

## RESIDENTIAL AUTOMATED SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING AND TRASH COLLECTION GUIDE

Enclosed please find the 2024/2025 Automated Single Stream Recycling and Trash Collection Guide. It covers from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Included in the guide is information on disposal of yard waste, bulky waste, appliances, construction and demolition debris (C&D) and textiles.

Requirements for yard waste are:

**YARD WASTE:** We ask that all residents place their yard waste to the curb by 7am on the Monday of each yard waste week. Republic Services has the entire week to collect the yard waste. If collection is light, Republic Services will then move to the next zone.

Depending on how heavy the collection is in the spring and fall, it could be 2 weeks before Republic finishes a zone before moving to the next zone. To find out how long before it will be when the trucks will be in your zone please call the office at 781-270-1670 or check social media and/or the website for updates.

**“Tree Branches cannot be larger than 4” in diameter and must be tied and bundled.  
Bundles cannot be larger than 30” in diameter and must be no larger than 3 foot in length.  
Barrels/Bags cannot be heavier than 50 lbs.”**

Additional information and current announcements are online at the Town website:

<https://www.burlington.org/453/Trash-Recycling>

### **Report a Missed Pickup**

If the trash and/or recycle container(s) were curbside by the specified time and were not collected, report a missed pickup by calling the DPW at 781-270-1670. **Please call by noon on Friday to report the miss, or by noon on Saturday and leave a message, in the event of a holiday or trash and/or recycle delay.** If you do not report the miss, it will have to be held until the following week.

**Christmas Tree Pickup** will be for **ONE WEEK ONLY** starting **January 13<sup>th</sup>** Please have your tree to the curb by 7am on Monday of that week. If your tree is missed that week, please call the DPW at 781-270-1670 on Tuesday, 1/21/25.

**“Christmas trees should be cut in half if over 6ft.”**

### **Contact Information:**

**Republic Services at 1-800-442-9006 - See page 4 for more information about scheduling a pickup of bulk items or white goods, appliances, TVs, computers, tires or large metal items.**

**Burlington Public Works – 781-270-1670 to report that the truck missed your trash, recycle or yard waste pickup. As stated previously, please call by noon the first missed day. That means Friday before noon on regular collection and Saturday by noon on a holiday week.**

# IN THE BIN

Every recycling program in Massachusetts accepts the items below. Make sure they are empty and clean.



Metal Food & Beverage Cans  
*Empty and rinse*



Plastic Bottles, Jars, Jugs & Tubs  
*Empty and replace cap*



Glass Bottles & Jars  
*Empty and rinse*



Paper & Cardboard  
*Empty and flatten*

# NOT IN THE BIN

Many items you'd think belong in your recycling bin don't. Putting them in does more harm than good. Not sure? Check the Recyclopedia.



Do Not Bag Recyclables  
*No garbage*



No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap  
*Return to retail store collection bins*



No Food or Liquid  
*Empty all containers*



No Clothing or Linens  
*Use donation programs*



No tanglers  
*No hoses, wires, chains or electronics*

# Items Collected by Republic Services

Please call Republic Services at 1-800-442-9006  
To schedule collection

**Bulk Items:** NO FEE at this time for the following items: Bulk items that can safely be disposed as trash but they are too large to fit in the trash cart. **A limit of 4 items** will be picked up per week. Examples of bulk items include:



**THIS SERVICE IS NOT FOR CLEAN OUTS**

The Following Fee Schedule is for items that need to be scheduled through Republic Services.  
Please call 1-800-442-9006.

<b>Appliances</b>	<b>With Freon</b>	<b>Ex: Refrigerator, Air Conditioner, etc.</b>	<b>\$ 28.43</b>
<b>Appliances</b>	<b>Without Freon</b>		<b>\$ 26.33</b>
<b>Large Metal Items</b>	<b>Per unit cost</b>	<b>Sheds, furnaces, boilers, radiators, lawn mowers, grills (without tank), snow blowers, treadmills, wood stoves, swing sets, bed frame. etc.</b>	<b>\$ 29.49</b>
<b>CRTs/TVs/Monitors</b>	<b>Up to 24"</b>	<b>Small/Med</b>	<b>\$ 26.33</b>
	<b>Over 25"</b>	<b>Large</b>	<b>\$ 36.86</b>
	<b>Console/Projection</b>	<b>Extra Large</b>	<b>\$147.46</b>
<b>Small Electronics</b>	<b>Per unit cost</b>	<b>VCRs, Microwaves, etc.</b>	<b>\$ 21.06</b>
<b>Tires</b>	<b>Per unit</b>	<b>Off the rim</b>	<b>\$ 11.80</b>

