Inc. to fund senior activity programs. This will allow seniors to have access to free classes at the Cameron without having to pay the \$3 class fee. Thank you to the Friends organization for this very generous gift for our community's senior citizens.

At the same meeting the board also approved a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement and a Wastewater Treatment Plant Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) for phase two of the Stony Brook affordable housing condominium project. The board approved the Second Addendum to the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Inter-Municipal Agreement.

I would like to thank two individuals who have recently retired for their outstanding contributions to our town: Joanne Sheehan, our Council on Aging Director, has retired after 27 years of service and Bill Turner, our



*Joanne Sheehan's retirement gathering.*

Conservation/Resource Planner, has retired after 29 years of service. I wish Joanne and Bill a long, healthy and well-deserved retirement.

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Westford School Department students and staff achieved numerous exceptional accomplishments this month, including:

The Westford Academy Cheerleading team won the Mass. Secondary School Administrator Association's COED Large School Division Winter 2015 State Championship. The cheer team then went on to win the overall Grand National Championship! The cheer team brought home 3 trophies total; 1st in Co-Ed Division, 1st in High Point School Division and finally the Grand National Championship.

The Westford Academy Symphonic Band Earned a Gold Medal at the 2015 Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association (MICCA) festival held on March 27th-29th. The MICCA festival hosted 166 instrumental and 88 chorale groups from around the state of Massachusetts. Fewer than 15% of ensembles achieved the Gold Medal rating.

Westford Academy Theater Arts' (WATA) production of *The Normal Heart*, under the direction of Dennis Canty, was named winner of the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild's State Finals held at the Back Bay Events Center. Ten WATA Students were named to the METG State ALL STAR CAST including:

Sam Nudler- for *Excellence In Acting* in his role as Ned Weeks

Thomas Mitsock- for *Excellence In Acting* in his role as Felix Turner

Brandon Jurewicz- for *Excellence In Acting* in his role as Mickey Marcus

Chiaro Peters, Keely Craig, Morgan Shea, Misha Stapp, Claire Clark, Kayleigh Keuhl,  
Maddie Corvino- for *Excellence In Technical Design: Set Design*

Additional recognition is deserved by Westford Academy students Joel Kottas and Michael Colavita for earning perfect scores on their 2014 AP exams. Only 285 of the 1.5 million students in the United States achieved a perfect score in 2014. What an extraordinary accomplishment!

Community Garden plots are now available to all residents. If you would like more information about the community gardens or how to submit an application for a plot to garden on your own, all relevant information may be found on the Agricultural Commission page: [Ag Comm](#). The recommended donation for a 30ft x 15ft plot is \$40 or you may apply for a smaller 15ft x 15ft plot for \$20.

I would like to thank Congresswoman Niki Tsongas for submitting a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency in support of our Targeted Brownfield Assessment grant application for funding to clean up environmental contamination at the former mill building (Westford Anodizing) located at 12 North Main Street. This grant funding is an important step in the town's efforts to protect our public water supply and return this property to a productive use.

Thank you to Russell Badessa and Kirsten Grueter for volunteering to serve on town committees. Mr. Badessa has been appointed as a Westford representative to the Lowell Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board and Ms. Grueter has been appointed as the Affordable Housing Committee representative to the Town Farm Property Task Force.

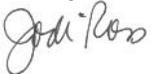
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There are several openings on other local boards and committees, including the Bylaw Review, Communications Advisory, Cultural Council, Historical Commission, Public Works Initiative Committee, and others, and I urge you to peruse our website for information about the work of these committees. If you have interest, please complete a Citizen's Activity form at this link: [Citizen Activity Form](#) or stop by and fill out a form in the Town Manager's office.

Would you like more detailed information on Board of Selectmen meetings? Click the following links to access: [Board of Selectmen Documents](#) & [Board of Selectmen Meeting Videos](#).

I hope you are enjoying these warmer temperatures. We definitely deserve them.

Sincerely,



Jodi Ross  
Town Manager



*Bill Turner receives acknowledgment for his 29 years of service.*



## Building Department

When hiring a contractor to repair the damage from the severe winter weather that we had or anytime you are planning work on your property, here are some things you should keep in mind.

