

Garbage Collection Tips

Garbage (ordinary household waste), non-recyclable food containers and unused food should be the only items in your garbage can.

All garbage should be bagged in official purple bags and placed in green trash carts.

Make sure the lid is closed and that garbage is not packed too tightly.

For residents who have private automated collection, all household refuse needs to be inside an automated container provided by the Vendor. These containers are owned by the Vendor and are assigned to your household.

Normal collection service begins at 7 a.m.

All containers shall be placed at the curb for collection no earlier than 4 p.m. the day before scheduled pickup or prior to 7 a.m. the day of collection. Once placed at the curb, all containers shall be removed from the curb within 24 hours. Willful violators of trash bin time and placement requirements may receive a civil penalty of \$300.

Place the container as close as possible to the curb or roadside so that it is not blocking the passage of vehicles, pedestrians or drainage and is at least 2 feet from mailboxes, telephone poles, parked cars, etc.

Avoid creating a hazard by placing broken glass or sharp objects in bags that may harm pedestrians or waste management workers. Curbside refuse should not impede pedestrian walk-ways or public thoroughfares.

During holidays, waste collections may change. For current holiday schedule changes, visit www.fallriverma.org and click on "Sanitation".

Missed Pick-up

If you have experienced a missed pick-up by E-Z Disposal you will need to contact them directly. Please make a note on the site that whether you call or email you should [always include the city with your message.](#)

T: 781-233-2211

E: fallriverrequests@ezdisposalrecycling.com

Bulk Trash Pick-up

Residents can drop-off bulky items at the City Garage located at 10 Lewiston Street or schedule a curbside collection. Residents with scheduled curbside collections must attach the bulky item sticker issued by the city. Items will only be collected on the scheduled pick-up date. Property owners with items without a paid sticker, may be subject to fines.

Bulk trash are large items that do not fit in a barrel, such as washers, dryers, toilets, sinks, sofas, rugs, computers, etc. They are collected the same day as your regular garbage collection day. All waste should be placed at the curbside, away from any obstructions like telephone poles or fire hydrants and should not block motorists, pedestrians or drainage and should be at least three feet from obstructions such as telephone poles or parked cars. Bulk waste cannot be placed out for collection earlier than 4:00 pm the day prior to collection day.

Household Items

Discarded furniture, hot-water tanks, refrigerators, other household appliances and large items not exceeding 4'x4'x10'.

No hazardous waste, construction and demolition debris, motorized vehicles and parts, etc. Boxes or debris from move-in or move-out situations are also considered bulk waste.

Items with glass must be taped to prevent shattering. The resident is responsible for cleaning up any broken glass that may result from collection.

To Schedule Pickup

Please visit:

[http://www.fallriverma.org/index.php?](http://www.fallriverma.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=233&Itemid=728)

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Yard Waste

Tree/Yard Debris/Brush

- Brush must be bundled and tied. Bundled material must not exceed 3ft in length and 2ft in diameter.
- Branches are not to exceed 2.5 inches in diameter.
- Yard waste must be in barrels not to exceed 32 gallons or maximum of 50 pounds, boxes, or paper leaf bags and labeled "Yard Waste"
- Limit of 10 bags/boxes/barrels.
- No plastic bags of any type can be used.



TRASH/RECYCLE /YARD
WASTE COLLECTION

Green and Blue ... Easy to Do! Trash in
Green, Recycling in Blue

Who We Service

We provide waste collection once a week for over 36,000 households in Fall River.



What is Collection Services?

This informational pamphlet is meant to be a tool to allow the residents of Fall River to navigate through the vast range of questions associated with collections services.

City of Fall River
Department of
Community Maintenance
1 Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722
508.324.2585



Make It Here

Holiday Schedule

Trash is not collected on certain Holidays. Starting the day of the holiday, trash is collected one day later for the remainder of that week. .

* Bulky items are not collected on Holiday weeks

Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous materials are anything that is toxic, flammable or corrosive, including pool chemicals, brake and transmission fluid, used motor oil, paint, turpentine, paint thinner, spot remover, car batteries, antifreeze, pesticides, insecticides and herbicides. Throwing away such items in the garbage, down the drain or on the ground is illegal and can poison our water and land.