\*prices as of 7/1/2024

## Points of Interest:

- All refrigerators must be completely empty and inserts must be secured. If conditions are not met, the item will not be collected.
- Basketball hoops must be cut in half. We do not take the plastic base.
- All gas-powered equipment must be drained of all fluids.
- Both Automated recycling and trash collection services are provided to Burlington by Republic Services

Need help with Recycling? Contact the DPW at 781-270-1670



## How to Recycle in Burlington



MATERIAL	WHAT TO RECYCLE	HOW TO PREPARE	NOT ALLOWED/ NOT RECYCLABLE IN BURLINGTON (by our Trash Hauler)
 METAL	-Steel/tin/aluminum -Cans/plates/trays -Latex paint cans only	-Rinse clean -Labels OK -Let them dry out	<b><u>DO NOT RECYCLE:</u></b> - Oil paint cans (HHHW) - Batteries/aerosol Cans - Metal items/car parts - Coat hangers
 GLASS	-Clear and colored Beverage containers only	-Rinse clean -Collar/neck rings/labels OK	<b><u>DO NOT RECYCLE:</u></b> - Broken glass/auto glass - Mirrors - Ceramics (plate/cookware) - Drinking glasses - Light bulbs - Windows
 PLASTIC	-All Plastics labeled #1, #2 and #5 with cap  <b>EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING:</b> <b>Styrofoam and Plastic Bags</b> <b>which are not allowed by</b> <b>the Trash Hauler</b>	-Rinse clean -Crush/Flatten to conserve Space -Labels OK	<b><u>DO NOT RECYCLE:</u></b>  <b>- STYROFOAM</b> - Aseptic (sterile) cartons - Chemical/motor oil containers - Toys - <b>PLASTIC BAGS</b> – can be recycled at grocery stores
 CARDBOARD	<b>ALL</b> Cardboard is mandatory to recycle. It will NOT be accepted in the trash!	Breakdown, flatten or fold boxes, cartons & other pieces of cardboard into size that fits into the green toter. <u>Pizza boxes are allowed</u> if no grease is present.	<b><u>DO NOT RECYCLE:</u></b>  - Contaminated Boxes - Food/Pizza
 PAPER	-Newspapers -Magazines/catalogs -Junk mail, envelopes -Books (remove hardcovers) -Paper bags -Phone books -Office/computer paper -Boxboard (cereal/cracker – remove liner)	-Remove cover on hardcover books -Remove liner from cereal/cracker boxes	<b><u>DO NOT RECYCLE:</u></b>  - Food-soiled paper/boxes - Paper towels, tissues, napkins (this is considered trash) - Disposable diapers (trash) - Frozen-food boxes - <b>Shredded paper</b>

ALL RECYCLABLES CAN BE MIXED TOGETHER IN THE GREEN RECYCLING TOTER – SINGLE STREAM!

 PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER 



## TRASH & RECYCLE CALENDAR

2024							2025							
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		S	M	T	W	T	F
Jul 2024		1	2	3	4	5	6		Jan 2025		1	2	3	4
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			5	6	7	8	9
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20			12	13	14	15	16
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27			19	20	21	22	23
	28	29	30	31						26	27	28	29	30
Aug 2024					1	2	3	Feb 2025						1
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			2	3	4	5	6
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17			9	10	11	12	13
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24			16	17	18	19	20
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			23	24	25	26	27
Sept 2024								Mar 2025						1
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			2	3	4	5	6
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			9	10	11	12	13
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21			16	17	18	19	20
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28			23	24	25	26	27
Oct 2024			1	2	3	4	5	Apr 2025		1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19			13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26			20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	31					27	28	29	30	
Nov 2024						1	2	May 2025						
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			4	5	6	7	8
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			11	12	13	14	15
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23			18	19	20	21	22
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30			25	26	27	28	29
Dec 2024								Jun 2025						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21			15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28			22	23	24	25	26
	29	30	31							29	30			27

**TRASH AND RECYCLE COLLECTION** is designated by the color **RED** on the schedule.

**HOLIDAYS** are shown in **Bold Face Type**. Any scheduled collection day **following a holiday** will be collected one day later.

**XMAS** Tree Collection will begin on **1/13/25**. **YARD WASTE** and **XMAS TREES** are designated by the **SHADED** area.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE** **September 28, 2024 & May 17, 2025**

For more information please contact the Board of Health Dept. @ 781-270-1955.

For bulky items, please call  
Republic @ 800-442-9006.