1. Any work that is **not minor** in nature (ie: replacing a couple of loose shingles on the roof, repair a pane of glass, replace a couple of rotted pieces of siding, etc.) will require a building permit.
2. Work done by a homeowner – on his/ her own home (that he or she lives in) is allowed and the homeowner can apply for their own building permit.
3. Work done by a contractor (if the contractor is not licensed) - the work to be done can be permitted if the homeowner applies for the building permit and is the responsible party for the work being done.
4. Work done by a licensed contractor, the application must have the contractor's information on the application with his/her Construction Supervisor's License # **and** his / her home improvement registration number. This requirement means that the contractor is responsible for the work being done and there are avenues through the state to go after the contractor if he does not complete the work.
5. Work to be done by a licensed contractor but the homeowner is applying for the permit. If the homeowner is the responsible party for the permit and hires a licensed contractor to perform the work, the licensed contractor is the responsible party for the work being done whether or not he was listed on the application or not.

When hiring a contractor, the office of consumer affairs website: [www.mass.gov/oca](http://www.mass.gov/oca) has great information on hiring a contractor and what to look for.

Whenever you hire anyone to come into your home to do work, you should always check to make sure that the person is properly licensed / qualified to do the work (you don't want a carpenter doing plumbing work), that they are properly insured – both liability and workmen's compensation (if workmen's compensation applies to that individual's business) and that they apply for the proper permits for the work to be done.

**Keep in mind** that, plumbing and gas work can only be done by a properly licensed person, construction work and potentially electrical work can be done by homeowners on their own homes – which they live in. Commercial properties and non owner occupied residential properties must have at a minimum, construction supervisors doing the work or an architect or engineer responsible for the work (depending on the size of the building).

**Please remember** that the building department does inspections on permitted work to make sure that the minimum standards of the state building code have been met and the work that was done is safe.

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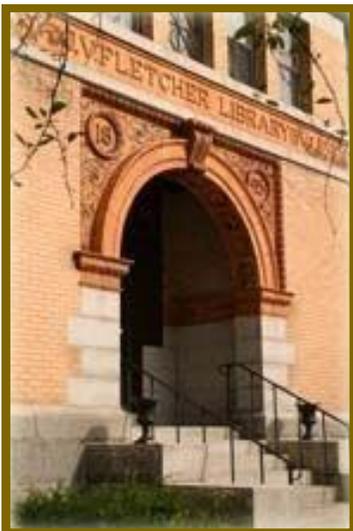
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## Council On Aging - Coming Events

### YARD SALE

**On Saturday, April 25th from 9 AM-1 PM**, The Friends of the Cameron Senior Center will sponsor an indoor yard sale at Cameron.

We are in need of your yard sale donations in good condition. Donations should be brought to the Cameron (rear of building red door) on Friday, April 24th from 1 – 3 PM.

Table space is available to rent from us at \$15 per table.

You need to complete an application. Please contact us at 978-692-5523.

Checks are to be made payable to Friends of the Cameron Senior Center.

Volunteers are needed for set up on Friday, April 24th from 12:30-4

PM and clean-up on Saturday, April 25th from 12:45 -2:30 PM.



Westford Senior Center

### GAY NINETIES CELEBRATION

The Council on Aging is pleased to once again sponsor our annual Gay Nineties Celebration on **Tuesday, May 19th from 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM at the Franco American Club.**

In celebration of Older Americans Month, this event honors those Westford elders who are ninety years of age and older.

The afternoon will include a catered lunch served around 11:30 AM and entertainment.

Advanced registration is necessary, at 978-692-5523 before May 8th.

If you were born in 1925 or earlier, please indicate your birth date when registering so you can be acknowledged. Our honored Westford guests age 90 and over are welcome to bring one guest and they will be seated at your table. Transportation is available.

This is open to all Westford Seniors only. There is no charge for this special event.



### TAX WORK PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Applications for the Senior and Veterans tax work program are now available at the Cameron Senior Center for new participants. Previous participants will be notified if they have reached the top of the list for this year. There are 20 work slots available for seniors and 5 slots for Veterans. Stop in or call 978-692-5523 for an application.

All seniors (60 years and over) and Veterans who own and reside in their homes and pay real estate taxes are eligible to apply. There is a provision for disabled veterans to designate a "proxy" volunteer on their behalf. Applicants will be assigned to work **112 hours** in a town office or school department for a \$1,000 real estate tax rebate. A job match is made based on skills/talents indicated in the application process. The tax work program is subject to income taxes and OBRA.

