

Town of Hamilton

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS Solid Waste Management Guide

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.)



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. Any trash beyond the 35 gallon, 50 lb limit must be placed in official blue trash bags. 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 \$1.75 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 Cumberland Farms, Hamilton Convenience and Crosby's Market in Hamilton and Aubuchon 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.

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

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

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

There will not be a limit on how many OFFICIAL TRASH 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 by purchasing a Bulky Item Sticker for \$15.00 per item at the DPW office (checks only) or Crosby's Market and Cumberland Farms. 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.

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".

How do I prepare my trash for pick up?

Place your waste container 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.

What if my trash is not picked up? How do I get in touch with the Town's trash hauler, Casella

Their contact information is as follows:

Phone number (978) 548-4427, website www.casella.com

What about service for my business?

The Town will provide the same curbside waste collection for commercial customers as provided for residential customers. Businesses generating more than the standard amount of residential waste must secure collection from a licensed private hauler.

How do I request replacement of my trash container, organic waste container or recycle bin?

Containers or bins stolen or damaged due to misuse, storms traffic, etc. can be replaced for a fee at the Hamilton Town Hall.

You must bring your broken or unusable official trash barrel to the Town Hall in order to receive a replacement.

RECYCLABLES

Please refer to the "Single Stream Recycling Guide".

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

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Town of Hamilton holds one hazard waste day annually. Hazardous waste cannot be picked up curbside. Please refer to the Town calendar 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 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 – CARDBOARD – WHITE GOODS

The Hamilton Department of Public Works, located behind Town Hall is open the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. **CHECKS ONLY**

Hamilton residents may pay for and drop off ewaste, (TV's, large and small appliances, computers, scrap metal, cardboard, etc.) on each designated Saturday. Payment by check only will be accepted at drop off. For a complete list of items available to dispose of please go to www.hamiltonma.gov.

Please note: If there is snow accumulation over 4 inches on Friday night or Saturday morning the yard will be closed that Saturday and open the following Saturday.

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.

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.

FLUORESCENT LIGHTS:

Tubes: Recycle at the Town DPW Yard on the 3rd Saturday of each month. **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) 626-5227