

## Automated Household Trash Instructions

- **Refuse must be placed at curbside by 7 AM.** Refuse is collected through the use of automated collection trucks and 48 gallon town supplied refuse carts.
- **The cart must be 3 feet away from any obstacles** (trees, mailboxes, fences, other carts, recycling bins, etc.). The handles and wheels of the cart must face away from the street, and the cart lid must be closed.
- Excess refuse that does not fit in the cart with the lid closed must be placed in an Official Bedford Overflow Bag. Bags are available for sale at: Moison's Ace Hardware, Whole Foods, and Stop and Shop. Bags are sold in rolls of five for \$7.50 (\$1.50 per bag).
- **For a missed trash or recycling pickup,** please call Republic Services at 1-800-442-9006 (Option 2). If an ongoing problem occurs or you have questions, please call the DPW.
- For a fee, residents may get a second refuse cart. Please contact the DPW.

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Department of Public Works  
Bedford, MA 01730

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**Important Solid Waste and Recycling Information for 2015 - 2016**  
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# Bedford

Department of Public Works

314 Great Road

[www.bedfordma.gov/department-of-public-works](http://www.bedfordma.gov/department-of-public-works)

**781-275-7605**



## Recycling & Trash

**Guidelines for Residents**

**July 2015—July 2016**

Please use this brochure as a guide for Bedford's solid waste/recycling program. Updates and changes will be published on the DPW website listed above.



### Computers, TV's & Electronics:

- Republic Services will take CRT monitors and televisions only at the curbside.
- Call 1-800-442-9006 (Option 2) to arrange for pickup. Items must be at curb by 7 am, but no more than 12 hours before pickup.
- Limit 2 items per month.
- All other electronics will be accepted at one of the DPW Special Events. See website for details.

### Medical Sharps Disposal & Prescription Drug take-back:

- In the foyer of the Bedford Police Station, at 2 Mudge Way, there are disposal units for syringes (must be in a sharps disposal box) and unwanted prescription medications. The foyer is open for drop off 24 hours a day.

### Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

- Bedford residents may drop off household hazardous waste up to eight times a year at the Lexington Landfill, 60 Hartwell Avenue in Lexington. See Collection Calendar for dates, or go to: [www.bedfordma.gov/board-of-health/household-hazardous-waste](http://www.bedfordma.gov/board-of-health/household-hazardous-waste) for more information.
- Advanced registration is not required but you must bring proof of residency.

### Bulky items/Construction Debris

- Call Republic Services at 1(800) 442-9006 (Option 2) to schedule curbside pickup of a large bulky item. One bulky item or one 35 gallon barrel of construction debris allowed per week, per household.
- Includes: couches, furniture, and other large items not covered under white goods or electronics.
- Resident should place bulky item/barrel at the curb by 7 am but no more than 12 hours before pickup.

### Appliances/White goods special pickup:

- Call Republic Services at 1-800-442-9006 (Option 2) to schedule curbside pickup of large appliances. Two white goods are allowed per month, per household.
- Includes: washers/dryers, water heaters, microwaves, gas grills, stoves, air conditioners, freezers, refrigerators and dehumidifiers.
- Resident must have scheduled appliance out to the curb by 7 am but no more than 12 hours before pickup. Doors on freezers and refrigerators must be removed.

### Yard Waste Drop-off

Residents can drop off their leaves, grass clippings, etc. at the Town Compost Center at 108 Carlisle Road on selected dates from April through November (see Calendar).

### Mercury Items/Batteries:

Residents can bring the following items to the kiosk in the foyer of the DPW at 314 Great Road weekdays from 8 am to 4 pm.

- Fluorescent lights (4-foot, 8-foot, circular, U-bulbs)
- CFL lamp bulbs
- Thermometers, thermostats, barometers, and other mercury items. Place in bucket with lid.
- Batteries accepted include Sealed Lead Acid, button batteries, etc.
- Rechargeable batteries include NiCd, Lithium, NiMH, etc.

### Yard Waste Curbside Collection

- Collected yard waste in Bedford is turned into compost that is used on town projects. For four weeks in the fall, leaves are collected at the curb.
- Accepted Yard Waste includes: Leaves, Grass Clippings, Flowering Plants, Pine Needles, Garden Trimmings. Brush 1" diameter or less.
- Place yard waste in tall paper bags or open barrels with no lids. **Do not use plastic bags.**
- Place separately from trash and recycling on Monday of each of the four leaf collection weeks. The bags will be picked up at varying points during the week.

# What Bedford Recycles in Curbside Program

Bedford operates a dual stream system: paper must be separated from plastic, metal and glass containers. Keep paper free of food and plastic wrapping. **NO PLASTIC BAGS!**

## Paper



- Newspapers / Inserts
- Magazines / Catalogs / Phone Books
- Junk mail / Mail Inserts & Envelopes /Office Paper
- School Papers
- Clean pizza boxes (cardboard only; No food stains)
- Paperboard (e.g. cereal boxes, shoe boxes, gift boxes etc.)
- Shredded paper must be put in a paper bag and stapled closed. Put in recycle bin on top of containers.

You do not need to remove staples, envelope windows, paper clips, metal spirals, or tape. Place mixed paper in brown paper bags on top of recycle bin with containers, or use a recycle bin for paper only.

## Cardboard



Corrugated cardboard should be flattened and cut or ripped to 36" x 36" or less. Multiple pieces should be tied or bundled together, or placed under or between recycling bins.



## Containers Glass, Metal, Plastic, Cartons



Glass Food and Beverage Containers  
Deposit and Non-deposit Beverage Cans  
Metal Food Cans, Lids, and Caps  
Aluminum Pie Plates, Trays and Foil  
Milk & Juice Paper Cartons  
Aseptic containers (e.g. Juice Boxes)

Plastic Containers marked with one of the following symbols:  
#1, #2, #3, #5 or #7

Bottles (e.g. Beverage, Shampoo, Laundry & Cleaning products, etc.)  
Food Containers (e.g. Yogurt Cups, Butter/ Margarine tubs, Salad Dressing bottles, etc.)



Rinse food waste from containers and place in your grey bin. Include plastic and metal caps and lids.

**NO PLASTIC BAGS**



# BEDFORD COLLECTION CALENDAR 2015-2016

## Holiday Schedule

Trash & Recycling pick up will take place on the Tuesday following these holidays:



Labor Day

Columbus Day

ML King Day

President's Day

Patriots' Day

Memorial Day

## Household Hazardous Waste Days

at 60 Hartwell Ave.  
Lexington  
9 AM to 2 PM.  
Denoted by

## Yard Waste Drop Off Compost Center 108 Carlisle Road Saturdays, 9-3

Yard Waste Dropoff

## DPW/Recycling

Special  
Collection Days  
October 3, 2015  
May 21, 2016

Details to be posted  
on DPW website.

DPW Special Event Days

Curbside Yard  
Waste Collections

### JULY 2015

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