Since implementing automated collection services
Medford residents have:
• Generated 7,220 less tons of trash in FY2021
• Improved recycling percentage from 10% in 2010 to 26% in FY2021

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.

GOOD Cart Placement
POOR Cart Placement
Place wheels of cart toward house.
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 road 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
Dear Medford Resident,

Waste Management 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/departments/recycling or its Trash and Recycling Schedule under Important Links on the front page.

Schedule
Solid waste is collected weekly. Recycling is collected every other week.

Recycling cart with blue or green lid.

• Do not put any of these items in your trash cart:
  • Ashes or flammable materials such as oil, gas or paint
  • 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 RECYCLING CART.

**Gallotop 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. 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 least 3 feet from your trash and recycling. A complete list of 2022 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, mirror, rugs, furniture, etc.

Bulk items will only be picked up by reservation; on your recycling day. Please call Waste Management (800) 972-4545 to schedule a pickup. (limit of 3 items per pickup).

Bulk items should not be put out on the sidewalk in the afternoon or early evening of the day prior to your scheduled pick up. Violations will be subject to a $300 fine.

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

Plug-In Recycling
Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioning units, washers, dryers, water heaters.

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, TVs, computers, monitors, and fax machines.

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 Wednesday 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.) batteries, cell phones, 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 the following Saturdays:

April 23rd, May 21st, June 11th, September 17th, and October 1st

The paint shed is closed during July and August due to hot weather and low turnout.

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 trash cart of use kitty litter/ speedy dry to cover up ¼” of paint. There will be no Pick up for July Drop-offs in July and August due to the hot weather and historically little to no participation.

To Learn More Visit: www.wm.com/recycleright

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Plastic Bottles & Containers
Food & Beverage Cans
Paper

NO Food or Liquids
NO Foam Cups & Containers
NO Plastic Bags, Bagged Recyclables or Film
Empty recyclables do not go in your cart.

NO Green Waste
NO Clothing, Furniture & Carpet

DO NOT INCLUDE IN YOUR MIXED RECYCLING CONTAINER

Plastic Bottles & Containers
Food & Beverage Cans
Paper

No contents in bags should be excepted.

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