Newton Recycles
City of Newton
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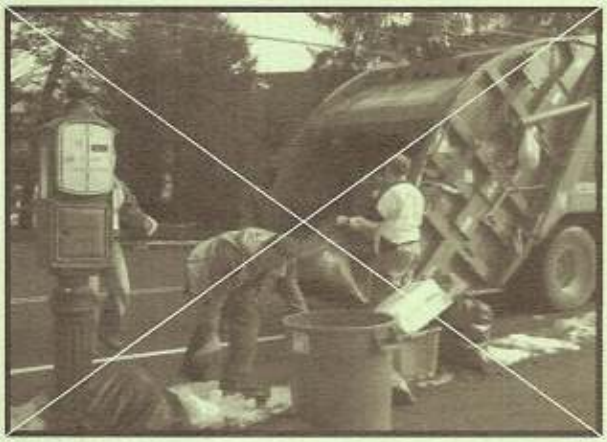
Your Guide to Newton's Automated Trash and Single Stream Recycling Program

Automated Trash and Automated Recycling Collection

There is no change in your yard waste collection program



OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW

The New Curbside Look

CITY OF NEWTON AUTOMATED TRASH COLLECT

Collection Program Guidelines

- Please do not place trash in green cart or recycling in blue cart. Carts will be contaminated and may not be collected.
- Trash and Recycling carts must be at curbside by 7:00 AM on your regular collection day.

- Please place all regular trash in the BLUE CART; all recyclables are to be placed in the GREEN CART. No other material (except scheduled bulk items, additional prepaid cart or orange overflow bags) left outside the cart will be collected.
- Trash in your blue cart must be in bags. **Please do not place loose trash directly in the cart.**
- Please be sure your trash and recyclables fit into the carts. Close the lids. If you overload your cart and you can not close the lid, it will not be collectable. Please see "Extra Trash Options" on this brochure if your trash does not fit into the cart.
- Items too large to fit in the cart will be collected as a special bulky item pickup. Please make more room in your trash cart by breaking, cutting or crushing trash, and by **recycling more.**
- Place your cart within 3 feet of the curb **with handle facing the house.** Carts may not be collectable if they are not properly placed at curbside.
- Please do not place your carts within 4 feet of any obstruction; parked cars, trees, light poles, other carts, yard waste, extra approved trash bags, etc.

Safe Use and Care of Carts

- Do not place any unacceptable materials in the carts: hazardous waste, hot ashes, sand, dirt, rocks, yard waste, unbagged packing pellets, etc.
- Always keep the lids closed to keep rain, snow and to keep animals out.
- Use the handles provided to move the carts. Tilt carts on wheels and roll.
- To clean, simply rinse the carts from time to time and let dry with the lid open.

Bulky Item Pickup

- Please call 617-796-1471 by 3:30 pm the day **before your collection day** for bulky item pickup on your collection day.
- Furniture, area rugs and carpets (cut and rolled), large plastic toys, plastic lawn furniture, bedding, tires, mattresses, box springs, etc. placed in a clean and orderly manner will be collected separately. **Extra trash is not a bulky item.**
- **Limit 5 bulky items per week.**

Extra Trash Options

We strongly recommend you try the new 64-gallon cart before ordering extra carts. If, however, you generate more weekly trash than will fit in one cart, you may purchase an extra cart or specially marked "Overflow" trash bags:

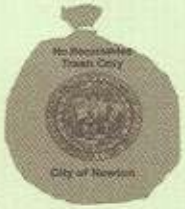
- A 64-gallon cart may be purchased for $200 per year; a 35-gallon cart for $150 per year.

Please note that your payment must be current or extra trash will not be collected and your extra cart may be removed from your property. Please place your extra cart next to your City blue trash cart.

Call 617-796-1471 to purchase an extra cart.

- Orange "Overflow "bags may be purchased for $2.25 each in sleeves of 5 at participating stores. ***Please see reverse side for list of stores.***

Orange "Overflow" bags are the only approved bags for overflow or extra trash. Place these bags next to your City blue trash cart.



Trash in other bags will not be collected.

Smaller Cart Option

If you would prefer a smaller cart (35-gallon) instead of the larger 64-gallon cart, please contact us. However, please consider this option carefully, as **only 1 blue trash cart per household will be collected at no charge.**

ION AND SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING PROGRAM

What is single stream recycling?

All Recyclables In One Cart (GREEN)

No more sorting your paper, bottles, cans, plastics into separate bins.

ACCEPTABLE PAPER

Newspaper with inserts, magazines/catalogs

junk mail, paper bags, telephone books, all books, writing tablets, metal spiral notebooks, flattened paperboard boxes (ie: cereal, shoe, pasta, toiletries, office supplies, clean pizza, etc.), shredded paper, brochures, fliers, file folders, manila envelopes, flattened corrugated cardboard.

