

Medford Residential Recycling and Trash Program Guide

Dear Medford Resident:

A quick update on the Single Stream Recycling program in Medford. Single Stream increases recycling by decreasing the amount of trash we throw away, thus reducing disposal costs.

Recycling is made much easier by combining all recyclables into one cart. With new collection trucks in the City they also make fewer trips to the processing facility thus reducing collection and transportation costs.

- Medford residents have disposed of 5128 (year 2011) fewer tons of trash.
- The City of Medford has saved \$365,295 in Year 2.
- Medford's recycling rate has increased to 25%.

Since 1993 we continue to strive and improve our recycling commitment not only in the City of Medford but for the future of our environment

Please take a few minutes to read this 2013 brochure and place in a handy location to refer back to through the year.

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates that may occur through the year will be posted on our website:
http://www.medford.org/Pages/MedfordMA_Recycle/index

Department of Public Works

Each resident received two **free** carts, one for trash and one for recycling.



64 gal Trash

96 gal Recycle
(Green Wk)

96 gal Recycle
(Blue Wk)

Your large recycling cart has either a "Blue" or a "Green" lid. Your recycling will be picked up on the Blue or the Green schedule, as noted in the Collection Schedule on page 4.

This Program Guide is designed to provide you with all the necessary information needed to get the most from this service.

This Program Guide includes Information on:

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2. Trash
3. Tips for best service
4. Leaves and Yard Waste
5. Recycling

6. Collection calendar
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1. Schedule

Recycling and Trash collection:

Solid waste will continue to be collected weekly. Recycling will continue to be 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. (See photos to left). A full schedule is on page 4.

Holidays and special collections:

Please see the Recycling/Trash Pickup Schedule (Calendar) in this Guide, which highlights observed holidays as well as yard waste and other special collection dates.

In the event of observed holidays, your collection day will move to the following day. Friday collections would move to Saturday.

Please check the calendar for the holidays.

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2. 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.**

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

Overflow Bags will be available at locations throughout Medford and the City Treasurer’s office at City Hall. Bags are sold in rolls of 5 for \$9.99 and each hold 33-gallons. These are needed only for extra trash that will not fit into your cart. For retail locations check Medford.org.

Preparing your solid waste:

- Trash should be bagged
- Bagging your trash will help to keep the cart clean and sanitary, and prevent litter on windy days.
- All trash must fit in the cart so that the lid is fully closed. No material may be sticking out of the cart. Please be sure the cart’s lid is fully closed.
- The placement of your cart is important, since the collection vehicle’s lifting arm requires clearance: 3 feet on both sides, and 12 feet overhead. The cart should be no more than 3 feet away from the curb or road edge, and the arrows on the lid must point toward the street.



3. Tips for the best service

- ✓ Place the proper items in the correct cart: Only trash in the 64-gallon cart and only recycling only in the 96-gallon cart.
- ✓ Carts should be placed curbside by **7:00 am the day of your collection.** *You do not have to place carts on the opposite side of the street.*
- ✓ Make sure all materials fit inside your carts with the lids closed.
- ✓ Always keep the lid closed to keep rain, snow and animals out.
- ✓ Do not place any unacceptable materials in either cart.
- ✓ Containers remain property of Waste Management, and may not be removed from the property.
- ✓ Use the handle provided to move the cart. Tilt the cart on its wheels to roll it. It is easier to pull the cart uphill and push it downhill.
- ✓ Remove your cart as soon as possible after collection to maintain the appearance of your neighborhood.
- ✓ Clean your carts periodically by rinsing them with water and letting them dry in the sun with the lid open.

- ✓ To limit trash tonnage in Medford and save taxpayer dollars, “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle” as much as you can.
- ✓ 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 cart.

4. Leaves and Yard Waste

Leaves and yard waste must be in paper bags or barrels only. **NO PLASTIC BAGS.** Please keep yard waste at least 4 feet from your trash and recycling. A complete list of yard waste collections for 2013 is included in Recycling/Trash Pickup Schedule in this Guide. Do not rake leaves into the gutter or street. Bundles must be no longer than 3ft. no logs, woodchips or lumber

5. Recycling

Please use the comprehensive recycling guide on Page 3 to help maximize the amount you recycle, both in your recycling cart and through other parts of the program. Put all your recycling into the 96-gallon recycling container (blue or green lid) You do not have to separate recyclables: just toss into your recycling container! **DO NOT PUT TRASH IN YOUR RECYCLING CONTAINER.**

Please recycle all the materials in the chart on the following page. **DO NOT PUT RECYCLING IN PLASTIC BAGS!** If you occasionally have more recyclables than the cart can hold please bring excess to 21 James Street Mon.-Sat. 7am-3:30pm.