Applications are due by the end of May 2015 and must be accompanied by a real estate tax bill. Veteran status should be indicated on the application and the Veteran's Agent will validate Veterans applications. In June, an informational meeting will be scheduled with the selected applicants. First time applicants will be selected first, followed by applicants on the waiting list longest after previous participation. The tax work year will run from July 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016. **All hours must be completed by March 31, 2016.** All questions should be directed to Pat at the Cameron, 978-692-5523 or Terry the Veteran's Service Officer at 978-392-1170.

To view the complete Council On Aging Newsletter please visit our website at:

[www.westfordma.gov/coa](http://www.westfordma.gov/coa) and click on [Newsletters](#).

## Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery

**Parks** – The Parks Crew is busy with winter clean up and were able to clear the Community Fields at Nutting Road which are artificial turf. The grass fields are still recovering from winter snow and transitioning into mud season. There will be a delay on the start of play on those fields.

**Recreation** – The Spring/Summer brochure has been mailed out to all households and is available on line at [www.westfordrec.com](http://www.westfordrec.com). There are a number of new offerings including Engineering for Kids, Creation Station Summer Program, Top Secret Science and Math, Grey Ghost Speed and Agility Training and Jump Start to Summer for Ages 4-7. Look for our popular returning April Vacation and Summer Basketball programs with Coach Bill Denzel, and our great summer programs Kids Club, Destination Exploration, Ready, Set, Go and Leadership Program. There are a number of activities for adults including, rowing, Taoist Tai Chi, Yoga, and volleyball to just name a few.

Registration forms for the next session of the Westford Partnership for Children (WPC) Afterschool Enrichment Program are available at the school sites, on line, and at the Department Office. The enrichment program is offering more activities to address the educational trend in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

**Cemetery** – The winter clean up has begun with removal of items left over the winter. Just a reminder the mowing season is upon us so to avoid maintenance issues artificial flowers, wreaths, sprays, potted plants and decorations are prohibited from April 1<sup>st</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>. One flower bed is allowed for plantings. The flower bed shall be located in front of the monument, not to exceed the width of the monument and no more than one foot from the base of the monument. Exception Memorial Day potted plants and decorations are allowed but should be removed seven (7) days following the holiday.

Flags on Veterans Graves that are removed during the winter months will be replaced by Memorial Day. The Veterans Organizations along with the Veteran's Agent coordinate and take care of replacing the American Flag and Veterans flag holder.

### Crew Team Recently Held Fund Raiser for New Racing Shell

On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Westford-Littleton Community Crew held their annual Erg-A-Thon fundraiser. 70+ members of the organization gathered in the parking lot of Burton's Grill to row 10,000 meters each on indoor rowing machines, known as ergometers. The morning started off cloudy and snow soon began to fall, but the event continued as planned. By the end of the day, the team raised over \$22,000 towards the purchase of a new racing shell.



## Water Department

### Water Conservation

Stage I Voluntary Water Use Restrictions will go into effect on May 1 and run through October 31. During this time we ask that customers follow the odd/even day watering schedule and only water before 9 am or after 6 pm. Odd/even means odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered days and even-numbered addresses on even-numbered days.

The Water Department may be required to institute mandatory outdoor water use restrictions based on customer demand or drought conditions.



### Water Conservation Rebates Available

For a limited time the Water Department rebate is offering rebates to our residential customers on qualifying water-efficient toilets and clothes washers:

- WaterSense labeled toilets that use 1.28 gallons per flush or less are eligible for a \$100 rebate. Limit of 2 toilet rebates per household
- Energy Star labeled clothes washers with a Water Factor (WF) of 4.0 or less are eligible for a \$75 rebate. Limit of 1 clothes washer rebate per household.