<p><b><u>MATTRESSES/BOX SPRINGS</u></b></p> <p>Effective <u>November 2022</u>, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has banned all Mattress and Box Spring disposal through the trash collector. You can find more information <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>The Town of Burlington is partnering with UTEC. Each mattress or box spring will cost \$37* to dispose of. If the item is contaminated you will be directed to Republic Services for disposal.</p> <p>To schedule a pickup of a mattress and/or box spring with UTEC please visit the link below or call 978-856-3997.</p> <p>* price increase from \$34 to \$37 September 2024</p> <p><a href="https://utecinc.org/">https://utecinc.org/</a></p> 	<p><b><u>TEXTILES COLLECTION</u></b></p> <p>Burlington is partnering with Big Brothers-Big Sisters to collect clothing, textiles, housewares and more! These collections divert clothing and housewares out of the landfill. When you donate, you are helping our town and children across the state.</p> <p>You can schedule your free home pickup by visiting online at <a href="#">the BBBS website</a> or call 508-466-4590.</p> 
<p><b><u>YARD WASTE/LEAVES ONLY</u></b></p> <p>July 22 - July 26, 2024      August 26 - August 30, 2024      September 23 - September 27, 2024      October 21 - December 6, 2024      April 14 - May 23, 2025      June 23 - June 27, 2025</p> <p><b>Yard waste must be out by 7:00 am      On Monday of each week for collection</b></p> <p>Branches must be tied and bundled. Tree Branches cannot be larger than 4" in diameter. Bundles cannot be larger than 30" in diameter and must be no larger than 3 foot in length. Barrels/Bags cannot be heavier than 50 lbs.</p> <p>****NO PLASTIC BAGS****</p>	<p><b><u>CHRISTMAS TREES</u></b></p> <p>Beginning Monday, January 13, 2025</p> <p><b>TREE SHOULD BE AT THE CURB BY 7 AM      MONDAY 1/13/25 FOR      COLLECTION DURING THE WEEK</b></p> <p>Trees must be free of decorations and stands.      Trees in bags will NOT be picked up!      Trees must be out by 7:00 am</p> <p><b>**ANY TREE LARGER THAN 6 FEET      MUST BE CUT IN HALF**</b>  <b>**** NO PLASTIC BAGS****</b>      If tree is not collected please call by 2/20/26</p>
<p><b><u>BURLINGTON TRASH BAGS</u></b></p> <p>Burlington "Overflow" bags are used when you can't fit all your trash in the blue trash toter. They can be purchased at all the major grocery stores or at the Town offices. You can pay and pick them up in the Tax Office (Main Town Hall) The bags are used outside of the trash toter. Cost: 5 bags/\$10</p> <p><b>Note: THIS IS NOT FOR CLEANOUTS. These bags are also not to take the place of an extra trash barrel. If you use overflow bags more than a few weeks, please contact the DPW for more information on the 2nd trash barrel program.</b></p>	<p><b><u>CONSTRUCTION &amp; DEMOLITION DEBRIS (C&amp;D)      NOT ALLOWED IN TRASH</u></b></p> <p>The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection bans the disposal of C&amp;D materials with regular trash. Disposal of C&amp;D from household building or renovation projects is the homeowner's responsibility. Debris includes treated and untreated wood, toilets, sinks, windows, doors, brick, concrete, asphalt and similar items. Residents must contact a licensed C&amp;D disposal company. Consider donating reusable building material to a non-profit such as Habitat for Humanity.</p>

# Free Home Pickup



You can schedule a free home pick up of clothing, textiles and small household items.

Visit our website: [bbbsfoundation.org](http://bbbsfoundation.org)

## BAGGED

- All types, sizes and styles of clothing (women, men and children).
- Household textiles (e.g. blankets, towels, curtains)
- All shoes and sneakers
- Accessories (e.g. purses, backpacks, belts, jewelry, hats, gloves, socks and more)!

## BOXED

- Kitchen Accessories (e.g. pots, pans, dishes, and glasses).
- Small decor items (e.g. vases, glasses, cups, dishes, picture frames and paintings).
- Small musical instruments
- Books and DVDs
- Bicycles



Burlington has partnered with Black Earth Compost for an elective residential compost collection program!

To order your kit and start composting today, **please sign up at [blackearthcompost.com/residential-curbside-compost-pickup/](http://blackearthcompost.com/residential-curbside-compost-pickup/)**. The more residents who sign up, the less you pay on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. See the current pricing thresholds below.

A starter kit is \$39.50 and includes a 13 gallon curbside bin with locking lid and wheels plus 15 liners for the curbside bin and 30 liners for your own countertop container!

Please see the table below for the costs associated with this program. We are currently in the first tier.

Price Thresholds	Monthly Subscription		6 Month Subscription Plan	
	Weekly Pickup	Bi-Weekly Pickup	Weekly Pickup	Bi-Weekly Pickup
<b>Current Price</b>	\$20.99	\$15.99	\$114.99	\$89.99
<b>300 Residents</b>	\$16.99	\$13.99	\$89.99	\$69.99
<b>600 Residents</b>	\$13.99	\$9.99	\$69.99	\$49.99