Care and placement of the carts:
- Always keep the lid closed to keep rain, snow and animals out.
- Clean the cart periodically.
- Since automated waste collection requires clearance for the vehicle’s lifting mechanism, any cars parked at the curb should be at least 5 feet from the trash cart.

Since implementing automated collection services Medford residents have:
- Generated 6,290 less tons of trash in FY2022
- Improved recycling percentage from 10% in 2010 to 25% in FY2022

Additional Resources:
- To report a cart with a broken wheel or lid, you may call the DPW office at (781) 393-2417.
- To report a missed pickup please call the DPW office at (781) 393-2417.
- The MassDEP has a new website that features a “Smart Recycling Guide” that will address all of your recycling questions. https://recyclesmartma.gov/

Visit www.medfordma.org for additional tips on reducing your trash.
OR Visit our local WM website home.wm.com/Medford
Dear Medford Resident,

WM would like to take this opportunity to provide you with updated information relating to trash and recycling services in the City of Medford. For trash or recycling related questions, please call: DPW office at (781) 393-2417 or refer to the City’s website at www.medfordma.org. Look for the Trash and Recycling Schedule under Important Links on the front page.

Schedule

Solid waste is collected weekly. Recycling is collected every other week. Recycling carts with blue lids will be picked up every other week on the “Blue Bin” schedule. Recycling carts with green lids will be picked up on the “Green Bin” schedule. A Recycling Calendar with the 2024 every-other-week collection schedule is on the back of this brochure. Trash of any kind should not be put out on the sidewalk until the late afternoon or early evening of the day prior to your scheduled pickup. Violations will be subject to a $300 fine.

Trash

All regular household trash should be bagged and placed in the smaller 64-gallon green cart for collection. Household trash outside of the cart will NOT be collected, unless in approved green “overflow” bags. Overflow bags are available at the Stop & Shop in the Wellington area, as well as the City Treasurer’s office at City Hall. Bags are sold in rolls of 5 for $9.99 and each holds 33-gallons. Bags are only needed for extra waste that will not fit into your garbage cart. Do not put any of these items in your trash cart:

• Recyclables • Yard waste • Dirt, sod, concrete or rock • Construction/demolition debris • Household hazardous waste • Hot ashes or flammable materials such as oil, gas or paint • Clothing • Mercury-bearing items (thermometers, etc.), rechargeable batteries, CLF bulbs, fluorescent bulbs (tubes, limited to 4 and up to 4 ft. long) • Mattresses & Box-springs are no longer accepted in the WM curbside bulk collection program.

Recycling

Place all your recyclable items into the 96-gallon recycling container with the blue or green lid. DO NOT PUT TRASH IN YOUR RECYCLING CONTAINER AND DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES - PLACE EMPTY RECYCLABLES DIRECTLY INTO YOUR CART.

**Tabletop milk, juice & broth type packaging is no longer acceptable in single stream recycling programs**

Should you have more recyclables that the cart can hold, please bring them to the City Yard 21 James St. Mon - Sat 7a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Leaves and Yard Waste

Leaves and yard waste must be in paper bags or open barrels only. NO PLASTIC BAGS, please yard waste containers at least 3 feet from your trash and recycling. A complete list of 2024 Yard Waste collection weeks is included in the Collection Schedule on the back of this brochure. Do not rake leaves into the gutter or street.

Bulk Items

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING OR RE-USING BULK ITEMS BEFORE USING THIS SERVICE.

SEE WEBPAGE FOR SUGGESTIONS.

http://www.medfordma.org/departments/recycling/additional-links/

bulk-waste-pickup/

Bulk Items are defined as any household items that cannot be recycled and will not fit into your trash cart, such as mirror, rugs, furniture, etc. Bulk items will only be picked up by reservation; on your recycling day. Please call (800) 972-4545 to schedule a pickup. (limit of 3 items per pickup) Bulk items should not be put out on the sidewalk until the late afternoon or early evening of the day prior to your scheduled pick up.

Violations will be subject to a $300 fine. No demolition or construction materials will be collected as bulk items. This includes sinks, toilets, and cabinets.

Mattresses & Box-springs are no longer accepted in the WM curbside bulk collection program. Please contact Handup: www.handupmattress.com/curbside-pickup or call (774)271-8744.

Recycling of White Goods, Appliances and Electronics

A City of Medford Appliance Disposal Sticker ($26) must be purchased (by check) from the DPW Office for the recycling of white goods, appliances, TV’s, computer monitors, metal items, lawn mowers, snow blowers, and exercise equipment.

To purchase a sticker: Go to the DPW office (Room 304, City Hall) or send a check and details on what you want recycled to: DPW, City Hall, Medford, MA 02155, and the sticker will be mailed to you.

- These items will ONLY be picked up on Tuesdays with a scheduled appointment.

Drop-Off Recycling

21 James St. Mon.-Sat. 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Acceptable recyclable materials (paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, and scrap metal, etc.) can also be dropped off at the City Yard.

- All paper must be broken down.

- Mercury-bearing items (thermometers, etc.), rechargeable batteries, CLF bulbs, fluorescent bulbs (tubes, limited to 4 and up to 4 ft. long) can be recycled at City Hall Room 304.

Paint Shed

Located at the City Yard on James Street (off Mystic Avenue, near Fire Station) Latex and oil-based paint may be dropped off at the Paint Shed from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 18 2024. The shed is closed on Tuesdays.

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