

 RESIDENTIAL AUTOMATED SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING
AND TRASH COLLECTION GUIDE

Enclosed please find the 2025/2026 Automated Single Stream Recycling and Trash Collection Guide. It covers from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. 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. Republic will be back Friday afternoon to collect it. In the event it's a holiday and/or trash/recycle delay please call by noon on Saturday and leave a message. Republic will be back Saturday afternoon to collect it.** 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 12th** 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, 1/20/26.

“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 tangles
*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.

Appliances	With Freon	Ex: Refrigerator, Air Conditioner, etc.	\$ 29.65
Appliances	Without Freon		\$ 27.46
Large Metal Items	Per unit cost	Sheds, furnaces, boilers, radiators, lawn mowers, grills (without tank), snow blowers, treadmills, wood stoves, swing sets, bed frame. etc.	\$ 30.76
CRTs/TVs/Monitors	Up to 24"	Small/Med	\$ 27.46
	Over 24"	Large	\$ 36.86
Small Electronics	Per unit cost	VCRs, Microwaves, etc.	\$ 21.97

*prices as of 7/1/2025

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

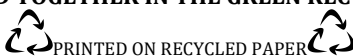


How to Recycle in Burlington



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	<u>DO NOT RECYCLE:</u> - 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	<u>DO NOT RECYCLE:</u> - Broken glass/auto glass - Mirrors - Ceramics (plate/cookware) - Drinking glasses - Light bulbs - Windows
 PLASTIC	-All Plastics labeled #1, #2 and #5 with cap EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING: Styrofoam and Plastic Bags which are not allowed by the Trash Hauler	-Rinse clean -Crush/Flatten to conserve Space -Labels OK	<u>DO NOT RECYCLE:</u> - STYROFOAM - Aseptic (sterile) cartons - Chemical/motor oil containers - Toys - PLASTIC BAGS – can be recycled at grocery stores
 CARDBOARD	ALL 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.	<u>DO NOT RECYCLE:</u> - 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	<u>DO NOT RECYCLE:</u> - Food-soiled paper/boxes - Paper towels, tissues, napkins (this is considered trash) - Disposable diapers (trash) - Frozen-food boxes - Shredded paper

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





TRASH & RECYCLE CALENDAR

2025									2026							
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S			S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Jul 2025 (no delay)			1	2	3	4	5		Jan 2026					1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4		5	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11		12	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18		19	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30	31			25		26	27	28	29	30	31	
Aug 2025						1	2		Feb 2026							
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1		2	3	4	5	6	7	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	8		9	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	15		16	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	22		23	24	25	26	27	28	
31																
Sept 2025		1	2	3	4	5	6		Mar 2026					5	6	7
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	8		9	10	11	12	13	14	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	15		16	17	18	19	20	21	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	22		23	24	25	26	27	28	
	28	29	30					29		30	31					
Oct 2025				1	2	3	4		Apr 2026				1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	5		6	7	8	9	10	11	
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	12		13	14	15	16	17	18	
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	19		20	21	22	23	24	25	
	26	27	28	29	30	31		26		27	28	29	30			
Nov 2025							1		May 2026						1	2
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	10		11	12	13	14	15	16	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	17		18	19	20	21	22	23	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	24		25	26	27	28	29	30	
30								31								
Dec 2025		1	2	3	4	5	6		Jun 2026 (no delay)		1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	7		8	9	10	11	12	13	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	14		15	16	17	18	19	20	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	21		22	23	24	25	26	27	
	28	29	30	31				28		29	30					

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 **1/12/26**. **YARD WASTE** and **XMAS TREES** are designated by the **SHADED** area.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE **September 13, 2025 & May 16, 2026**
For more information please contact the Board of Health Dept. @ 781-270-1955.

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

MATTRESSES/BOX SPRINGS

Effective **November 2022**, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has **banned all Mattress and Box Spring disposal through the trash collector**. You can find more information [here](#).

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.

To schedule a pickup of a mattress and/or box spring with UTEC please visit the link below or call 978-856-3997.

*subject to change

<https://utecinc.org/>



TEXTILES COLLECTION

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.

You can schedule your free home pickup by visiting online at [the BBBS website](#) or call 508-466-4590.



YARD WASTE/LEAVES ONLY

July 28 – August 1, 2025
August 25 – August 29, 2025
September 22 – September 26, 2025
October 20 – December 5, 2025
April 21 – May 30, 2026
June 22 – June 26, 2026

Yard waste must be out by 7:00 am
On Monday of each week for collection

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.

******NO PLASTIC BAGS******

BURLINGTON TRASH BAGS

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

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.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Beginning Monday, January 12, 2026

**TREE SHOULD BE AT THE CURB BY 7 AM
MONDAY 1/12/26 FOR
COLLECTION DURING THE WEEK**

Trees must be free of decorations and stands.
Trees in bags will NOT be picked up!
Trees must be out by 7:00 am

****ANY TREE LARGER THAN 6 FEET
MUST BE CUT IN HALF**
**** NO PLASTIC BAGS******

CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS (C&D) NOT ALLOWED IN TRASH

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection bans the disposal of C&D materials with regular trash. Disposal of C&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&D disposal company. Consider donating reusable building material to a non-profit such as Habitat for Humanity.

Free Home Pickup



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

Visit our website: 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-curb-side-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
Current Price	\$20.99	\$15.99	\$114.99	\$89.99
300 Residents	\$16.99	\$13.99	\$89.99	\$69.99
600 Residents	\$13.99	\$9.99	\$69.99	\$49.99