Visit the Water Department website at [www.westfordma.gov/water](http://www.westfordma.gov/water) for details. Rebates are offered on a first-come-first serve basis, supplies are limited, and the program ends June 25, 2015. Only qualifying toilets/clothes washers purchased after March 20, 2015 are eligible. Offer good for Westford Water Department residential customers. **Rebate terms and conditions apply!**

### Spring Water Distribution System Flushing



As part of our ongoing maintenance program, Westford Water Department is currently completing a comprehensive flushing of the water mains, in the Forge Village, Graniteville, Town Center, and southern areas of town. We are anticipating **completion on June 15, 2015. Flushing will be completed between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM.** This schedule is **subject to change** as weather conditions and length of flushing times may vary. Please

check the website for updates ([www.westfordma.gov/water](http://www.westfordma.gov/water)). Periodic flushing is performed to maintain water quality throughout the distribution system. This program involves opening fire hydrants and flushing valves to create increased water flows which dislodge and clean out naturally occurring sedimentation in the pipelines.

Minor flooding of streets, periods of low pressure and/or periods you may be without water could occur. Discolored water may result from the flushing so we recommend that you fill bottles with water for use during this time. If you experience colored water after the scheduled completion time, please run the **cold** water only for 5 to 10 minutes to clear your service line. If your water does not clear or if you have concerns regarding this flushing please call the Water Department at 978-692-5529.

**Please avoid washing clothes during the dates and times above.** Westford Water Department reassures customers the water is safe to drink and any discoloration should clear up after the water is run a few minutes.

## Water Department (continued)

### Rain Barrels - Order Before May 28th

The Westford Water Department is once again partnering with the Great American Rain Barrel Company in Hyde Park, MA to offer rain barrels to residents as part of a community wide water conservation program.



Water shortage is a growing global concern. In New England residential water usage can increase as much as 60% during the spring, summer and fall seasons from outdoor watering needs such as watering gardens, lawns, filling pools and, washing cars. Barrels can offset that usage; saving homeowner's money and helping the community manage water supplies. Rain barrels can also reduce runoff. In watershed areas, runoff from homes and developments can harm existing water sources because overtaxed storm sewers discharge polluted runoff. Over time this can take a toll on the fragile aquatic ecosystem on which the area is dependent.

Homeowners can easily connect the barrels to their downspouts and significantly offset their watering needs. Over the course of the extended summer months an average roof of 2400 square feet could see more than 20,000 gallons of fresh rainwater passing over its surface from May through September. That is a pretty significant source of water that homeowners could be tapping into for free.

Great American Rain Barrel is offering Westford residents rain barrels for \$79 which is 35% off the retail price of \$119. The barrels come in three colors; Forest Green, Earth Brown or Nantucket Gray. To take advantage of this community program discount please visit [www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com](http://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com) look for "**shop local programs**" in the left side bar, and find "**Westford**", email [info@tgarb.com](mailto:info@tgarb.com) or call (800)251-2352.

Barrels will be available for pick up on Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm- 6:00pm at The Westford Water Department 60 Forge Village Road. The deadline for ordering is, May 28<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm.

Great American Rain Barrel Company has been selling barrels for 20 years, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of a Mediterranean specialty food importing business. The barrels are recycled from 60-gallon shipping drums and distributed to homeowners nationwide. For information about The Great American Rain Barrel Company and their products please visit [www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com](http://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com).

Health Department News

HEALTH FAIR AND SAFETY DAY/ FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL COMING!

Please join us for this fun family day on May 2 from 11-3 at the Abbot Middle School! Learn about your health at the Free Health Fair and Safety Day and enjoy one of 11 food trucks coming to the Food Truck Festival event.

Inside the gym over 40 vendors will be on hand to update visitors with local health and wellness offerings. Over 17 FREE screenings and tetanus boosters will be available. The Upper Merrimack Valley Medical Reserve Corps will be providing various Let's Move family fun activities. Also available on school grounds will be a bouncy house, games, face painting, and car seat checks. The Fair is being financially sponsored by Circle Health, Emerson Hospital, and area health providers.

**Saturday MAY 2 11A-3P**  
**ABBOT SCHOOL 25 DEPOT STREET WESTFORD**

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WESTFORD HEALTH DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

**Health Fair & Safety Day**

SPRING WESTFORD FAMILY **FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL**

**11 TRUCKS!!**

**on the lawn @ ABBOT SCHOOL**

**in the gym @ ABBOT SCHOOL**

**OVER 40 VENDORS & FREE SCREENINGS INCLUDING:**

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- HEARING
- VISION & GLAUCOMA
- THYROID FUNCTION
- PSA FOR MEN
- BODY FAT/BMI
- ELDER SERVICES
- SKIN SCREENING
- DENTAL SCREENING

**FREE TETANUS BOOSTERS!**  
**FREE CHILD SAFETY SEAT CHECKS**

LOTS OF KIDS ACTIVITIES! FREE PARKING!  
 RAIN OR SHINE! BRING A BLANKET TO DINE ON!

