

CITY OF WALTHAM RECYCLING, TRASH, HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS AND YARD WASTE GUIDELINES FOR RESIDENTS

165 Lexington Street | 781-314-3390

Hours: M-F 8:30am - 4:30pm



2017 - 2018

For additional information, visit:

<http://www.city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department>

Waltham Recycling Dept.
Municipal Building
165 Lexington St.
Waltham, MA 02452

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER
WALTHAM, MA



NEW - Rigid Plastics now Accepted



HOLD ONTO THIS CALENDAR

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Dear Waltham Resident,

The Waltham Public Works Department urges residents to reduce waste whenever possible through the curbside recycling collection and Hazardous Products Collection Program at the Minuteman Facility in Lexington, MA. All recyclable items can go together in the bin or barrel. No separation is necessary. For more information on waste management, go to City of Waltham website, (click "Departments" & scroll down to "Recycling").

The Disposal Index is an alphabetical listing for the reuse, recycling, and disposal options of many products. For items that could be reused, click on Donate Reusable Items to Charity. Some of these organizations will pick up items at no charge. Residents can also print information on Composting, Construction Waste, or recent recycling updates.

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Waltham Recycling and Trash Guidelines:

- Recycling and trash is collected weekly in Waltham. Containers must be placed curbside one hour before sundown the night before your scheduled pick-up day, or by 7:00am on your scheduled pick-up day.
- REPORT A MISSED RECYCLING/TRASH OR YW PICK-UP at 781-314-3855, Mon - Fri, 7am-3pm.
- When there is a holiday, the recycling & trash pick-up schedule will run one day late for the rest of the week.
- Trash and recycling barrels cannot exceed 32 gallons or 50 lbs.
- Please keep at least 8 feet in between your recycling and trash barrels. Label them accordingly.
- Place trash and recycling barrels on top of, or in front of snowbanks when present.

NEW INFORMATION:

New Recycling/Trash Hauler!

The City of Waltham has engaged a new company, **EZ Disposal & Recycling**, to service residential collection of recycling, trash and yard waste. The program is the same, although residents must call EZ Disposal & Recycling at **781-233-2211** to register for the curbside pick up of appliances, computers, or TV's.

Make note that all recyclables (paper, plastic, glass, cans) may go together in a bin or barrel. No separation necessary!

* Yard Waste & Recycling Bins Notice *

The City is in the process of changing recycling collection and is no longer distributing blue/gray recycling bins. Shaded (former blue bin) areas are now **A-week** YW pick-up areas. Unshaded (former gray bin) areas are now **B-week** pick-up areas. To find the YW schedule for your street online, go to the Recycling website, **Yard Waste Schedule:** www.bit.ly/walthamyardwasteschedule

In the interim, RECYCLING ONLY stickers are available at no charge. Please put a sticker on your own container to put out your recycling. Stickers are available at the Recycling Department, 165 Lexington Street, 8:30am-4:30pm. The city will inform residents of any upcoming changes.

Rigid Plastics

Residents can now recycle the following:

- 1-5 gall BUCKETS with handle
- Plastic TOYS
- Plastic Landscape TRAYS
- Plastic milk & soda CRATES
- KITTY LITTER buckets
- Children's size rigid POOLS
- Plastic laundry BASKETS

Please put these items in or beside your recycling container. Please make note that PLASTIC BAGS are the biggest contamination problem; they clog up the recycling machinery. DO NOT put recyclables in plastic bags. DO NOT put any plastic bags in recycling container.

HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS RECYCLING & DISPOSAL

Residents may take their hazardous products to the Minuteman Hazardous Products Facility in Lexington, MA, one weekend day per month, April through November, 9am-2pm. Bring proof of Waltham residency - license or Waltham bill. Please take all your hazardous products at one time and limit your visits to once per season. Only have one item? Try collecting with your neighbors!

Directions to Minuteman Facility - 60 Hartwell Ave, Lexington, MA:

Take Route 128 North. Take Exit 31 B, Bedford (Route 4/North/Route 225 West) off Route 128. At the end of the exit ramp, remain in the right lane. Bear right to enter the jug-handle to turn left & continue straight through the traffic light onto Hartwell Avenue. Travel 0.5 miles south on Hartwell Avenue and take the first left after the pedestrian traffic signal at the bikeway.

2017 Minuteman Events:

60 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA

9:00am - 2:00pm

Taxes pay for this service.

