

CURBSIDE



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A Newsletter on Recycling and Solid Waste for Town of Plaistow Residents

Dear Residents:

We are providing this newsletter to inform you of the recycling and solid waste services available to Plaistow residents. This is an informational tool to help you better understand the services that our contractor, Waste Management, provides to the Town.

We strongly encourage you to read and retain this newsletter for future reference.

All residents are entitled to the following services:

- Weekly collection of household solid waste
- Monthly collection of white goods by appointment
- Spring and Fall collection of Non-Metal bulk items on designated weeks
- Every other week collection of recyclable materials
- Monthly collection of computers and TV's for a fee

It is very important that **All** residents participate in the curbside recycling services available. In 2007 we improved our recycling rate slightly, but we are still only recycling about 10% of our total solid waste. The lack of participation in our recycling program becomes more expensive as the cost of solid waste disposal continues to increase. If we can reach a reasonable goal of 15% diversion, the Town would save over **\$20,000** per year. We need your help to reach this goal and have provided a convenient curbside recycling program to foster higher participation.

Thank you for taking the time to review this important information.

Sincerely,
Plaistow Board of Selectmen
382-5200
www.plaistow.com

White Goods, Computers and TV Collection

Residents can have an old appliance (white good) collected by Waste Management. You must call Waste Management at 800-847-5303 to schedule an appointment. White Goods are collected generally on the 1st Saturday of every month. **Residents must schedule an appointment for a collection.**

You can also have a computer setup (monitor, processor, keyboard etc) or TV collected. There is a fee of \$25.00 that must be paid directly to Waste Management to have these items collected. Again, contact Waste Management to schedule a pickup.

Collection Program Guidelines

- Trash and Recycling must be at curbside by 7:00am on your designated collection day
- Please separate your recyclable materials from your trash by 3 feet if possible so it can be easily identified by the collector
- All trash must be contained in a commercially available standard trash barrel or plastic bag not to exceed 30 gallons or fifty pounds
- Small quantities of brush and sticks may be placed out for collection if bundled and tied in lengths not exceeding 3 feet. Other yard waste and leaves will not be collected curbside
- No construction materials from renovation projects will be collected
- Recyclable materials are collected every other week on your regular collection day. See calendar to determine collection weeks for recyclables

Spring and Fall Non-Metal Bulk Item Collection

Waste Management will collect non-metal bulk items during special "clean-up" weeks in the spring and fall. On the designated cleanup weeks residents can place items such as old furniture, bedding, carpeting (must be rolled and tied in small bundles) and other non-metal items that will not fit in a standard 30-gallon trash barrel or bag. The items must be set out on your regular trash collection day by 7:00am, only on the week designated for this special collection.

Collection dates for the Fall 2008 are October 13th to the 17th and Spring 2009 will be April 13th to the 17th.

Curbside Recycling Program Guidelines

Commingled Containers - What can be recycled?

Place Acceptable Items in Your Bin

Plastic:

- PET - Number 1 Plastics
- HDPE - Number 2 Plastics
- Soft Drink and Liquor Bottles
- Milk, Water, Juice Containers
- Laundry, Bleach and Cleaning Containers



Non-Acceptable:

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| Plastic Grocery Bags | Sandwich Bags |
| 5 Gallon Pails | Lids and Caps |
| Plastic Silverware | Glassware |
| Needles | Brittle Dairy Food Containers |
| No Container that Previously Held a Hazardous Material | |

Glass:

- Clear, Brown, Green and Blue Glass
- Food and Beverage Containers

Non-Acceptable:

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| Ceramic Cups and Plates | Drinking Glasses |
| Heat Resistant Ovenware | Light Bulbs |
| Mirror and Windowpane Glass | |

Metals:

- Aluminum Cans (Soft Drink, Juice and other Beverage Cans)
- Steel (Tin, Soup Cans, and Metal Jar Lids)
- Aluminum Pie Tins and Foil
- Aerosol Cans (EMPTY) (Non-Paint or pesticide)

Non-Acceptable:

- Paint Cans, Gas Cans, or any container that had previously contained a hazardous or toxic material

Mixed Paper - What can be recycled?

Place Acceptable Items in Your Bin

Paper (Clean & Dry):

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| Newspaper | Magazines |
| Phonebooks | Old Mail |
| Greeting Cards | Flyers |
| Brochures | Catalogues |
| Folders | Soft Cover Books |
| Paper Bags | |

Paperboard:

(May be mixed with Paper)

- Paper Food Boxes (discard liners)
- Cereal, Rice, Cracker, Pasta, Shoe Boxes
- Paper Towel Rolls, Writing Pad Backs,
- Pizza Boxes (discard liners)

Does it tear? Is it clean? Then recycle it...

Non-Acceptable

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| Waxed Paper | Soiled Paper |
| Used Tissues | Plastic, Wood or Metal |
| Dirt or Other Trash | Plastic Bags |

Corrugated Cardboard:

Any Clean "Waffled" Cardboard Box not exceeding **2' X 2' X 2'** when bundled for safety and consistency of collection



HOW TO PREPARE COMMINGLED CONTAINERS FOR COLLECTION

Please!

- All containers must be rinsed and free of all contaminants.
- Any removable corks, tops, rings, metal bottleneck wraps should be discarded with the trash prior to recycling.
- Flatten containers whenever possible to allow for more room in your recycling container and the recycling truck



HOW TO PREPARE MIXED PAPER FOR COLLECTION

- Remove or Empty All Plastic Bags
- Remove any Non-Acceptable items and discard with your regular trash.
- Place *Mixed Papers* in any Brown Paper Bag, or bundle with string. Then place "bagged" papers on top of your "Commingled Containers" and set out by 7:00 am on your collection day.
- Check the weather forecast for high winds or rain and keep your recyclables in for another week or locate the nearest recycling center to drop off your recyclables.
- **Keep your paper separate from the cans, plastics and glass.**

Plaistow 2008/2009 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar

Recycling in Plaistow is collected at your curb every other week. Your trash collection is every week. Place your trash and Mixed Paper and Commingled Containers at the curb by 7:00 AM. The recycling collection will be on the **Shaded Weeks** as follows.

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WASTE MANAGEMENT'S

Recycling and Trash Collection Schedule

2008/2009 Holidays

Memorial Day	Mon 5/26/08
Independence Day	Fri 7/4/08
Labor Day	Mon 9/1/08
Thanksgiving	Thu 11/27/08
Christmas	Thu 12/25/08
New Years	Thu 1/1/09

Collection will be delayed one day after the holiday during those weeks.

Recycling is easy, economical and environmentally necessary! Your recycling efforts save natural resources and returns recycling for reuse, and by recycling you save Plaistow tax dollars by avoiding disposal costs at the Landfill.

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