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## **Health Department News (continued)**

### **UPPER MERRIMACK VALLEY MEDICAL RESERVE CORP RECEIVES A \$15,000 MRC CHALLENGE AWARD FOR PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES**

The Upper Merrimack Valley MRC (UMVMRC) has been awarded a \$15,000 Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Challenge Award from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) in partnership with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The MRC Challenge Award funds MRC units to carry out innovative projects in their communities that can be replicated on a national level. In this highly competitive process, nearly 200 MRC units from across the United States submitted an application, and the top 43 most promising applicants received award to implement the proposed initiatives.

The award will be used to train UMV MRC members to implement two proven mental health and domestic violence trainings/ interventions. These trainings will engage both MRC volunteers and lay community members in a way that will teach them both the warning signs of domestic violence and self-harming behaviors and how to comfortably discuss and address these concerns with their clients, students, constituents and colleagues.

Funds have been designated to implement a nationally recognized domestic violence prevention project in local hair salons called "Cut It Out", which builds awareness of domestic abuse. It educates salon professionals and others to recognize warning signs, respond appropriately, and safely refer clients to local and regional resources.

The MRC will also use these funds to implement Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) training in the region. QPR is a training methodology used to train members to recognize warning signs, respond appropriately, and safely refer those at risk of suicide. MRC members will be trained in QPR and then will be given a "train-the-trainer" course. This will enable trained MRC volunteers to provide QPR training to stakeholder groups throughout the region, such as coaches, school staff, senior center staff and municipal employees.

### **SHINGLES CLINIC**

If you have ever had chicken pox, as most adults have, you are at risk of developing shingles. This is because the Herpes Zoster virus stays in your body and can resurface at any time. One in 3 people will experience Shingles in their lifetime. The Zostavax vaccine is a one-time vaccination for people age 60 and older and was developed to help prevent the painful and potentially serious episodes of Herpes Zoster (shingles). The clinic will be held on May 13, 1-3 at Town Hall. This free shingles vaccination program is being made available via generous funding from Lowell General/Circle Health, Emerson Hospital, Westford Charitable Foundation, Friends of the Cameron Senior Center, Whitney Herrick Foundation and Westford Rotary.

***Appointments and a phone pre-screening are required. Call 978-692-5509 to schedule.***

## **Health Department News (continued)**

### **HEALTHY LAKES & PONDS COLLABORATIVE HOSTS EDUCATIONAL EVENING**

Recently, Westford's Healthy Lakes & Ponds Collaborative (HLPC) hosted an educational evening at the Nabnasset Country Club to discuss the current health of Westford's recreational water bodies and ways to help restore them.

Speakers included ESS Environmental Group who presented the results of Westford's recent Lake and Pond Study; Chip Osborne who discussed Organic, Low Impact Landscaping & Systems Approach to Natural Turf Management; and Joy Onash of the Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI) @ UMass Lowell who spoke of potential grant funding opportunities through her institute such as the Center Pond Weed Project, a past grant recipient of theirs which was funded for the control of invasive species via physical means, reducing the need for chemicals. Other groups in attendance were Westford's Stream Team, as well as the Westford Health Department and the HLPC who had table displays with brochures and handouts centered on our ongoing efforts to restore Westford's lake and ponds to a healthy, sustainable state. The evening was well attended by some 35+ folks and is part of a continuing educational program sponsored by both the Westford Health Department and the HLPC.