6. Collection Calendar

Single Stream or “Mixed” Recycling will be collected every other week on your regular trash collection day. Collection weeks will continue to be designated as “Blue” and “Green”. Therefore, remember the color of the lid of your 96-gallon recycling cart (see photo on pg. 1) will correspond to your recycling collection week. Please refer to the calendar on pg. 4.

7. Bulk Items

Bulk items (goods) are any trash that will not fit into your trash cart, such as mattresses, box springs, mirrors, rugs, etc. Bulk items will only be picked up by reservation and only during your recycling week. Please call Waste Management at 800-972-4545 to schedule a pickup. There is no fee for bulk items. No demolition or construction materials will be collected. **PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING OR RE-USING ITEMS BEFORE USING THIS SERVICE,** as Medford pays for every ton of trash that goes to the landfill. Visit www.medford.org for additional tips on reducing your trash.

NOTE: Bulk items are not: regular trash, trash in plastic bags, white goods, appliances, CRTs, (etc.) or Yard Waste. Bulk items are not recyclables – those belong in your recycling cart.

8. Recycling of White Goods, Appliances, TVs, CRTs and other electronics

A City of Medford Appliance Disposal Sticker (\$25) must be purchased from the DPW Office for recycling of these items.

Recycling Chart

What to Recycle		Do Not Include ANY items contaminated by food are not acceptable for recycling
<p>Mixed paper</p> 	<p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail and envelopes (windows are OK) • Magazines and catalogs • Writing or ledger paper • Paperback books • Paper bags • Greeting cards • Wrapping paper • Shredded paper (Place in paper bag) • Fax paper • Computer paper 	<p>Mixed paper items not acceptable include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper towels, facial tissues, napkins • Cigarette packs • Candy wrappers • Waxed or plastic-coated paper • Foil wrapping paper
<p>Thin cardboard</p>  <p>Newspapers (including all ads and inserts)</p> 	<p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoe boxes • Cereal boxes • Pasta boxes • Toilet paper rolls • Frozen food boxes • Gift boxes • Cake mix boxes • Toothpaste boxes • Tissue boxes • Paper egg cartons • Soda or beer packaging • Soap or laundry detergent boxes 	<p>Thin cardboard items not acceptable include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boxes with silver or foil linings or coatings • Anything dirty, greasy or wax-coated
<p>Corrugated cardboard</p> 	<p>Examples Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boxes and other corrugated cardboard should be flattened and folded so they fit in the cart. • Pizza boxes (with greasy liner removed) 	<p>Corrugated cardboard items not acceptable include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirty or greasy cardboard
<p>Tin/aluminum, scrap metal</p> 	<p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aluminum and tin cans • Foil and pie plates • Empty steel aerosol cans 	<p>Tin/aluminum, scrap metal items not acceptable include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrap metal • Wire clothes hangers • Paint cans (Put empty, dried-out cans in trash) • Hypodermic needles (Please contact the Health Department for proper disposal information)
<p>Glass bottles and jars (all colors)</p> 	<p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayonnaise jars • Wine bottles • Beer bottles • Applesauce jars • Spaghetti sauce jars • Salsa jars • Vinegar bottles • Baby food jars 	<p>Glass bottles and jars not acceptable include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broken glass • Cups, dishes, glass windows, plates, Pyrex®, ceramics, mirrors, light bulbs, crystal
<p>Plastic bottles, jugs and containers</p> 	<p>This includes all rigid plastic containers with symbols  through  on the bottom; examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soda and juice bottles • Salad dressing bottles • Milk jugs • Detergent bottles • Juice bottles • Shampoo bottles • Window cleaner • Saline solution bottles • Fabric softener or bleach bottles 	<p>Plastic bottles, jugs not acceptable include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic shopping bags • Plastic food wrap, potato chip and sandwich bags • Styrofoam® • Automotive fluid bottles (oil, antifreeze, brake fluid)
<p>Milk cartons, drink boxes</p> 	<p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk and juice cartons • Juice boxes • Flavored milk boxes • Cream and creamer containers 	<p>Milk cartons and drink box items not acceptable include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice cream boxes • TV dinner containers • Margarine boxes • Cream cheese boxes

