

# City of Waltham

## 2023-2024 TRASH & RECYCLING GUIDELINES FOR RESIDENTS

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



### RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER WALTHAM, MA



**HOLD ONTO THIS CALENDAR**  
For more information, visit [city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department](http://city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department)

## A QUICK RUNDOWN:

- 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.
- To find your recycling & trash day, please visit our pick-up zone map at [city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-trash-pick-up-schedule](http://city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-trash-pick-up-schedule)
- The city provides each household with a blue wheeled recycling cart. Trash barrels are the responsibility of the property owner to provide.
- To get a new or an extra recycling cart, please call the Recycling Department at 781-314-3390. **Please note:** If your cart is broken, please call to schedule an appointment for repair. If your cart cannot be fixed, it will be replaced.
- Household trash must be placed in a trash bag, then placed in a barrel with a lid fully closed. Barrels should not weigh more than 50lbs each. Residents are allowed **ONE** extra "bulk" item per week in addition to their trash barrel. Do not block sidewalks.
- Yard waste is collected every other week from April - December. The city also provides a Leaf Vacuum Program to collect leaves one day per year from November - December. See the attached calendar for more.
- You can report a missed recycling, trash & yard waste pick-up to **781-314-3855**, Monday - Friday, 7am-3pm. Please **do not** call to have trucks re-routed if you put your items out after 7:00am. If your items were not put out by 7:00am, please put them out the following week.
- Not sure where something should go?  
Visit: [recyclingworksma.com](http://recyclingworksma.com)

## WE HAVE A NEW ONLINE CALENDAR!

Looking for an easier way to check the trash & recycling schedule? Check out our new online calendar here:  
[bit.ly/Waltham-Trash-Recycling-Calendar](http://bit.ly/Waltham-Trash-Recycling-Calendar)  
or by scanning the QR code!



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WALTHAM RECYCLING DEPARTMENT  
165 LEXINGTON STREET  
781-314-3390  
M-F, 8:30AM-4:30PM

# Moving? Plan ahead!

Residents are encouraged to PLAN AHEAD when it comes time to move in or move out. Please give yourselves plenty of time to **dispose of any unwanted items properly**. Failure to comply with city ordinances can result in fines to the property owner and could affect security deposits. **Here's a quick run-down:**

- Residents are allowed to dispose of **1 bulk item per week** in addition to their trash barrels. "Bulk" refers to items that will not fit in a trash barrel, but can be collected and crushed by the trash truck. This includes items such as chairs, couches, dressers, humidifiers, etc. Some items require advance scheduling of separate trucks. Please visit our website prior to placing items curbside to see if it requires advanced calling.
- Per State rules, **mattresses and textiles** (*clothing, shoes, linens, towels, etc*) are no longer allowed in curbside trash. There are still plenty of options to properly dispose of these items.

## HAVE AN OLD MATTRESS TO GET RID OF?

**If you are a resident of Waltham WITH regular CURBSIDE collection:** The city has contracted with a mattress collection company to recycle resident's mattresses and box springs. They aim to recycle up to 95% of each mattress' materials. You can call the Waltham Recycling Department at 781-314-3390 to schedule a pick up date for your mattress or box spring. Each household may recycle up to 6 total units per calendar year (1 mattress **OR** 1 boxspring = 1 unit). Mattress disposal **requires** an appointment.

**If you are a resident of Waltham who does NOT have regular city CURBSIDE collection services:** Meaning you do not have **curbside** collection service for trash, recycling and yard waste, then you are responsible for making your own arrangements to recycle a mattress or box spring. If you live in an apartment building with more than 6 units, you **do NOT** have regular curbside collection.

Scan the QR code for alternative options & see here for more:  
[city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department/mattresses](http://city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department/mattresses)



scan me on your phone camera!

# HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS RECYCLING & DISPOSAL

Have any hazardous waste to get rid of such as paint, oil, antifreeze, cleaning chemicals, fertilizers, etc? Residents may take their hazardous products to the Minuteman Hazardous Products Facility in Lexington, MA, **one weekend day per month, April through November**. 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!

**\*PLEASE NOTE - You MUST register in advance! Scan the QR code to sign up.**

## 2023 Minuteman Events:

Events will be held at **60 Hartwell Avenue in Lexington, MA from 9:00AM - 2:00PM**. There is no direct charge to Waltham residents. Drop-off events will be held on the dates below (also shown on the calendar in this brochure in **red**). Registration closes at noon the Friday before event.