There is no charge to residents.

Sat, April 15th

Sat, May 13th

Sat, June 17th

Sat, July 15th

Sat, August 12th

SUN, September 17th

Sat, October 14th

Sat, November 4th

The Minuteman Facility is closed December through March. Please dispose of your hazardous products before the end of the season in November. Residents who need to dispose of hazardous products before Minuteman opens in April can set up a private disposal with Clean Harbors (781-380-7121) for a **minimun \$250 fee.**

Take the Following to Minuteman:

- Acids
- Aerosol Cans (Partially filled)
- Art Supplies
- Auto Products (antifreeze, batteries, used oil)
- Batteries (Alkaline mfg before 1994; NiCad, button, zinc, lithium)
- Bleach, Brighteners
- Chemistry Set Chemicals
- Fiberglass Resins
- Flea & Tick Powders
- Gasoline & Kerosene
- Lighter Fluid
- Mercury Containing Devices (thermostats, fluorescent lamps, compact fluorescent bulbs, thermometers)
- Moth Balls & Crystals
- Motor Oil
- Oil Paint, Thinners, Varnish, Stain, Shellac, Strippers (NO latex paint, NO pest strips)
- Pesticides (herbicides, fungicides, insecticides)
- Polishes (furniture, floor, metal)
- Pool Chemicals
- Propane Tanks (Empty or partially empty-max 20lbs)
- Sealant (Driveway)
- Septic Cleaners
- Wood Preservatives

Do NOT bring the following to Minuteman: alkaline batteries (A, C, D), ammunition, fireworks, explosives & non-propane gas cylinders, tires, asbestos, commercial & industrial waste, television & computers, construction debris, infectious & biological waste, **latex paint**, prescription medicine, radioactive waste, carbon monoxide & smoke detectors, syringes, tires, and fire extinguishers. ***For more info, see the Disposal Index on the Waltham city website.***

RECYCLING, TRASH, YARD WASTE & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS CALENDAR:

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For more info. or to report a missed pick up, please call Public Works: 781-314-3855 M-F, 7am-3pm

No Collection (holiday): When there is a holiday, trash and recycling pick up will be DELAYED ONE DAY for the rest of the week. There will be no collection on days circled with a slash symbol ☞ (example being April 18th). Instead, pick-up will be completed one day after your regularly scheduled pick-up day, on days with an underline.

Christmas Tree Collection: Put Christmas trees at your curb for pick-up any time for 3 weeks following Christmas day. It does not have to be on your trash day. Remove decorations and stand. NO PLASTIC BAGS. You can also drop off trees at: Nipper Maher Park, Elsie Turner Field, or Graverson Playground.

Yard Waste Pick-up: EZ Disposal & Recycling collects YW every other week. Collection alternates according to your address:

Shaded weeks indicate YW pick-up for **A-WEEK** residents. Collection BEGINS April 10, 2017 and ENDS on Dec. 8th

Un-shaded weeks indicate YW pick-up for **B-WEEK** residents. Collection BEGINS April 17, 2017 and ENDS Dec. 15th

See "Yard Waste Schedule" on the recycling website to find your pick-up day.

Hazardous Waste Facility Dates: Dispose of your household hazardous products at the Minuteman Hazardous Products Facility, on dates in green (Example being April 15th).

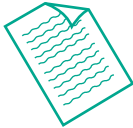




Leaf Vacuum Program Collection Dates: Leaves from each household will be vacuumed ONE DAY PER YEAR, Monday through Friday, according to the following schedule:	
Residents With:	Will have vacuuming ONCE during week of:
Monday Pick Up	October 30th - November 3rd
Tuesday Pick Up	November 6th - November 10th
Wednesday Pick Up	November 13th - November 17th
Residents With:	Will have vacuuming ONCE during week of:
Thursday Pick Up	November 20th - November 24th
Friday Pick Up	November 27th - December 1st
*You MUST leave your leaves out prior to the Mon. of your scheduled week! Please do NOT block gutters.	

COMPOSTING IN WALTHAM:

Residents may compost their leaves, grass clippings, and kitchen scraps (vegetables & fruits). It takes about one year to break down. When material looks like soil, you can add the compost to your garden soil or spread it over your lawn. Compost helps the soil hold water and provides nutrients to plants. It promotes a healthy lawn and garden and reduces the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides. For more information, go to the City of Waltham Recycling website and click on "How to Compost" and "How to Buy a Compost Bin at a Discount Price."

