



Holiday Schedule
When an observed holiday falls on a normal collection day, collections will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

Schedule is for January 1 - June 30th. You will receive another schedule in June for July 1, 2024.

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

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.



The placement of the cart is very important as the collection vehicle's lifting arm requires clearance of at least 3 feet on both sides of the cart and 12 feet overhead. Carts should be no more than 3 feet away from the roads edge, with the arrow facing the road and the handles facing the house.

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

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION INSIDE ABOUT YOUR WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES

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City of Medford
Trash & Recycling Services
2024



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, Wegmans, 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.

If you consistently generate more trash than will fit in your cart, an additional 64-gallon trash cart may be leased for \$150 per year. You may also lease a 96-gallon recycling cart for \$50 per year. Please visit or contact the DPW Office–City Hall, to pay for and order an additional trash cart. Carts lost, stolen or damaged beyond repair by residents, will be subject to pay a replacement cost of \$60.00.

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

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.

Gabletop 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 keep 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 **WM (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 boxes 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 only) 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 Paint Shed is only available for Medford residents; proof of residency is required.

~ Latex and oil-based paint ONLY

~ All cans MUST be clearly labeled.

Please Note: There is a five-gallon limit per household. If there is less than ¼” or paint remaining, remove lid, air-dry and dispose of can in your trash cart of use kitty litter/ speedy dry to cover up ¼” of paint. There will be no Paint Shed drop-off in July and August due to the hot weather and historically little to no participation.

RECYCLE RIGHT

To learn more, visit wm.com/recycleright



Always Recycle



Plastic Bottles & Containers



Paper



Glass Bottles & Containers



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



Food & Beverage Cans



Do Not Include In Your Mixed Recycling Container



NO Food or Liquids



NO Foam Cups & Containers



NO Green Waste



NO Batteries
Check local drop-off programs for proper disposal



NO Loose Plastic Bags, Bagged Recyclables or Film
Empty recyclables directly into your bin.



NO Clothing, Furniture & Carpet