Sat, April 22nd    Sat, June 10th    Sat, August 19th    Sat, October 14th  
Sat, May 13th    Sat, July 15th    SUN, September 17th    Sat, November 4th

For a complete list of acceptable items and event details, please visit:  
[www.lexingtonma.gov/environmental-services/pages/hazardous-waste](http://www.lexingtonma.gov/environmental-services/pages/hazardous-waste)

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### Acceptable Items

- Oil & Lead Based Paint
- Automotive Batteries
- Oil
- Poisons
- Paint Strippers / Solvents
- Pesticides
- Cleaners
- Antifreeze
- Mercury Products
- Light Bulbs, CFLs

### Unacceptable Items

- Ammunition / Explosives / Road Flares
- Compressed Gas Cylinders
- Home Medical Waste
- Latex Paint

## E-WASTE DISPOSAL

EZ Disposal & Recycling will pick up "White Goods" that cannot go into the trash truck, such as washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners, etc. They will also pick-up "CRT" items that contain hazardous material such as computer & television monitors. Please note: **You must call EZ Disposal & Recycling to make an appointment** for pick-up at 781-233-2211.

Some items require advance scheduling of separate trucks. Please visit our website prior to placing items curbside to see if it requires advanced calling. Items must be placed curbside by 7am. Please note that the driver does not assist with transport to your curb. Please remove all doors from refrigerators & freezers, and leave items upright at your curb. **Tip:** When you purchase a new appliance, ask the company if they can pick-up your old one when they deliver the new one!



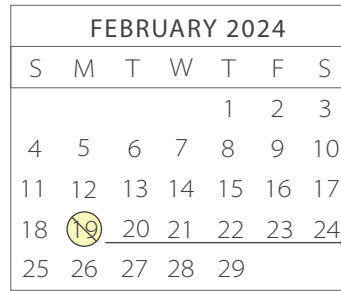
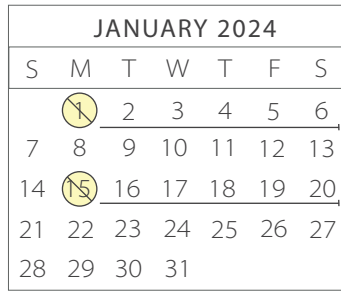
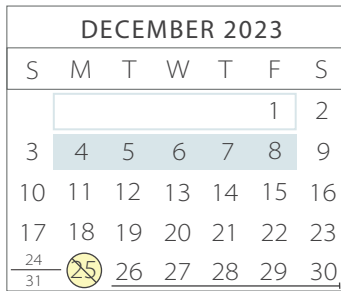
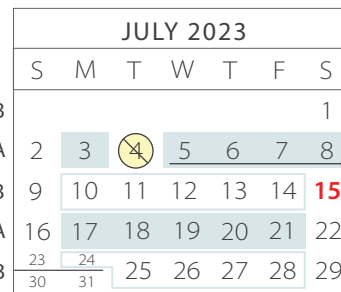
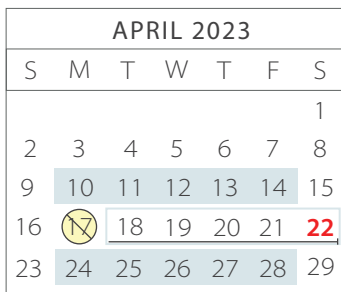
## CONSTRUCTION WASTE DISPOSAL

In an effort to reduce the disposal of construction and demolition materials in household waste, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has implemented waste disposal bans on many of the materials generated during construction and demolition. Please do not include any type of construction waste in your trash barrels or recycling carts. The trash hauler will NOT collect it. Banned materials include the following:

- Asphalt Pavement
- Brick
- Concrete
- Metal
- Wood
- Clean Gypsum Wallboard (drywall)
- Toilets

Contractors are generally responsible for disposal of construction and demolition debris. Residents are instructed to contact a private hauler for construction waste disposal. For more info on the MA waste bans, visit: [mass.gov/guides/massdep-waste-disposal-bans](http://mass.gov/guides/massdep-waste-disposal-bans)





**NO COLLECTION (HOLIDAY)**

When there is a holiday, trash and recycling pick up may be DELAYED ONE DAY for the rest of the week. There will be no collection on days circled with a slash symbol. Instead, pick-up will be completed one day after your regularly scheduled pick-up day, on days with an underline. Note - the only holidays listed on this calendar are the ones where trash & recycling pick-up is affected.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

Household hazardous waste can be dropped off on dates in red to the Minuteman Hazardous Products facility in Lexington, MA. You must pre-register for these events. See here for more: [city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department/hazardous-waste](http://city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department/hazardous-waste)

**CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION**

Put Christmas Trees at your curb for 3 weeks following Christmas Day. It does not have to be on your trash day. Remove decorations and stand. See City website for available drop-off locations as secondary option.

**LEAF VACUUM PROGRAM**

Leaves from each household will be vacuumed 1 DAY PER YEAR, PER STREET (weather permitting), Mon-Fri, according to the following schedule. The 2023 vacuuming schedule will begin on **WEDNESDAY's** trash route. Residents should rake their leaves to their curbs the **SUNDAY** before their collection week, and not before. Do NOT block sidewalks or storm drains/gutters with leaves.

