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.
- Keep space between objects and carts.

GOOD Cart Placement
Objects and cart are too close together.
POOR Cart Placement
Place wheels of cart toward 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/

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.

Since implementing automated collection services Medford residents have:
- Generated 7,000 less tons of trash in FY2020
- Improved recycling percentage from 10% in 2010 to 25% in FY2020

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

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

For trash or recycling related questions, please call DPW 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 2021 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. Violators 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 this cart will NOT be collected, unless approved green “overflow” bags are used.

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 64-gallon cart. Bulk items and loose trash that do not fit into your 64-gallon cart may be left out on the sidewalk as long as it is clearly marked with a green “overflow” bag.

Bulk waste is collected on a pick-up by reservation basis. On your recycling day from four (4) to ten (10) items may be put out on the sidewalk for collection. Each item must be individually marked with a green “overflow” bag. Bulk items should not be put out on the sidewalk until the late afternoon or early evening of the day prior to your scheduled pickup. Violators will be subject to a $100 fine.

Items that are collected on your recycling day from four (4) to ten (10) items may be put out on the sidewalk for collection.

**Bulk items that require a green bag for extra waste are:

- Mattresses, box springs, mirrors, rugs, furniture, electronics, metal, or wood
- Sweepings and construction materials
- Shingles, gutters, metal, or wood
- TV’s
- Appliances
- Large plastic bags
- Aluminum
- Mixed metals
- Latex and Oil-Based Paint
- Freon in refrigerators and air conditioners
- Large glass items
- Used, near-empty deprecated aerosol cans, if you have no alternative

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Recycling

Place all your recyclable items into the 96-gallon recycling cart with blue or gray lids.

DO NOT PUT TRASH IN YOUR RECYCLING CONTAINER and DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES – PLACE EMPTY RECYCLABLES DIRECTLY INTO YOUR CART.

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

If you have more than recyclables that the cart can hold, please bring them to the City Yard 21 James St. Mon. - Sat. 7 a.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 most 4 feet from your trash and recycling. A complete list of 2021 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.**

Effective January 1, 2021, the City of Medford has changed the number of bulk items that are collected on your recycling day from four (4) to three (3) items.

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 mattresses, box-spring, mirrors, rugs, furniture, etc. Bulk items will only be picked up by reservation, on your recycling day. Please call Waste Management (800) 972-4450 to schedule a pick-up. (You can also email waste@medfordma.org)

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. Violators will be subject to a $100 fine.

Paint Sheds

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 the following Saturdays:

April 24th, May 22nd, June 12th, September 18th, and October 2nd

~Closed during July and August. ~Paint Shed is only available for Medford residents~

~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 1/4 pint remaining, remove lid, air-dry and dispose of can in your trash cart of use kitty litter/spready dry to cover up 1/4 pint 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.

To Learn More Visit: wm.com/recycleright