



START USING YOUR NEW 96 GALLON CARTS NOW!

<https://www.plaistow.com/trash-recycling>

YOUR ROLL-OUT CART

This cart is being provided to you to improve quality of your collection service by:

- Keeping papers, odors, refuse, etc., in the cart
- Improving your community's appearance
- Providing a quiet, easy to handle container to store and move refuse
- Offers a safe, convenient and effective way to handle household waste



LOADING YOUR CART

To place garbage in the cart, always lift the lid from the front.

Be careful not to overload your cart in excess of your ability to safely maneuver it.

**REMEMBER: The #1
contaminant of recycling is
plastic bags!!!**

Do not place ANY OF the following items in either of your carts!

- Wet paint
- Solvents
- Acid
- Building material waste
- Oil
- Hot ashes
- Medical waste
- Exposed Needles
- Sand
- Rocks/Soil

PLACING YOUR CART OUT FOR COLLECTION

Make sure the lid is closed. Grab the handle and use the convenient **TILT AND GO** design feature (between the wheels at the rear of the cart) and tilt the cart back slightly. Now safely push or pull the cart.

The cart is designed to withstand dragging. Please tilt and roll. Close the lid before moving.

Ensure your cart is at the curb by 7:00 a.m., on your collection day, and place it with the arrows facing the street or common drive. Keep lid closed. This keeps animals, rain, snow and ice out, and refuse and odors in the cart. Do not place your cart close to obstruction such as mailboxes, utility poles, fire hydrants or parked cars.

AFTER COLLECTION

To help maintain the appearance of your neighborhood, remove your cart as soon after collection as possible.

Take care not to store your cart close to a furnace, fireplace, grill or other source of excessive heat.

CARING FOR YOUR CART

Your new cart is designed for ease of maintenance.

To clean, simply rinse your cart with water from time to time and let dry in the sunlight with the lid open.



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 biggest offender of recycling contamination is placing your recycled materials in plastic bags or placing plastic bags in your recycling barrels to be recycling. Plastic Bags cannot be recycled by JRM Hauling. Please **DO NOT** place **PLASTIC BAGS** in your recycling Cart. Attached in the packet is a flyer for acceptable recyclable materials.

The Town has purchased carts from Cascade 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. **Carts remain the property of the Town.** Residents can immediately begin to use these containers upon receiving them. However, starting January 1st, 2022, JRM Hauling will only collect Trash & Recycling from the Town Authorized Carts.

Some of the current household collection services will remain the same. Residents will still be able to purchase stickers (\$2 per sticker) at Town Hall 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 for an additional fee.

As part of the Solid Waste/Recycling Collection and Disposal contract there will be four (4) Cardboard-Only Dumpsters. There will be a slit in each dumpster for you to place broken down cardboard. Cardboard-Only Dumpsters are available 7 days a week. This should help free up space in your Recycling Cart for other recycling materials. The locations for these dumpsters are still being worked out to make them easily accessible as possible for as many residents as possible. There will be a posting on the Town's website and Facebook page as soon as this information has been finalized.

Additional information will be posted to the Town's Website www.plaistow.com and Facebook page as it becomes available.

Plaistow Trash and Recycling Collection Program - FAQs - Frequently Asked Questions

Why is Plaistow making this change? Semi - automated trash and recycling collection is cheaper and saves taxes. In order to facilitate semi- automated trash and recycling collection specialized carts must be used. Carts also keep papers, odors, refuse, etc., in the cart, and the elements and animals out.

One barrel (cart) regardless of household size? The new carts will hold 96 gallons, nearly 35% more than was previously allowed.

Can I purchase additional carts? No. For those with occasional excess household trash, you will still be able to purchase the stickers for bags that can be left curbside with your cart, which makes it a user-based fee.

Can you use your current barrels in addition to the new one if it has the bar for lifting? Sorry, no. The contract is for town-approved carts, or town-issued stickers only.