Residents With:	Will have vacuuming ONCE during week of:	Residents With:	Will have vacuuming ONCE during week of:
Wednesday Pick Up .....	October 30th - November 3rd	Monday Pick Up .....	November 20th - November 24th
Thursday Pick Up .....	November 6th - November 10th	Tuesday Pick Up .....	November 27th - December 1st
Friday Pick Up .....	November 13th - November 17th	<i>* You MUST place your leaves out prior to the Mon. of your scheduled week! Pick-up Weather Permitting!</i>	

**RAIN BARRELS**

Save money, conserve rainwater, and protect a natural resource! Rain barrels will be distributed at a discounted price to Waltham residents on April 8th & September 9th, 2023 from 9am-11am in the Public Works yard (165 Lexington St). See more on the rain barrel program & how to pre-order at: [city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department/rain-barrels](http://city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department/rain-barrels)

**YARD WASTE PICK-UP**

EZ Disposal & Recycling collects YW every other week. Collection alternates according to your address. To find out what your yard Waste Week is (A-Week or B-Week), go to: [city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department/yard-waste-schedule](http://city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department/yard-waste-schedule)

- A** Blue-shaded weeks indicate YW pick-up for A-WEEK residents. Collection BEGINS April 10th, 2023 and ENDS on Dec. 8th, 2023
- B** Un-shaded weeks indicate YW pick-up for B-WEEK residents. Collection BEGINS April 18th, 2023 and ENDS Dec. 1st, 2023

**PREPARING YOUR YARD WASTE**

Include leaves, grass & easily raked material. Small twigs & branches less than 2" in diameter and less than 3' long are okay. No stumps, logs, rocks or stones. Must be in paper leaf bags or barrels marked with "Yard Waste". Free stickers are available at 165 Lexington St.

**COMPOSTING**

Earth Machine Composters are available at the Waltham Public Works Department. Please contact Recycling at 781-314-3390 to schedule an appointment to pick one up & see: [city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department/food-waste](http://city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department/food-waste)

**MATTRESSES & BOXSPRINGS**

If you're a resident with curbside collection, the city has contracted with a mattress collection company to recycle resident's old mattresses or box springs. Mattress disposal is *not* part of weekly trash & recycling collection. You must call in advance. Please see: [city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department/mattresses](http://city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department/mattresses)

# ONLY THESE ITEMS BELONG IN YOUR RECYCLING CART

All recyclables (paper, plastic, glass, cans) may go together in your recycling cart. No separation necessary!  
Please do not recycle anything not pictured on the lid. All recycling **MUST** be placed in your recycling cart with the lid fully closed.  
Need to get a new or additional recycling cart? Call 781-314-3390.

Not sure? Head to: [recyclesmartma.org](http://recyclesmartma.org)

## Plastic



**Bottles, Jars, Jugs and Tubs**  
empty & rinse

## Glass



**Bottles and Jars**  
empty & rinse

## Metal



**Food and Beverage Cans**  
empty & rinse

## Paper & Cardboard



**Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, Boxes**  
empty & flatten - No food soiled pizza boxes. Corrugated boxes can also be placed in the dumpster at 165 Lexington Street (*residents only*). place all styrofoam into your trash.



## MATTRESSES & TEXTILES ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED IN CURBSIDE TRASH OR RECYCLING



Textiles includes items such as clothes, shoes, linens, towels, curtains, and cloth accessories. 95% of textiles thrown away in MA could be reused or re-purposed! You can donate textiles, **no matter the condition**, to the Big Brother Big Sister Foundation, and through our Simple Recycling Collection Program. Visit: [city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department/textiles](http://city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department/textiles) for more info.

Alternatively, **mattresses** are made up almost entirely of recyclable materials. Once disassembled, more than 75% of mattress components can be recycled. Buying a new mattress and wondering what to do with the old one? Some retailers will collect old mattresses for recycling when delivering a new one, so don't forget to ask! If you're a resident with regular curbside collection, the city also has a new contract with a mattress collection vendor to properly recycling resident's old mattress or box spring. Visit: [city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department/mattresses](http://city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department/mattresses) for more info.



All trash bags must be put out for collection in a barrel with a lid fully closed and no overflow. Bags left outside on city streets & sidewalks will not be collected. Trash barrels cannot exceed 32 gallons or 50lbs. Do not block sidewalks.

**DO NOT PUT ANY PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY KIND IN YOUR RECYCLING CARTS. PLASTIC BAGS SHOULD BE THROWN INTO YOUR TRASH BARREL.**



All styrofoam, plastic wrappers, and bubble wrap or packing peanuts should be thrown into the trash.

## Bulk Items?

Residents are allowed to dispose of **1 bulk item per week** in addition to their trash barrels. "Bulk" refers to items that will not fit in a trash barrel, but can be collected and crushed by the trash truck. This includes items such as chairs, couches, dressers, humidifiers, etc. Some items require advance scheduling of separate trucks. Please visit our website prior to placing items curbside to see if it requires advanced calling.