To properly dispose of hazardous materials, bring them to the City Garage, 10 Lewiston Street, during scheduled times.

Call them at (508) 324.2761 or visit [www.http://www.fallriverma.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&cid=229&Itemid=724](http://www.fallriverma.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&cid=229&Itemid=724) for more information.

Litter Enforcement

To improve your neighborhood's appearance and overall quality of life, the City of Fall River has adopted a year-long cleanup program consisting of organized cleanups as well as enforcement of city ordinances and state regulations.

City inspectors visit properties on a regular basis to ensure compliance with city and state building, housing, health, sanitation and safety regulations. Property owners not in compliance receive a warning notice. Failure to correct problem conditions result in non-criminal fines

To report litter complaints or illegal dumping, call 508-324-2585.

Litter Fines

The ordinance authorizes the non-criminal disposition of any and all city ordinances. Penalties of \$100 for the first violation, \$200 for the second violation, and \$300 for each subsequent violation, pursuant with [M.G.L.A. c. 40, § 21D](#).



FAQs.....

Improved Service

Trash containers are convenient and easy to use. The large wheels make them easy to roll. They are strong, sturdy, and little maintenance is required. The attached lids minimize animal scavenging and pests, help control odors, and reduce water & snow weight.

What can I place in the container?

Place only normal household trash in an approved PAYT bag in the container.

Non-Allowable Items at the curbside include:

Yard Waste, Tires, Demolition or Construction Debris, Christmas Trees, Televisions, Computers, Electronics, Scrap Metal, Appliances, Bulky Items, Explosives, Motor Vehicle Waste, or Hazardous Materials.

Public Safety

Curbside refuse should not impede pedestrian walkways or public thoroughfares. **DO NOT** place your container in the street.

How do I get a recycle bin?

Recycle bins can be picked up at the Department of Community Maintenance (DCM).

Pickup Schedule Changes - During inclement weather collections may be delayed.

Holiday Schedule - Collection routes may be delayed by one day if the collection day falls on or after a legal holiday.

Reuse it! Don't Trash It

- Shop garage sales, flea markets & antique shops
- Reupholster, repair, refinish furniture
- Reuse food storage containers to store leftovers instead of using foil, plastic bags, or plastic wrap

Resale Stores

Donate your unwanted items to one of several charitable organizations that operate resale shops.

- Savers
- St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store
- The Salvation Army Family Store
- Habitat for Humanity Store
- American Cancer Society
- Big Brothers Big Sisters

Guidelines

All trash (green cart) must be placed in the cart. All trash must be in bags. Lids must be closed. No trash outside the cart will be collected.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Recyclables, hazardous waste, medical or biological waste, hot ashes, sand, rocks, dirt, yard waste, loose needles, non-bagged pellets and sawdust, etc. in your blue cart.

Cart Placement

Curb

On your collection day, wheel your carts to the curb by 7AM on your collection day, or as early as 4PM the day before collection. Make sure the lid is closed. Routes can change at any time and so can your pickup time. Collections are delayed one day after a holiday or snow delays.

Point

The cart must be within 3 feet of the curb with the wheels and handle facing your house (Make sure lid opening is towards the street).

Space

The cart must be at least 3 feet from objects (including parked cars, fire hydrants, telephone poles, trees, bulky waste, cart, mail boxes, etc.)

Blue Bins

Disposing of recyclables costs significantly less than disposing of waste. Recycling also helps save our environment by diverting waste from landfills and avoiding use of raw materials.

Recycling is easier than ever. Just toss the following items directly into your can:

- Aluminum cans and (clean) foil
- Clear and brown glass jars and bottles
- Cardboard
- Newspaper
- Steel cans
- Phone books, junk mail, catalogs
- #1 or #2 bottles
- Cereal boxes and other clean food boxes



Be sure to rinse out all bottles and cans before tossing them in the bin.