



Trash Delay FAQs (updated 2/24/26)

Why is there a two-day trash delay for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday routes?

Trash and recycling collection is delayed for two days due to the snowstorm that created unsafe conditions to provide service on Monday and Tuesday.

The two-day delay means that the Monday through Thursday routes will be collected on Wednesday through Saturday (Monday on Wednesday, Tuesday on Thursday, Wednesday on Friday, and Thursday on Saturday).

What about the Friday route?

The Friday route will be delayed by a full week and will next be collected on Friday, March 6.

Why can't the Friday route be on the same two-day delay and be picked up on Sunday?

The drivers that service Newton work 55-60 hours every week to complete our 5-day collection cycle. There are strict federal regulations monitored by the Department of Transportation that do not allow a professional driver to be on the road more than 60 hours in any 7-day period. If we added Sunday, we could not then resume regular service on Monday because we would exceed the federal hour limit.

Why can't the Friday route be pushed to Monday?

Again, this is due to federal Department of Transportation regulations. If we pushed Friday's collection to Monday, a solution that has been investigated, our collectors would not have enough driving hours in the next 7-day period to complete another 5-day collection cycle. This means we'd be stuck on a loop of a one-day delay indefinitely.

I have extra trash now. Do I have to pay for orange overflow bags?

For residents with a Friday trash day, we are accepting extra trash without using orange overflow bags. White kitchen or black garbage bags will be collected if they are set out next to the blue cart.

I have a Friday trash day. Is there anywhere I can bring my trash before next Friday?

Unfortunately, we do not have the ability to receive trash at the Newton Resource Recovery Center at this time. During this challenging circumstance, we highly encourage impacted residents to reach out to friends/family/neighbors to see if they have extra space in their blue cart.

I have a Friday trash day. What about my recyclables? I have extras of those also.

For residents with a Friday trash day, we are accepting extra recycling in paper bags. Please set any paper bags of extra recycling next to your green cart. Another option is to take excess recycling to the Newton Resource Recovery Center located at 115 Rumford Avenue starting Wednesday, February 25.