



## Town of Plaistow Board of Selectmen

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The Plaistow Board of Selectmen are pleased to announce that they have selected JRM Hauling, Peabody, MA, as the vendor for the new trash and recycling collection contract. The new five-year contract will begin on January 1, 2022.

There will be some changes with the new contract as the Town moves to a semi-automated collection system. Carts (collection containers) will be manually loaded onto a hook that will lift and empty the cart into the truck. This will provide more efficient collection of household waste and recyclables, while still allowing a visual inspection of recycling materials during collection to help bring contamination rates down.

The Selectmen note that not only is recycling better for the environment, but it also helps to keep cost down. It costs \$84/ton for disposal of household waste and only \$25/ton for recyclables, a very significant savings to the taxpayers. The Town plans more recycling educational programs in the future to increase participation, help reduce recycling contamination rates, all which can lead to additional taxpayer savings.

The Town has purchased carts from Cascade Cart Solutions that will be exclusively used for curbside collection. Each residential dwelling will receive two (2) blue 96-gallon carts, one designated by a yellow cover for recycling, and one a blue cover for household waste. The carts will have the town seal on them and will be RFID chipped specific to each address. Each recycling cart delivered will also have information on best recycling practices attached by a hang bag. Carts remain the property of the Town. Distribution of carts will begin the week of December 6, 2021 and residents can immediately begin to use these containers upon receiving them.



Some of the current household collection services will remain the same. Residents will still be able to purchase stickers for the occasional excess household waste that doesn't fit in their cart; there will be curbside pick-up of one bulk item per week; and there will still be the availability to dispose of white goods directly through JRM. Solutions for disposal of excess recycling materials are still being considered.

Additional information will be posted to the Town's Website [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com) and Facebook page as it becomes available.