

Town of Wenham

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS Solid Waste Management Guide

The Town is issuing one official black 35 gallon automated trash container per eligible property.

Your property will now be serviced by one man and an automated vehicle, where the driver mechanically empties the cart without getting out of the truck.

The 35 gallon trash container has the Town's logo hot stamped on the side and came fully assembled. In addition, each cart has a radio frequency identification (RFID) tag. The tag will help us manage the official carts and provide pick-up verification at every location.

For residences, businesses and private roads that share driveways and trash pick up sites it is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that you mark your containers with a permanent identifier easy for you to see and hard to remove so that your containers do not get confused with your neighbors. (Street No., Name, etc.)

Effective, APRIL 2nd, 2012. You must use the official 35 gallon trash container delivered to you today and or official trash bags only for your household waste.



USE FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD WASTE (NON COMPOSTABLE OR RECYCLABLE WASTE)

The Town trash program allows for pick up of one (1) 35 gallon container of trash **every week** for each eligible property. The trash for these collections must be within an official Town issued trash container. Any trash beyond the 35 gallon, 50 lb limit must be placed in official Town of Wenham **green** trash bags.

Why is the Town changing our trash programs?

The Town is implementing changes to offset the increasing costs of trash disposal. The program allows each household to control their volume of trash disposal and the associated costs with excess disposal. The program encourages recycling and composting which benefits everyone and the environment.

Will our taxes be decreased?

No. Implementation will alleviate additional increases in the Town's trash budget. The cost per bag will offset the trash disposal costs.

How can I stay up to date on the trash/recycling news?

Visit the Town website www.wenhamma.gov updates are posted on the front page.

Will there be different size bags?

Yes. There will be 16 gallon and 33 gallon bags available.

The 16 gallon bags will be \$1.00 each and the 33 gallon bags will cost \$2.00 each. Bags will be sold in packages of 5.

What color bags will we use?

*Our Town bags will be **GREEN** and will be imprinted with Town specific information.*

Where can we buy bags?

Residents can purchase bags at the Crosby's Market in Hamilton and Dawson's Hardware Store in Beverly.

*The bags are **NOT** offered for sale at Town Offices.*

What if I don't have the proper bag?

*The trash collection company will **NOT** collect the trash of the non-conforming bag/trash item. Once you place your trash in a proper bag/container it will be picked up the following week.*

What if my trash item does not fit into the PAYT bag?

If your non-recyclable item does not fit into the PAYT bag, then the item may not be eligible for curbside pickup. Your Town Official bag must be able to close.

How many PAYT bags will we be able to put out each week?

There will not be a limit on how many PAYT bags you put out each week for pick-up. The

PAYT bag program is designed to offset the cost of trash disposal. Each residence controls how much they want to spend for their own trash disposal.

What do I do if I have a Bulky Item?

You may dispose of one Bulky Item per week with your regular trash disposal. Acceptable bulky items include a couch, sofa, chair, mattress, box spring, and or non metal furniture.

You may also engage a private hauler (Hiltz Disposal 978-283-3335) or contact the Georgetown Transfer Station to inquire as to what items they accept. Mello transfer station (mellodisposal.com) is located on Route 133, and their direct number is (978) 352-9948.

Can we still put trash out in our own trash cans?

No. PAYT bags must be put out by themselves.

What do I do with my old Trash container?

You may convert it to a container for single stream recyclables. Please clearly mark the container

"Recyclables". Bumper stickers are available at the Town Hall that you may use to put on your barrel.

The Town will recycle unwanted trash barrels; just bring them to the town garage located at 91 Grapevine Road in Wenham at your convenience.

How do I prepare my trash for pick up?

Place your waste container with the handle of the cart facing your house (not the street), place your cart within three (3) feet of the curb and free of overhead obstructions (wire) by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.

- *The cart must be at least three (3) feet from other waste in bags or piles and three (3) feet from any fixed objects such as poles, mailboxes or hydrants.*
- *Do not block access to the container with parked car(s).*
- *The container can be filled flush to the top and the cover must be closed.*
- *No container or bag may weigh over 50 lbs.*

How do I dispose waste not eligible for curbside pick up?

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Towns of Hamilton and Wenham will hold one hazard waste day annually. Hazardous waste can not be picked up curbside. Please refer to the Town website for the annual date and the Hazardous Waste Flyer for do's and don'ts.

CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS

Our trash hauler will not pick up dirt, brick, rock, concrete, scrap, lumber, roofing, or any other debris generated as a result of construction or demolition. Please contact a private hauler (Hiltz Disposal 978-283-3335) or contact the Georgetown Transfer Station to inquire as to what items they accept. Mello transfer station is located on Route 133 and their direct number is (978) 352-9948.

ELECTRONICS – EWASTE – METAL – WHITE GOODS

The Wenham Department of Public Works, located at 91 Grapevine Road is open the 1st Saturday of each month from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Wenham residents may drop off ewaste, (TV's, large and small appliances, computers, scrap metal, etc.) on each designated Saturday. Please see the Wenham Town Clerk at the Town Hall (1st Fl) to pay and receive a receipt prior to the drop-off of item(s). For a list of items available to dispose of please go to www.wenhamma.gov.

*Any and all items disposed of and accepted at a Town office or on Town land is the property of the Town. Residents or non-residents may not remove any item in whole or in part.

STYROFOAM:

The Town is working on establishing a drop off area or curbside pick up of Styrofoam for recycling. At this time we do not offer recycling of Styrofoam. You may put it in your solid waste container or contact the services below for recycling information.

Drop Off

You may drop off your Styrofoam for recycling at:

<http://www.lifoam.com/Recycling/recycling.htm>

Lifoam Industries

2 Fifth Street

Peabody, MA - 800-832-4725

Mail-Back

Polyfoam Corporation has a unique mail-back program that allows virtually anyone with smaller quantities of foam packaging to have it recycled. You can find out more information at:

<http://www.epspackaging.org/>

Polyfoam Corporation - 508-234-6323

Foam Peanuts

The UPS Store® encourage consumers to bring in foam packing peanuts to be reused and recycled

BATTERIES:

Automotive batteries: Businesses which sell new car batteries may also collect used batteries (and may be required to do so by law) for recycling. Some businesses will accept old batteries on a "walk-in" basis (not in exchange for a new battery).

Alkaline batteries: Domestically manufactured batteries made after 1994 no longer contain mercury and can be disposed of in the trash.

Nickel-cadmium rechargeable batteries: Do NOT dispose of in the trash. Take to a retail collection location. The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) operates a collection program through selected retail stores. There are currently over 400 collection sites in Massachusetts that are free to residents. Call 800-8-BATTERY for the nearest retail collection location.

Button batteries: Do NOT dispose of in the trash. Many stores selling watches or hearing aids will accept spent button batteries.

Lithium batteries: Drop off at household hazardous waste collection day.

FLORESCENT LIGHTS:

Tubes & Compact Bulbs:

Recycle at the Town DPW Yard on the 1st Saturday of each month free of charge.

YARD WASTE:

How do I dispose of leaves?

*The town provides a loose leaf pickup starting in **November** and runs through **mid December**, weather permitting. A bagged leaf pickup will be provided, if necessary. Check the town website at www.wenhamma.gov for updates or changes or call the Wenham DPW at 978-468-5520 X6.*

RECYCLABLES:

How do I prepare my recyclables for single stream pick up?

Please refer to the enclosed "Single-Stream Recycling Guide".

Questions? Visit www.wenhamma.gov or call (978) 468-5520 X6