

Reducing Trash

Recycling decreases the amount of trash we throw away, and that reduces disposal costs.

Here are some simple ways to reduce the amount of trash you generate:

- ◆ Try to buy products sold in packaging that is recyclable.
- ◆ Avoid using disposable items such as plastic razors, Styrofoam cups and non-rechargeable batteries.
- ◆ Bring your reusable coffee mug with you
- ◆ Buy products with recycled-content such as stationery, office paper and household paper products.
- ◆ Purchase reusable bags or reuse paper bags for groceries. Don't double bag or take extra plastic bags for small items.

Recycling Carts are available in three sizes. Most homes will be delivered a large cart. We ask that you try this cart. If after trying the cart, you determine that you cannot safely move the cart, you may request a smaller cart.

You may keep your old Town blue and green recycling bins, but they can no longer be used for curbside pickup. If you do not want them they can be recycled at the Recycling center in the Rigid plastics collection.

Reminders:

All recycling must be in the carts provided.

Carts must be placed at the curb according to instructions provided.

Only acceptable items listed in this guide can be placed in the cart.

Call the Department of Public Works for broken carts.

Additional carts can be purchased from the Department of Public Works at 75 West Street.



Town of Natick (New) Curbside Recycling Guide

Effective upon receipt of new recycling cart

Department of Public Works
75 West Street
Natick, MA 01760
508-647-6550

The Town of Natick is excited to announce a new program for curbside recycling collection. Each residential unit that receives trash service from the Town will receive a new recycling cart. The collection service will continue to be provided on a bi-weekly basis. The recycling carts have colored lids; blue lids represent blue pickup schedule, and green lids represent green pickup schedule - **your recycling schedule does not change**. The first recycling cart will be provided by the Town and is Town property.

IMPORTANT: Things you Need to Know

Place Cart at the curb:

- With wheels and handles away from the street
- By 7:00 AM on your collection day
- Automated truck needs at least three feet of clearance on either side of cart
- At least 12 feet of clearance overhead
- Do NOT overfill or jam cart full
- DO NOT PLACE TRASH (Blue bags or otherwise) IN THE RECYCLING CART

Recycling collection is now fully automated, and *materials outside the cart will not be collected*.

Do Not use old green/blue recycle bins. Do Not use regular trash cans/barrels. Only recyclables in the approved cart will be collected. DO NOT PLACE TRASH (Blue Bag) IN THE RECYCLING CART.

Recycling is still collected single stream; combine all acceptable items in your recycling cart. All materials are sorted and recycled at the processing plant.

All recyclable materials should be empty, clean and free of food residue. Remove all food residues and put soiled paper in your regular trash. Cardboard should be small enough to fit in the cart. **Do not put recyclables in a plastic bag.**

Acceptable Curbside Materials
Aluminum, tin, and steel food and beverage cans and containers
Single-use aluminum baking pans
Plastic bottles, jars, and jugs with a recycling triangle and #1 through #7
Beverage or water bottles, caps, neck rings and labels are OK
Paper bags
Plastic deli and yogurt type containers
Detergent, bleach, soap bottles, etc.
Cardboard, newspaper, cards, magazines, telephone books, junk mail, construction paper, white and colored computer paper, envelopes, paperboard boxes, shoe boxes, gift boxes, and paper egg cartons
Clear or colored glass bottles and jars

NOT ACCEPTED CURBSIDE
No plastic bags (grocery, Ziploc, trash etc.)
No aerosol cans, paint, gas, chemicals cans
No pots and pans
No pressurized containers (propane, SCUBA, or helium tanks)
No scrap metal
No plastic utensils, PVC or vinyl
No motor oil, antifreeze, pesticide, herbicide containers

No CD cases, six-pack rings, hangers
No foam or Styrofoam
No plastic coated paper, cups, plates, sandwich/food wrap or waxed paper.
No auto glass, mirrors, picture frames, tabletop, or windows.
No ceramics, dishes, baking/cookware, drinking glasses or mugs.
No light bulbs.

Recycling information is available on the town’s website at:

http://natickma.virtualtownhall.net/Public_Documents/NatickMA_Pubworks/curbside%20recycling

Many items **not** accepted curbside **are** accepted at the Recycling center or during the Town’s Hazardous Waste collection day or the Recycling Committee’s annual CYA Day. Please check before throwing questionable items in the trash. Go online to <http://www.NatickRecycle.pbworks.com> to see the Recycling A-Z list for a thorough list of how to recycle hundreds of different materials, including most of the items “Not” accepted for curbside recycling.