



Cart Recycling Service

All households have 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. These carts are property of Waste Management and MUST stay on the designated property. Residents can also rent additional recycling carts directly from the city for an annual fee of \$48.00 with a one-time \$15.00 delivery charge. The City of Medford will invoice you directly for this service and a one year commitment is required. Recycling will be collected on the same day as refuse, but at different times of the day. The following items may be recycled:



Chipboard and Boxboard



Brown Paper Bags



Phone Books, Books, Catalogs and Magazines



Newspapers



Paper Cardboard, Dairy and Juice Containers



Junk Mail
Including envelopes



Glass Bottles and Jars



Office and School Paper



Cardboard
Collapse boxes. Cut large boxes down to 2'x2'



Plastic Bottles and Containers #1-#5

Return plastic bags to retail store collections



Aluminum Foil and Cans



Tin or Steel Cans

Follow these simple instructions in preparing your materials for recycling.

- Containers should be empty and rinsed free of excess liquids & food residue.
- Please dispose of all caps before placing in the cart.

Do NOT recycle the following:

- Utensils
- Garden Hoses
- Propane/Helium Tanks
- Aerosol Cans
- Polystyrene
- Plates
- Lightbulbs
- Hangers/Wire
- (unless empty)
- Mirrors
- Toys
- Fire Extinguishers
- Batteries
- Banned Electronics

For further information, please contact Waste Management at 1-800-972-4545.



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Frequently Asked Questions:

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.medfordma.org
 - Look for link on home Page
- Waste Management: 1-800-972-4545

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.

Special Discount for the City of Medford

HAVE A BIG CLEANUP PROJECT

Plan for the waste with the Bagster® bag from Waste Management.



Get started today at
thebagster.com

\$10 OFF ONE BAGSTER BAG COLLECTION¹

Coupon Code: 105-MEDFD
Expires: 12/31/2014

(1) Discount valid for the collection of one (1) 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 or not valid with other offers. Restrictions apply. Collection service not available everywhere; visit thebagster.com to find available service areas. For collection, yellow lifting straps must be able to connect above the bag.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION INSIDE
about your Trash and Recycling Services

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City of Medford
Waste and Recycling Collection Services

Dear Medford Resident:

Waste Management would like to take this opportunity to provide you with this updated information relating to trash and recycling services in the City of Medford.

FOR TRASH OR RECYCLING RELATED QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL:

Waste Management at (800) 972-4545

or refer to The City's Website: www.medfordma.org – Look for the link on the home page.

Since implementing automated collection services Medford residents have:

- **Generated 7,000 less tons of trash per year**
- **Improved Recycling percentage from 10% in 2010 to 26% in 2012**

Schedule:

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.

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 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 www.medfordma.org.

If you generate more trash than will fit in your cart, 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!

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

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.

Recycling

Please use the comprehensive recycling guide 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 AND DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES, PLACE THEM LOOSE IN THE CART.

Please recycle all the materials shown on the Recycle chart in this guide. If you occasionally have more recyclables than the cart can hold please bring excess to City Yard, 48 Commercial Street. Mon.-Sat. 7am-3:30pm.

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 2014 is included in Recycling/Trash Pickup Schedule in this Guide. Do not rake leaves into the gutter or street.

Bulk Items

Bulk items (goods) are any household goods that will not fit into your trash cart, such as mattresses, box springs, mirrors, rugs, furniture 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.medfordma.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.

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; white goods, appliances, TV's, CRT's etc.

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.)

Drop-Off Recycling

At the City Yard: All regular recyclables (paper, plastic, etc.); Scrap metals; Paint.

Refer to page 4 for schedule dates. City Yard, 48 Commercial 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.

Tips for the best service

Care and use of your cart:

- Always keep the lid closed to keep rain, snow and animals out.
- Clean your 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 your carts are very important, since the collection vehicle's lifting arm requires clearance: 3 feet on both sides, and 12 feet overhead.

The carts should be no more than 3 feet away from the road's edge, with the arrow facing the road and the hinges facing away from the street.

Observed Holiday Blue Recyclables Pickup Week Green Recyclables Pickup Week Leaf and Yard Waste Pickup Week

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Holiday Schedule

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.

The following holidays will result in delayed collections:

New Year's Day - 1/1/14	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - 1/20/14	President's Day - 2/17/14
Patriot's Day - 4/21/14	Memorial Day - 5/26/14	Independence Day - 7/4/14
Labor Day - 9/1/14	Columbus Day - 10/13/14	Veterans Day - 11/11/14
Thanksgiving - 11/27/14	Christmas - 12/25/14	

Christmas Trees will be collected the week of January 6, 2014 on your trash day. **NO PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE!**