

Town of Hamilton

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS Solid Waste Management Guide



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 in a standard size 35 gallon or Town issued trash container. A trash beyond the 35 gallon, 50 lb limit must be placed in the official blue trash bags. container and cannot be seen it may NOT be picked up.

Please refer to the **Trash, Organics & Recycling Calendar** for a complete schedule.

Why did the Town change our trash programs?

The Town implemented the change 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.hamiltonma.gov and click on the "Subscribe to News" button, located on the left hand side of the page. Here you can subscribe to Emergency News, Department of Public Works (DPW) News (the DPW handles trash & recycling) and more.

The staff of the Town uses these services to email residents of emergency and non-emergency news.

Will there be different size bags?

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

The 16 gallon bags will be \$1.50 each and the 33 gallon bags will cost \$2.50 each. Bags will be sold in packages of 5.

What color bags will we use?

Our Town bags will be BLUE and will be imprinted with Town specific information.

Where can we buy bags?

Residents can purchase bags at the Crosby's Market, Hamilton Convenience and Cumberland Farms in Hamilton and A. 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 PA YT 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 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 will be available at the Town Hall for a limited time that you may use to put on your barrel.

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.*

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: Recycle at the Town DPW Yard on the 3rd Saturday of each month. There is a fee for each tube you dispose of.

Compact Bulbs: Recycle at Home Depot or Lowes.

YARD WASTE:**How do I dispose of leaves?**

Place leaves in disposable paper bags. The Town schedules various leaf collections throughout the year, typically one in the spring and two in the fall. Please view the Town calendar for specific dates. Leaves may also be brought to Brick Ends Farm on Highland Street.

Please contact them directly at (978) 468-3131 for drop off dates and times available.

Questions? Visit www.hamiltonma.gov or call (978) 468-5580