

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



2018 - 2019

For additional Information, visit:
<http://www.city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department>

Waltham Recycling Dept.
Municipal Building
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Waltham, MA 02452

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**RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER
WALTHAM, MA**

RIGID PLASTICS - Put in recycling cart



HOLD ONTO THIS CALENDAR

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Dear Waltham Resident,

Please visit the Recycling Department website for more info: www.city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department

On the website you can find the **Disposal Index**, an alphabetical listing of 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 the **Recycling Brochure**, or information on **Composting** or **Construction Waste** from the Recycling website.

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 barrels cannot exceed 32 gallons or 50 lbs.
- Please keep at least 8 feet in between your recycling cart and trash containers, or place on alternate sides of driveway so trash barrels don't get knocked over by toter tipper. Label them accordingly.
- Place trash and recycling carts in front of snowbanks when possible.

Composting in Waltham

For information on...

How to Compost:

<http://bit.ly/howtocompostwaltham>

Buying a Compost Bin:

<http://bit.ly/buyacompostbinwaltham>

Food Waste Curbside Collection & Composting for a fee:

<http://bit.ly/foodwastecollectionwaltham>

NEW INFORMATION:

Recycling Carts

All recyclable items can go together in the cart; glass, cans, plastic, paper, collapsed boxes. Please put your address on your recycling cart with permanent marker & copy down the 10-digit code number from the front of your cart to help you find your cart if you lose track of it. Do not put Yard Waste/trash into your cart.

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 your recycling cart.

Plastic Bags

PLEASE DO NOT PUT RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS. Put all items directly in the cart. DO NOT PUT ANY PLASTIC BAGS IN THE RECYCLING CART. The bags get caught and jam the sorting machinery.

Plastic bags can be dropped off at local supermakerts: Market Basket, Hannafords, Shaws.

Styrofoam

NEVER PUT ANY STYROFOAM IN THE RECYCLING CART, LARGE OR SMALL.

The City does not take Styrofoam for recycling. Styrofoam can be put in the trash.

Styrofoam peanuts can be dropped off for recycling at UPS Stores (ex: 738 Main St, Waltham). All Styrofoam can be recycled at Conigliaro Industries in Framingham - for a fee. Call 1-888-266-4425.

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.

2018 Minuteman Events:		Take the Following to Minuteman:	
60 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA			
9:00am - 2:00pm			
There is no direct charge to Waltham residents.			
Sat, April 14th	Sat, August 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• Cooking Oil• Cosmetics• Drain Cleaners• Fiberglass Resins• Flea & Tick Powders• Gasoline & Kerosene• Lighter Fluid• Mercury Containing Devices (thermostats, fluorescent lamps, compact fluorescent bulbs, thermometers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moth Balls & Crystals• Motor Oil• Oil Paint, Thinners, Varnish, Stain, Shellac, Strippers (NO latex paint/pest strips)• Oven Cleaners• Pesticides (herbicides, fungicides, insecticides)• Polishes (furniture, floor, metal)• Pool Chemicals• Propane Tanks (Empty or partially empty-max 20lbs)• Rug & Upholster Cleaners• Sealant (Driveway)• Septic Cleaners• Wood Preservatives
Sat, May 12th	SUN, September 16th		
Sat, June 16th	Sat, October 13th		
Sat, July 14th	Sat, November 3rd		
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.			

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 16th). 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.


Hazardous Waste Facility Dates: Dispose of your household hazardous products at the Minuteman Hazardous Products Facility, on dates in green (Example being April 14th).

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:	Residents With:	Will have vacuuming ONCE during week of:
Monday Pick Up	October 29th - November 2nd	Thursday Pick Up	November 19th - November 23rd
Tuesday Pick Up	November 5th - November 9th	Friday Pick Up	November 26th - November 30th
Wednesday Pick Up	November 12th - November 16th	* You MUST leave your leaves out prior to the Mon. of your scheduled week! Please do NOT block gutters.	

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







 Blue-shaded weeks indicate YW pick-up for A-WEEK residents (former blue bin areas)
Collection BEGINS April 9th, 2018 and ENDS on Dec. 7th, 2018

 Un-shaded weeks indicate YW pick-up for B-WEEK residents (former gray bin areas)
Collection BEGINS April 17, 2018 and ENDS Dec. 14th, 2018

To find out what your Yard Waste week is (A-Week or B-Week), go to the Recycling Department webpage and click on "Yard Waste Schedule". From there, click on <http://bit.ly/yardwastemap> and enter your street address in the search box in the upper left. Follow the instructions on the left of the page - Click on the colored area around your address to see your YW & Recycling/Trash details.

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
 <p>PAPER</p> <p><i>If you can rip it with your hands, you can recycle it!</i></p> <p>Paper, whole or shredded Newspapers/inserts Magazines, Books & Catalogs Junk Mail, Phone Books, Office Paper Paperboard/Cereal & Shoe Boxes Milk & Juice Cartons Corrugated Boxes</p>	<p>Place shredded paper in paper bag and put in recycling bin or barrel. Window envelopes, staples & paper clips are OK.</p> <p>CARTONS: Rinse clean, remove straws. BOXES: Flatten & cut to fit in recycling cart or take to corrugated dumpster, 165 Lexington St</p>	<p>NO food soiled paper/boxes or straws NO hardcover books (rip off cover & put in pages)</p> <p><u>NO PIZZA BOXES</u></p>
 <p>PLASTIC</p> <p>Containers #1-7 Soda & Detergent Bottles Yogurt Containers Plastic milk, juice & water jugs</p> <p>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</p>	<p>RINSE CLEAN</p> <p>Collars, neck rings, attached caps & labels are OK</p> <p>Put rigid plastics in your recycling cart on your recycling & trash collection day (Do NOT include Styrofoam)</p>	<p>NO Styrofoam NO coat hangers</p> <p><u>NO PLASTIC BAGS</u></p> <p>Do not put recyclables in plastic bags. Take plastic bags to supermarkets for recycling.</p>
 <p>GLASS</p> <p>Green, clear or brown, food and beverage containers</p>	<p>RINSE CLEAN</p>	<p>NO Motor oil or chemical containers, corks, broken glass, ceramics, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs & drinking glasses</p>
 <p>CANS</p> <p>Tin and aluminum cans, deposit or non-deposit beverage cans, empty aerosol cans, aluminum pie plates and trays.</p>	<p>RINSE CLEAN Crush Cans Labels are okay to leave on</p>	<p>NO paint cans in recycling bin</p>
 <p>YARD WASTE</p> <p>Leaves, grass and all other easily raked material. Small twigs and branches.</p> <p>Twigs & branches (less than 2 inches in diameter and less than 3 feet long) should be bundle and tied</p>	<p>YW is collected from 4/9 - 12/14 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.)</p>	<p>NO twigs or branches over 2 inches in diameter or over 3 feet in length</p> <p>NO stumps or logs No rocks or stones</p>

**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: Take dry medications to the Waltham Police Station (155 Lexington St) at the kiosk in the front lobby. Bring needles and syringes in a secure container to the police station to the operations window in the front lobby, etc.

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. Microwaves can be placed out at your curb, no call necessary.

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.