

TOWN OF HOLLISTON SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Town of Holliston's Solid Waste and Recycling Program is detailed below. The Program is designed to provide opportunities to residents for recycling and waste reduction. If you have any questions about the Program or any suggestions, please contact the Selectmen's Office by calling 508.429.0608 or by e-mailing lebeau@holliston.k12.ma.us.

CURBSIDE HOUSEHOLD TRASH COLLECTION AND PAY-AS-YOU-THROW

Household rubbish, trash and garbage can be placed in trash barrels (no trash receptacles over 35 gallons in size) or tied in plastic bags and placed at the curb by 7 a.m. each week on your collection day (see collection schedule and routes below). Each container has a forty (40) pound limit. Barrels and bags containing food garbage can be sprayed with household ammonia to deter pests. The first bag or barrel of trash each week does not require a sticker. Additional bags or barrels of trash require a \$2.00 trash sticker.

Stickers are available at Town Hall (703 Washington Street), Mastro's Variety (1566 Washington St.), Country Farms (429 Washington Street), Holliston True Value Hardware (58 Central Street), Holliston Superette (777 Washington Street) and Village Stationery (92 Central Street). Senior citizens (65 years old or older, owner and occupant) can obtain up to twelve (12) free stickers per year at Town Hall.

Latex or water based paints can be allowed to harden by leaving them open to the air and then placed in the trash.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF BULKY WASTE

Rugs and wood can be cut into three foot lengths, bundled and placed at the curb on your collection day. These items require a trash sticker.

Other bulky items such as furniture, mattresses, appliances, doors, water heaters and tires are picked up at no extra cost by calling Allied Waste/BFI at 1.800.551.5584 to schedule a collection day. Four (4) tires per year (without rims) but no more than one (1) tire per week may be placed at the curb for collection after calling Allied Waste.

The following materials will not be collected as curbside trash: building materials, construction waste, earth, stones and tree stumps. These must be separately disposed of by making arrangements with your contractor or a private trash disposal company.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Recycling bins are collected each week on the same day as trash collection (see collection schedule and routes below). Recycling bins are available at no charge at Town Hall. Recycling labels, which are also available at Town Hall, can be used to designate an unused trash barrel as a recycling container. The following items can be placed in recycling bins at the curb:

Paper – Newspapers, inserts, magazines, cereal boxes, catalogs, excess mail, office paper, wrapping paper, cards, phone books, calendars. All in paper bags. NO plastic bags, waxed boxes, carbon paper, paper cups, napkins, plates, food residue or soiled paper. If you use a barrel for recycling paper, please make sure it does not exceed forty pounds. Flattened cardboard (pieces no larger than 2 feet by 2 feet) can be recycled at the curb. Pizza boxes are not accepted.

Glass – All glass food and beverage containers. NO broken glass, windows, light bulbs, drinking glasses or vases.

Metal – All aluminum and tin food and beverage cans. NO paint or aerosol cans, propane tanks or other metal items.

Plastic – items with recycling numbers 1 – 7, including meat trays, foam egg cartons, milk jugs, juice jugs, water jugs, laundry detergent bottles and aseptic containers. NO plastic bags, motor oil or chemical containers or flower pots.

CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION

This service is offered for one week each fall, typically in late November. Leaves can be left at the curb on your collection day by 7 a.m. in compostable paper bags. Watch your newspaper, check the Town's Web site (www.townofholliston.us), watch the HCAT Bulletin Board or call 429.0608 for specific dates.

HOLIDAYS

Whenever a scheduled collection day falls on a holiday, that day's collection and all remaining collections for the week will be delayed one day. Friday's collection will be on Saturday. Holidays observed are: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please note that if a holiday falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, there will be no change in the collection schedule that week.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION PROBLEMS

To report that your trash or recycling has not been picked up or to report other problems with the curbside service, call Allied Waste/BFI Customer Service at 1.800.551.5584.

DROP-OFF RECYCLING AREA ON MARSHALL STREET

The Marshall Street drop-off recycling area accepts metals, cardboard, yard waste (including brush, leaves and grass clippings) and CRTs. The facility is open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The facility is open to Holliston residents only and the following items are accepted:

Metals - Scrap metal, tire rims, bulky metal items such as swing sets and pipe, gas grills, bicycles, lawn mowers, sheet metal and cast iron. Please remove propane gas tanks, oil and gasoline, plastic, rubber, liquids, wood and glass.

Cardboard - any size cardboard can be recycled.

Yard waste and brush - items such as leaves, grass clippings and pine needles, branches, limbs, logs and other natural vegetation. Deposit them in the designated composting area in compostable bags or loose. Do not use plastic bags or mix in trash. Material from site development or commercial enterprises is not accepted.

CRTs - televisions, computer monitors and other CRTs. This does not include computers or stereos (put these items in your curbside trash containers).

Fluorescent bulbs – please present these to the recycling area attendant. They can also be recycled at Holliston True Value Hardware, 58 Central Street.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Hazardous wastes such as drain cleaners, oil based paints, solvents, motor oil, pesticides, batteries and gas grill tanks are accepted at household hazardous waste collection events. There is an annual hazardous waste collection event in Holliston during the summer months. There are also opportunities to access these events in nearby towns. Watch your newspaper, check the Town's Web site (www.townofholliston.us) or call 429.0608 in the spring for specific dates.

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OTHER RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

Plastic grocery bags, plastic newspaper bags and other clear or light colored plastic bags can be recycled at grocery stores.

Clothing items can be brought to the Planet Aid collection bin located at Holliston Oil Service, Inc., on Woodland Street and the Saint Vincent DePaul bin behind Saint Mary's Church.

Gas grill propane tanks can be returned to businesses that refill them for a small fee, including EN-R-GY Saver, 1470 Washington Street, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday (\$7.00/tank disposal fee).

Motor oil can be recycled at the place of purchase.

Mercury thermometers and thermostats can be exchanged for digital thermometers at Town Hall, Selectmen's Office, 703 Washington Street.

Composting kits are available for purchase through the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall for \$22.

Books are accepted at a collection containers located at Holliston Oil Service, Inc., on Woodland Street and in the Holliston High School parking lot.

CDs and DVDs are accepted at a collection container in the Holliston High School parking lot.