What are the options if I have more recycling than will fit in my cart? With the new contract the Town will be receiving four (4) "cardboard only" dumpsters. The cardboard dumpsters will be placed around Town for overflow cardboard. See town website for location. Cut cardboard and crush aluminum cans and plastic containers.

Does the town also plan on replacing these containers when/if destroyed by a vehicle on a busy street? The carts will be owned and insured by the Town. Residents are expected to take reasonable care of them while on their property and not use them for purposes other than trash/recycling collection. The carts will be RFID chipped to locate them for each household. They will need to be left with the household if the property owner/tenant moves on. However, accidents happen. Since the carts are owned by the Town, they will be replaced as needed by the Town. Intentional vandalism will not be covered.

Do I have to use the carts? Yes, only the town approved carts will be picked up starting Jan 2, 2022.

What do we do with our old trash containers? Hopefully, you will be able to repurpose them. However, we are working on some solutions for disposing of them if you can't. More information to come. Watch the town website for more information.

Why should I recycle? Increased participation in recycling impacts taxes. Removal of recycling is cheaper than removal of trash (\$25 per ton for recycling; \$84 per ton of trash). In 2020 Plaistow recycled 690 tons. A yearly total of 690 tons of recycling saves the town taxpayers \$41,000. Recycling also recovers valuable raw materials and creates jobs.

Should I bag my recycling? No. **RECYCLING SHOULD NEVER BE BAGGED**. In fact, plastic bags are the number one contaminant for single stream recycling. Plastic bags can be brought to local supermarkets or the Vic Geary Senior Center.

Should I bag my trash? Please bag all trash. This will keep your trash cart from becoming dirty and smelly and will prevent trash from getting blown around.

Will there still be bulk pick up? Yes! One (1) bulk item per week. There will be a list posted on the Town's website.

What about White Goods? White Goods (Stoves, Fridges, Dishwashers, AC units, etc.) pick up will still be done by contacting JRM directly. Pre-paid pick-ups will be scheduled for the first Saturday of each month.

What do I do with Leaves, Grass Clippings, etc.? These can be dropped off at the Plaistow Landfill. See the town website.

Does composting of food waste help reduce waste and costs? Yes! Organic materials that could be composted at your home are a major component of overall trash disposal costs. Reducing the amount of this material to be disposed of reduces costs for the town. See the trash and recycling website link below for more details and advice on getting started with composting.

Can I use my recycling bin for trash? No. If there is trash in the recycling, the recycling will be contaminated and considered trash.

REMINDER: THE TRASH AND RECYCLING CARTS ARE TOWN PROPERTY AND RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE REASONABLE CARE OF THEM. IF YOU MOVE, THE CARTS MUST REMAIN WITH THE PROPERTY.

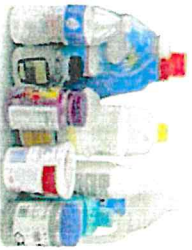


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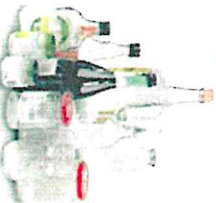
Your go-to reference for recycling in Massachusetts



Food and Beverage Cans
empty and rinse



Bottles, Jars, Jugs and Tubs
empty and replace cap



Bottles and Jars
empty and rinse



Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, Boxes
empty and flatten

NO!



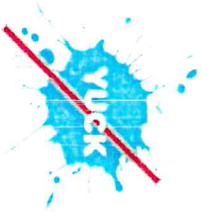
Do Not Bag Recyclables
No Garbage

(return to retail or Vic Geary Center)



No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap

No Food or Liquid
(empty and rinse all containers)



No Clothing or Linens
(use donation programs)



No Tangles
(no hoses, wires, chains or electronics)

Recyclopedias: Can I recycle it?

Enter name of item (ex. bottle)

Search

Use our online search tool at: RecyclesmartMA.org



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All recycling programs in Massachusetts accept the items pictured above.

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