GLASS, PLASTIC and METAL CONTAINERS (Cleaned and Rinsed)

Glass bottles and jars, tin, aluminum food containers, soda cans, aluminum foil, pie plates, juice boxes, milk and juice cartons, all plastic containers (#1—#7).

All recyclables must fit inside the cart to be collected.

REMEMBER

- Prepare and place all recyclables in the green 64-gallon cart; place at curbside on your collection day. It will be sorted at the recycling facility.
- Make more room in your green cart by flattening cardboard boxes, crushing plastic/metal cans.
- It is OK to recycle paper with: paper clips, staples, plastic envelope windows, self-stick labels.

These items should not be placed in your green cart.

- **NO trash,** plastic bags, styrofoam, broken glass, window glass, dishes, glasses, light bulbs, clothes hangers, candy wrappers, bubble wrap, paper towels, napkins, tissue, paper plates or cups, Tyvek™ mailing envelopes, label backings, photographs, pizza boxes or take out containers with food, pyrex, paint cans, plastic toys, etc.

Questions?

I have more trash that can't fit into my cart?

Recycling everything possible will give you more room in your cart. If a 64- gallon cart is not large enough to hold a week's worth of trash, you may call the Newton DPW Environmental Affairs Division (617) 796-1471 to schedule an appointment to evaluate and resolve the problem. You may also purchase specialty marked "Overflow" bags or an additional cart.

My cart is damaged or stolen?

The cart is owned by the City of Newton and will be replaced if the damage is from the contractor or is normal wear and tear. If the cart is damaged as a result of neglect or abuse, the resident will be responsible for replacement. The City will also replace a stolen cart, however, proper storage is the responsibility of the resident.

I am moving?

The cart stays with the Newton address.

I want to continue to use my old barrels?

The automated truck can not pick up the old barrels. ***Only Carts Provided Will Be Collected.*** *Your old barrels can be marked as "Yard waste" and used for that purpose.*

I am cleaning out my garage and have large items that won't fit?

Several options: Take advantage of the bulky item pick up; check the Yellow Pages under Rubbish Removal; donate items to charities; www.wastenotnewton.com.

I am elderly and/or disabled and can't move the cart?

We ask that you try to maneuver the cart. If there is still a problem, please call 617-796-1471 and the DPW Environmental Affairs Division will make arrangements to meet with you to discuss options.

I still have more questions? *617-796-1471; www.newtonma.gov/dpw; recycling@newtonma.gov*

It is recommended .....

that you place your home address on your carts

DEAR NEWTON RESIDENT: September 2009

WELCOME to Newton's automated trash and recycling collection program. With your participation and support, together we will preserve our environment, save needed money, and keep the Garden City lean and green.

You have been furnished with two 64-gallon carts to be used to dispose of your trash and your recyclables. The blue cart (trial participants already have this) is to be used for your non-recyclable trash. The green cart is to be used for all your recyclables – including glass, cardboard, paper, plastics, and cans – with no sorting required.

This brochure is filled with important information about what materials are to be recycled; how this new system works; safe operation of the new carts; and where you can find more information about the system.

I am very pleased that the new state-of-the-art trash and recycling collection system will begin the week of October 5th. With automated collection, and "single stream recycling," Newton's trash and recycling system just got cleaner, more efficient, and more convenient for all of us.

Thank you again for participating in this new system. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide you with any more information about our new system.

Very Truly Yours,

Mayor David B. Cohen

Stores participating in the sale of orange "Overflow" bags as of cart delivery. Please visit www.newtonma.gov/dpw for updated list of stores.

Auburndale: Auburndale Market 345 Auburn St; Star Market/Shaws 2040 Commonwealth Ave; Keyes Drug 2090 Commonwealth Ave

Newton Centre: Whole Foods 916 Walnut St; Walgreen's 1101 Beacon St

Newton Corner : Newton Corner Market 447 Centre St

Newtonville: Star Market/Shaws 33 Austin St; Tedeschi's 612 Washington St; Whole Foods747 Washington St

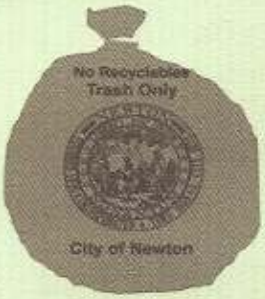
Newton Upper Falls: Upper Falls Variety 1195 Chestnut St

Nonantum: Schwartz Hardware 335 Watertown St

Waban: Waban Market 10 Windsor Rd

Watertown: Stop & Shop 171 Watertown St; Stop & Shop 700 Pleasant St

West Newton: CVS 999 Watertown St



$2.25 per bag

sold in sleeves of 5