RECYCLING AND TRASH INDEX:

Report missed pick-up's to 781-314-3855 M-F, 7am-3pm

What to Recycle		How to Prepare It	DO NOT Include
 PAPER	<i>If you can rip it with your hands, you can recycle it!</i> Paper, whole or shredded Newspapers/inserts Magazines, Books & Catalogs Junk Mail, Phone Books, Office Paper Paperboard/Cereal & Shoe Boxes Milk & Juice Cartons Corrugated Boxes	Place shredded paper in paper bag and put in recycling bin or barrel. Window envelopes, staples & paper clips are OK. CARTONS: Rinse clean, remove straws. BOXES: Flatten, place under bin or in barrel, or take to corrugated dumpster, 165 Lexington St	NO food soiled paper/boxes or straws NO hardcover books (rip off cover & put in pages) <u>NO PIZZA BOXES</u>
 PLASTIC	Containers #1-7 Soda & Detergent Bottles Yogurt Containers Plastic milk, juice & water jugs NEW - RIGID PLASTICS Includes kitty litter buckets, laundry baskets, milk & soda crates, 1 & 5 gallon buckets with a handle, plastic toys, children's size rigid pools, small plastic bins (up to 5 gallons), landscape trays & plastic plant pots	RINSE CLEAN Collars, neck rings, attached caps & labels are OK Leave rigid plastics in or next to your recycling bin if necessary, on your regularly scheduled recycling & trash day	NO Styrofoam NO coat hangers <u>NO PLASTIC BAGS</u> Do not put recyclables in plastic bags. Take plastic bags to supermarkets for recycling.
 GLASS	Green, clear or brown, food and beverage containers	RINSE CLEAN	NO Motor oil or chemical containers, corks, broken glass, ceramics, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs & drinking glasses
 CANS	Deposit and non-deposit beverage cans Aluminum & tin foil cans, Empty aerosol cans , Aluminum pie plates and trays	RINSE CLEAN Crush Cans Labels are okay to leave on	NO paint cans in recycling bin
 YARD WASTE	Leaves, grass and all other easily raked material. Small twigs and branches. Twigs & branches (less than 2 inches in diameter and less than 3 feet long) should be bundle and tied	YW is collected from 4/10 - 12/15 on your scheduled YARD WASTE WEEK (see calendar on left). Place yard waste (leaves & grass only) in paper leaf bags or in barrels up to 50lbs. marked with "Yard Waste" (Free YW stickers available in the Waltham Recycling Dept.)	NO twigs or branches over 2 inches in diameter or over 3 feet in length NO stumps or logs NO rocks or stones

**All recyclables (paper, plastic, glass, cans) may go together in your bin or barrel. No separation necessary!*

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

TV'S AND COMPUTERS: Refers to MONITORS ONLY: EZ Disposal & Recycling will pick up your **TV & computer monitors ONLY** by appointment on your regular trash day. Pick up must be scheduled 24 hours ahead of your pick up day. Please call 781-233-2211 (leave a message, if necessary). Items must be placed curbside by 7am. Driver does not assist with transport to curb. Please report any abandoned TV's & computers to EZ Disposal & Recycling at 781-233-2211. For any other electronic items, you can call and go to Staples or Best Buy, as they collect most electronics at no charge. Electronics that cannot be recycled can be thrown into the trash.

MEDICAL WASTE: You can dispose of medications at the Waltham Police Station (155 Lexington St) at the kiosk in the front lobby. You can also bring needles & syringes in a secure container to the police station & go to the operations window in the front lobby. Do NOT put needles in the meds kiosk.

MAJOR APPLIANCES: Items such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, washers, dryers, & metal cabinets will be picked-up by EZ Disposal & Recycling. Call them to set an appointment at 781-233-2211 by 3pm the day before your scheduled pick up day. Items should be placed upright at your curb by 7am. Remove doors from refrigerators and freezers. Doors will be picked up with trash. When you purchase a new appliance, please ask the company to pick up your old appliance with the new purchase.

FURNITURE: Furniture that is not donated should be put out at your curb on your regular trash day. You do not need to call to schedule a pick-up. Residents are limited to two pieces of furniture per week.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION: See our "Construction Waste Brochure" on the Recycling Dept. page of the city website for information.