

## Shutesbury Residents Can Use the Leverett Transfer Station

Over the years the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee has received many inquiries about how to get rid of bulky waste that must be disposed of before or after Shutesbury's Bulky Waste Days in June and October. We've received calls and emails from people who are moving; people who have bought new furniture and have to do something with the old stuff; and people whose air conditioners, TV's, or dehumidifiers have conked out and have had to be replaced.

In the past, the best we could do was refer Shutesbury residents to professional haulers, who generally charge a lot to remove bulky items. But beginning in January, Shutesbury residents displaying a Leverett Transfer Station (LTS) sticker will be able to use the LTS to dispose of bulky waste any time during the year. In addition, Shutesbury residents will be able to take advantage of the "Take It or Leave It" feature of the LTS. You can bring good stuff that you no longer need, browse through books, toys, clothing, furniture, etc., and take what you want at no cost. The LTS is located at 15 Cemetery Rd. in Leverett.

Here's how it works:

- During the trial period between January and July 2017, Shutesbury residents can purchase an LTS sticker for \$10.00. This sticker gives you access to bulky waste disposal and Take It or Leave It at the LTS. If there's enough interest among Shutesbury residents during this trial period, we'll continue the program for the next fiscal year. See the disposal cost of various bulky items here: <http://leverett.ma.us/files/Transfer%20station%20prices%20no%20scale.pdf>.
- Stickers may be obtained from Meryl Mandell, Chair of the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee ([merylm@crocker.com](mailto:merylm@crocker.com) or 259-1282) or Gary Bernhard, Recycling Coordinator ([bernhard@uww.umass.edu](mailto:bernhard@uww.umass.edu) or 259-1235). The sticker is mounted on the front windshield of the car behind the mirror.
- Hours of LTS operation: Saturday and Sunday 10:00 – 1:00. Beginning in January, Wednesday 2:00 – 5:00 until daylight savings time in March, then 4:00 – 7:00.
- **No trash or recycling at the LTS for Shutesbury residents.** We have curbside pickup of trash and recycling; Leverett residents pay for each bag of trash disposed of at LTS.
- No hazardous waste
- Bring good, usable stuff for Take It or Leave It. No junk, please.
- Once we get going with this collaboration, the LTS will need additional volunteers, especially at Take It or Leave It. If you want first dibs on items that come in, you might consider volunteering.
- For more information about the Leverett Transfer Station, check out the web site: <http://www.leverett.ma.us/content/transfer-station>

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