Container Preparation

- Remove all plastic bags
- Remove any non-acceptable items
- Corrugated cardboard should be broken down to fit inside the container without jamming, so the container will empty completely.
- All recyclables (cans, bottles, jars, cartons) must be rinsed free of all contaminants
- Remove and discard all corks, tops, rings, metal bottleneck wraps and unacceptable items
- Flatten containers whenever possible

Collection Schedule for Recycling, Leaves and Yard Waste



Green cart recyclables pickup week



Blue cart recyclables pickup week



Leaf and yard waste collection



Christmas tree collection

H = Holiday

P = Paint Shed

2013

January

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
B		1 H	2	3	4	5
G	6	7	8	9	10	11
B	13	14	15	16	17	18
G	20	21 H	22	23	24	25
B	27	28	29	30	31	

February

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
B					1	2
G	3	4	5	6	7	8
B	10	11	12	13	14	15
G	17	18 H	19	20	21	22
B	24	25	26	27	28	

March

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
B					1	2
G	3	4	5	6	7	8
B	10	11	12	13	14	15
G	17	18	19	20	21	22
B	24	25	26	27	28	29
G	31					

April

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
G	1	2	3	4	5	6
B	7	8	9	10	11	12
G	14	15	16	17	18	19
B	21	22 H	23	24	25	26
G	28	29	30			

May

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
G			1	2	3	4
B	5	6	7	8	9	10
G	12	13	14	15	16	17
B	19	20	21	22	23	24
G	26	27 H	28	29	30	31

June

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
G						1
B	2	3	4	5	6	7
G	9	10	11	12	13	14
B	16	17	18	19	20	21
G	23	24	25	26	27	28
B	30					

July

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
B	1	2	3	4 H	5	6
G	7	8	9	10	11	12
B	14	15	16	17	18	19
G	21	22	23	24	25	26
B	28	29	30	31		

August

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
B				1	2	3
G	4	5	6	7	8	9
B	11	12	13	14	15	16
G	18	19	20	21	22	23
B	25	26	27	28	29	30

September

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
G	1	2 H	3	4	5	6
B	8	9	10	11	12	13
G	15	16	17	18	19	20
B	22	23	24	25	26	27
G	29	30				

October

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
G		1	2	3	4	5
B	6	7	8	9	10	11
G	13	14	15	16	17	18
B	20	21 H	22	23	24	25
G	27	28	29	30	31	

November

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
G					1	2
B	3	4	5	6	7	8
G	10	11	12	13	14	15
B	17	18	19	20	21	22
G	24	25	26	27	28	29
B						

December

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
B	1	2	3	4	5	6
G	8	9	10	11	12	13
B	15	16	17	18	19	20
G	22	23	24	25 H	26	27
B	29	30	31			

2013 Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day – Tues. 1/1/13
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Mon. 1/21/13
 President's Day – Mon. 2/18/13
 Patriot's Day – Mon. 4/15/13
 Memorial Day – Mon. 5/27/13
 Independence Day – Thurs. 7/4/13

Labor Day – Mon. 9/2/13
 Columbus Day – Mon. 10/14/13
 Veterans Day – Mon. 11/11/13
 Thanksgiving – Thurs. 11/28/13
 Christmas - Wed. 12/25/13

H - When a holiday falls on your regular collection day, collections for that week will be delayed by 1-day. Friday collections will be on Saturday

P - 2013 Paint Shed Dates: May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14 & October 19. Five gallon limit.

Yard Waste Collection

2013 Weeks: April 8, May 6 and 20, June 10 and 24,
 July 15 and 29, August 12 and 26, September 16,
 October 7 and 21, November 4 and 18.

Christmas Trees will be collected the week of January 7, 2013 on your trash day. **NO PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE!**

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: Donna Walsh, DPW, City Hall, Medford, MA 02155 (and the sticker will be mailed to you.)

