

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

165 Lexington St | 781-314-3390 | M-F, 8:30am - 4:30pm



**NO PLASTIC BAGS!**  
**DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES**

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

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER  
WALTHAM, MA

Pre-sorted Standard  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
No. Billerica, MA  
PERMIT # 3



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

## 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 / YARD WASTE PICK-UP to 781-314-3855, Monday - Friday, 7am-3pm.
- Trash barrels cannot exceed 32 gallons or 50 lbs.
- All trash must be put out for collection in a barrel with a lid. Only 2 bulk items per week.
- Please keep at least 5 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.

## E-Waste and Appliances

EZ Disposal & Recycling will pick up TV & computer monitors, and major appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, washers, dryers, & metal cabinets by appointment only. Call them at 781-233-2211 at least 24 hours in advance before putting these items out on your regularly scheduled trash & recycling pick-up day. Special pick-ups require advance scheduling of separate truck. Items must be placed curbside by 7am. Driver does not assist with transport to curb. You can report abandoned items to EZ Disposal at 781-233-2211.



## 2020 - 2021

For additional information, visit:

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



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RECYCLABLES**

PLEASE DO NOT PUT RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS & DO NOT PUT ANY PLASTIC BAGS IN THE RECYCLING CART. The bags get caught and jam the sorting machinery. Put all items directly in the cart (no separation necessary).

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



**Collecting recyclables in a bag?  
Empty the contents into the cart**  
*(ONLY paper bags are accepted in the cart)*



**Return plastic bags to retailers**

### 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.

### 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.

### Composting in Waltham

For information go to:  
[city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department/composting-information](http://city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department/composting-information)

## 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.

**\* PLEASE NOTE: Due to the pandemic, you MUST register in advance by calling Sarah at 781-314-3856 \***

### 2020 Minuteman Events:

60 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA  
9:00am - 2:00pm

*There is no direct charge to Waltham residents.*

Sat, April 18th	Sat, August 15th
Sat, May 16th	SUN, September 20th
Sat, June 13th	Sat, October 17th
Sat, July 18th	Sat, November 7th

Hazardous Waste collection dates are shown on the calendar in this brochure in **red**.

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:

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

**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.

APRIL 2020						
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A	5	6	7	8	9	10
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A	19	20	21	22	23	24
B	26	27	28	29	30	

MAY 2020						
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B	10	11	12	13	14	15
A	17	18	19	20	21	22
B	<sup>24</sup> / <sub>31</sub>	25	26	27	28	29

JUNE 2020						
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SEPTEMBER 2020						
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OCTOBER 2020						
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NOVEMBER 2020						
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DECEMBER 2020						
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FEBRUARY 2021						
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MARCH 2021						
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**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 . Instead, pick-up will be completed one day after your regularly scheduled pick-up day, on days with an underline.

**Preparing your Yard Waste for Pick-up:** Include leaves, grass and all other easily raked material. Small twigs & branches less than 2 inches in diameter and less than 3 feet long are okay. No stumps, logs, rocks or stones. Must be in paper leaf bags or barrels up to 50lbs marked with "Yard Waste". Free stickers are available at 165 Lexington St.

**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 6th, 2020 and ENDS on Dec. 4th, 2020

**B** Un-shaded weeks indicate YW pick-up for B-WEEK residents. Collection BEGINS April 13th, 2020 and ENDS Dec. 11th, 2020

**Leaf Vacuum Program Collection Dates:** Leaves from each household will be vacuumed 1 DAY/YEAR, Mon-Fri, 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 .....	November 2nd - November 6th	Thursday Pick Up .....	November 23rd - November 27th
Tuesday Pick Up .....	November 9th - November 13th	Friday Pick Up .....	November 30th - December 4th
Wednesday Pick Up .....	November 16th - November 20th	<i>*You MUST place your leaves out prior to the Mon. of your scheduled week!</i>	

# ONLY THESE ITEMS BELONG IN YOUR RECYCLING CART

All recyclables (paper, plastic, glass, cans) may go together in your recycling cart. No separation necessary!

## Plastic

PLEASE DO NOT RECYCLE ANYTHING THAT IS NOT PICTURED ON LID OF CART

## Glass



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

**Bottles and Jars**  
empty & rinse



## Metal

## Paper & Cardboard



**Food and Beverage Cans**  
empty & rinse

**Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, Boxes**  
empty & flatten - No food soiled pizza boxes

### THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING!

Please do not add any plastic bags, plastic wrapping, or packaging material to cart. It tangles the sorting equipment and causes damage to machinery.

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

## NO!



**Do Not Bag Recyclables**  
(bags get stuck in machinery)



**No Clothing or Linen**  
(use donation programs)



**No Food or Liquid**  
(empty all containers)



**No Tangles**  
(no hoses, wires, chains, electronics)