RECYCLING AND TRASH GUIDELINES

WHAT TO DO

• Place trash and recycling out for collection no later than 6 a.m. on your scheduled day.

• You can put your barrels or trash carts curbside as early as 5 p.m. the night before. But, placing trash out in the morning reduces the chances of spills and scavenging.

• Place your recycling and trash at the curb. Depending on your street, this means in front of your home or in your back alley.

• Help keep your neighborhood clean by placing trash in a container with a lid.

• Don’t have a container? Use a sturdy trash bag.

WHAT NOT TO DO

• Never use small plastic and paper bags from market and convenience stores for your trash and recycling.

• Don’t use City sidewalk litter barrels or solar-powered compactors to get rid of your household trash. It’s illegal, and carries a fine for each day you leave your trash.

• Do not place building or construction debris out for residential collection. We will not pick it up.

• No Yard Waste in plastic bags

• No dirt

DID YOU KNOW?

• You’re responsible for picking up litter on the sidewalk and in the gutter in front of your home or business.

• Dumpsters need to have lids and be closed at all times.

• Pet owners must pick up and properly dispose of pet droppings.

REPORT NON-EMERGENCIES

Let us know about non-emergencies through BOS:311. You can file reports 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Give us a call by dialing 3-1-1, or visit Boston.gov/311

We also have a BOS:311 app for Apple and Google devices. To learn more about downloading the app, visit Boston.gov/app

TRASH DAY SCHEDULE

View your collection schedule, search recyclable materials, and more. You can also sign up for alerts to stay updated on interruptions or changes to your schedule. Learn more at Boston.gov/trash-day-schedule

NEED A CART?

If you don’t already have a recycling cart, you may request one via BOS:311 or calling (617) 635-4500

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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TRASH DAY APP

Check out collection schedules, recyclable materials and more!

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