### **HEALTHY LAKES AND PONDS COLLABORATIVE RECEIVES TOWN MEETING APPROVAL FOR CPC FUNDS**

The HLPC is happy to announce the acquisition of Community Preservation Committee funding as a result of the past Town Meeting's approval. The money helps support a continuing educational campaign throughout our community, as well as some of the needed restoration actions, and water quality monitoring of many of the Town's recreational water bodies. As clean water is such a vital resource within our, and neighboring communities, we are excited to begin the work to restore and ensure the health and quality of these water bodies for current and future generations! Information on the HLPC is available at [www.westfordma.gov/hlpc](http://www.westfordma.gov/hlpc)

## Health Department News (continued)

### SERVSAFE COURSE ADDED

The Health Department is happy to be offering an additional two day ServSafe food safety training course on Wednesday May 13 and Wednesday May 20, 2015. ServSafe is nationally accredited, recognized and often required by State and Federal Food Code(s) depending on the nature and menu of a particular food event in Massachusetts. The course will be held on both nights from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Millennium School, 23 Depot Street in the All Purpose Meeting Room and will be made available for members and organizations of Westford's Community.

The cost to audit the lecture portion of the course is free for Westford residents, non-profits, members of local community organizations and food establishments; however the text books and answer exam sheets are \$70.00. Payment is due upon registration. Space is limited to the first 35 applicants and is open to only one applicant per organization. All book fees must be received by the Health Department Office, located at Town Hall 55 Main Street, no later than April 24, 2015. Depending on space availability, the office may open the course to more than one applicant per organization. At the time of registration please provide your name, the company or organization you are associated with, address, day time & evening phone number along with a valid email address.



**To obtain more information please call the office at 978-692-5509.**

In addition, on the night of May 13 at the end of the lecture portion of the class a free choke saver class will be administered by Upper Merrimack Valley Medical Reserve Corps members who are American Red Cross certified. Choke Saver is required under the Massachusetts Food Code in restaurants that have 25 or more seats. A bill has been proposed at the State House to require Choke Saver for all establishments that has at least one seat. The class will take approximately 30 minutes and certificates will be issued at the end of the class. Choke never expires.



## Recycling Commission

### Spring Dates for Brush Chipping, Electronics and More Collections



#### Town Brush and Branch Chipping

Saturday, April 25, 2015

10:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Westford Highway Garage, 28 North Street

Fee: \$10 per load with new payment policy - checks preferred, payable to Town of Westford.

**Accepted:** Branches with maximum dimension 3 inches in diameter and 10 feet in length. Must be average residential brush categories and reasonable amounts. A load ranges from a trunk to pickup truck volume and includes tow behind a full trailer.

**Not Accepted:** Commercial refuse. Building materials (fences, boards), land clearing material, debris (roots and bushes, brush mixed with poison ivy), leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings.

#### Electronics & More Collection

Saturday, May 9, 2015

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Westford Highway Garage, 28 North Street

Westford utilizes the services of Northeast Materials Handling of Lowell, Massachusetts. This is a fee-based collection; CASH OR CHECK ONLY. OPEN TO ALL. The Town of Westford receives no proceeds from this event. Please see Recycling Commission web site [www.westfordma.gov/recycling](http://www.westfordma.gov/recycling) or direct event questions to Susan Thomas at 978-692-1027.

#### The following are accepted FREE OF CHARGE:

Appliances: Small, anything that plugs into an electrical socket: (irons, hair dryers, toasters, electric toothbrushes, hand mixers, blenders – no glass, etc.)

Refrigerators, washers, dryers, Air Conditioners / Dehumidifiers, Microwave Ovens, etc.

Cell Phones and Telephones (Home & Office)

Chargers

Children's car seats

Computers and towers (CPUs), Laptops

Copy Machines

Fire extinguishers (empty)

Smoke/Carbon Monoxide detectors

Propane tanks (empty)

Game Consoles

Home Electronics & Related Appliances (DVD, DVR, Stereos, etc.)

Light Fixtures

Propane tanks (empty)

Printers and fax machines

Radios and Scanners

Printed circuit boards

Network equipment, modems, and routers

Speakers

Battery operated tools

Most small items made of metal or plastic are accepted, along with scrap metal.

Snow Blowers, Lawn Mowers

Power Tools

#### Televisions and Computer monitors will be measured by Northeast Materials and charged as follows:

TV console with built in cabinet - \$25

Computer Monitors (without a computer) - \$15

TV, small portable (under 26 inches) - \$20

TV, large portable, TV widescreen large flat screen, projection screen (over 26 inches) - \$25

For more information, please visit the WRC website: [www.westfordma.gov/recycling](http://www.westfordma.gov/recycling) or Facebook page: [Westford Recycling Commission](https://www.facebook.com/WestfordRecyclingCommission)

