



# Smart Recycling Guide

Your go-to reference for recycling in Massachusetts



**Metal**



**Food and Beverage Cans**  
empty and rinse



**Plastic**



**Bottles, Jars, Jugs and Tubs**  
empty and replace cap



**Glass**



**Bottles and Jars**  
empty and rinse



**Paper & Cardboard**



**Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, Boxes**  
empty and flatten



**Do Not Bag Recyclables**  
No Garbage



**No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap**  
(return to retail)



**No Food or Liquid**  
(empty all containers)



**No Clothing or Linens**  
(use donation programs)



**No Tangles**  
(no hoses, wires, chains or electronics)

## Do not place any of the following materials in single stream recycling:

- **Plastic bags and other film plastics** (e.g. plastic bags, cling wrap, rubber gloves, agricultural film, boat shrink wrap) – Plastic film and bags tangle with the rotating sorting equipment at single stream MRFs so avoid placing these materials in mixed recycling. However, many plastic film materials can be collected separately for recycling.
- **Bulky rigid plastics** (e.g. plastic buckets, crates) – Large plastic items are too big for MRFs to handle, but these materials can often be collected separately for recycling.
- **Polystyrene or polyethylene foam** (e.g. Styrofoam) – These materials are often used as packing and shipping materials, or as disposable food and beverage containers. Although these items will often have a recycling triangle on them, they should never be placed in the recycling bin. In some cases, polystyrene foam can be consolidated and sent directly to a plastics recycler.
- **Black plastic** (e.g. takeout containers) – In the majority of Massachusetts’ MRFs, the scanners used to sort materials are unable to recognize black plastic materials, which leads them to be routed for disposal.
- **Items smaller than a smart phone** (e.g. plastic straws, miniature bottles, utensils and lids) – These are incompatible with MRF equipment, since small or thin items end up falling through the cracks.

## Recycle Center hours of operation are Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. all year round.

Cardboard, textiles, metal, yard waste, comingled recyclables, electronics and hard plastic (tyke toys, kiddie pools, outdoor resin furniture) are now collected at the recycle center.

Mercury and fluorescent bulbs are also collected at the recycle center.

**Location:** 76 Stanley Avenue, off Waltham Street. (Accessible from Green River Way.)

**Please call Watertown Health Department at 617-972-6446 for hazardous waste disposal.**

## A holiday postpones collection by one day.

Scheduled holidays are indicated with a **RED NUMBER**

**Yard Waste** collection dates are indicated with a leaf

# 2022 Collection Calendar

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**Non-Shaded weeks** are for “A week” pickup.

**Shaded weeks** are for “B week” pickup.



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Hours of Operation:

**Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00**

Visit us online 24 hours a day for updates and important information, as well as for updates of Public Works recycling events on our website [www.watertowndpw.org](http://www.watertowndpw.org)

**Form of payment accepted at Public Works: cash, check or money order.**

### HOLIDAYS

**A holiday postpones collection by one day.**

*Scheduled holidays are indicated in RED*

**New Year's Day** January 1 — NO DELAY

**Martin Luther King Day** January 17

**Presidents Day** February 21

**Patriots Day** April 18

**Memorial Day** May 30

**Juneteenth** June 20 — NO DELAY

**Independence Day** July 4

**Labor Day** September 5

**Columbus Day** October 10

**Veterans Day** November 11

**Thanksgiving Day** November 24

**Christmas Day** December 25

NO DELAY – normal schedule M-F (12/26-12/30)

**YARD WASTE** In 2022, yard waste will be collected on your trash day on the designated yard waste week. Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, weeds, twigs and brush, no dirt or rocks. Loose brush must be tied into manageable bundles. Branches should be bundled in three foot lengths, no more than three inches in diameter. Do not use plastic bags, place in paper bags or loosely in a trash container. *Yard Waste collection dates are indicated with a leaf 🍃 on the calendar.*

**BURNABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE** Two pieces of household burnable furniture can be put out for collection on your trash day. No miscellaneous pieces of wood permitted. No construction debris will be collected! No carpets or rugs. Must be curbside by 7 a.m.

**TVs and COMPUTER MONITORS** Call Public Works for a free curbside pickup every Friday. Thursday at noon is the cut-off for each week. You may also drop off these items at the Recycle Center.

**RECYCLING** Recycling is collected every other week. A second recycle container is now available for \$90.00 at the Department of Public Works. A replacement recycle or trash tote is available for \$76.00.

**WHITE GOODS** Collected every Friday. A \$20.00 sticker is required. Purchase may be made at Public Works. Items include: air conditioners, washers, dryers, stoves, hot water heaters, dehumidifiers, microwaves, refrigerators and freezers.

**TEXTILE PICK UP** Watertown is now partnering with HELPSY to offer free curbside pick-up of clothing and household textiles for residents on a weekly basis. Please visit [helpsy.co/watertownma](http://helpsy.co/watertownma) for further information including scheduling and items available for pick-up. After filling out a request form online, a driver will be scheduled to pick-up on selected date. Items should be bagged and left at the curb prior to 7:00 a.m. the morning of pickup.

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



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## 2022 RESIDENTIAL TRASH & RECYCLE COLLECTION

PSRST STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
FRAMINGHAM, MA  
PERMIT 179

### REMINDERS

- All yard waste must be out by 7:00 a.m.
- All trash and recycle containers must be out by 7:00 a.m.
- Place containers at the opening of your driveway for pickup, avoiding parked cars.
- All recycling and waste must be in the container! Any overflow of waste must be disposed of privately, and any overflow of recyclables can be brought to the Recycle Center.
- Bag your trash prior to placing it in the black container with the lids completely closed.
- Do not bag your recycling.
- Recycling collection weeks are **A** and **B**.
- Public Works will collect and chip Christmas trees during the month of January only. Place at curb on your regular trash collection day. Bare trees only — no lights, no plastic bags.
- Replacement recycle or trash totes are available at the DPW for \$76.00.