9. Drop-Off Recycling

At the City Yard on James Street: All regular recyclables (paper, plastic, etc.); Scrap metals; Paint (Paint Shed). Refer to page 4 for schedule dates. 21 James Street Mon.-Sat. 7am-3:30pm.

At City Hall - Room 304: Mercury-bearing items (thermometers, etc.); batteries; cell phones. CLF bulbs; fluorescent bulbs (tubes), limited to 6

10. Extra Trash Options

All household trash must go into your trash cart, with the lid closed — BUT, if you generate more trash than will fit in your cart, there are some options:

An *additional 64-gallon trash cart* may be rented for \$150 per year. Please visit or contact the Treasurer's Office—City Hall, to pay for and order an additional trash cart. *We strongly suggest you try using the first cart before renting a second cart!*

Overflow bags - are the *only approved bags for extra trash*. These green bags hold 33-gallons and cost \$9.99 for 5. Available at City Hall and at stores in Medford (a detailed list is at: www.medford.org/recycling). Fill the bag and place next to your trash cart on pickup day. Trash in other bags outside the cart will *not* be collected

11. Paint Shed

The Medford Surplus Paint shed is open one Saturday a month from may through October. We accept latex and oil base paint only. Maximum we accept per household is five gallons. Any can that is empty/dried out can be placed in the trash cart on trash. Any can that has a 1/4" can be dried out by letting it air-dry or adding speedy-dry (kitty litter). Hours are 9 AM to Noon time. Please

stay tuned on our website for any details/changes www.medford.org/recycle

12. Frequently Asked Questions:

Should I continue to bag my trash?

Yes. Bagging your trash will help to keep the cart clean and sanitary, and prevent litter on windy days.

What do I do with leaves and yard waste?

Leaves and brush will continue to be collected curbside during Yard Waste pickup weeks. See the Calendar.

I'm moving or cleaning out the garage and have a lot of refuse to get rid of right away. Where will I be able to dispose of it?

The new program is not intended to provide this type of service. For other projects you may contact Waste Management for information at 1-800-972-4545 or go to thebagster.com to see more about The Bagster. Below is a special \$10 discount off the collection of a Bagster for Medford residents.

What should I do if I have a problem with my cart?

Your carts are made of durable plastic and should give you years of maintenance free use. If a problem does arise (broken wheel or lid) you may call Waste Management at 1-800-972-4545. Proper storage of carts is the responsibility of the resident. If you move, please leave your carts behind.

What about street parking on collection day?

Remember, however, that automated collection requires that the cart be accessible to the collection vehicle, so any cars you park at the curb should be at least 5 feet from the cart.

For More Information:

You can get additional information and answers to your questions at:

- **The City's Website:** www.medford.org - Look for link on home Page
- **Waste Management:** 1-800-972-4545

Cleaning out your garage, basement or have a home improvement project?



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DUMPSTER IN A BAG®

Medford special discount!

\$10 off one Bagster bag collection.

Coupon code: 105-10191 Expires 12/31/2013

Discount valid for the collection of one (1) Bagster bag. Discount applied to highest priced Bagster bag of an order. One coupon per person, household, or company per order. Coupon code must be given at the time of scheduling Bagster bag collection to receive discount. Coupon not valid where prohibited by law, with other offers, or in the Borough of Bronx, Borough of Brooklyn, Borough of Manhattan, Borough of Queens, Borough of Staten Island, Nassau County, Suffolk County, or Westchester County, NY. Collection service not available everywhere; visit www.thebagster.com to find available service areas.

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Medford Trash & Recycling Information - 2013

PLEASE SEE INSIDE FOR
 INFORMATION ABOUT:

- TRASH AND RECYCLING PROGRAM
- 2013 COLLECTION CALENDAR
- RECYCLING SCHEDULE
- PAINT SHED SCHEDULE
- YARD WASTE SCHEDULE
- HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Reminder - Containers need
 to be curbside by 7:00 a.m.

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"Single-stream" "Mixed Recycling"
 "Containerized". ... No matter what you
 call it...it's good for Medford!

- Increased recycling in Medford to benefit the environment and the budget
- Cost savings from reduced trash tonnage
- Neater streets in our neighborhoods

Please read and save this Program Guide for future reference. Thank you!

