

City of Gloucester
 Department of Public Works
 9 Dale Avenue
 Gloucester, MA 01930

2020 Recycling and Trash Collection Information



"Pay As You Throw" for the City of Gloucester



Gloucester's successful "Pay As You Throw" system of trash removal has been in effect since 1990.
Official City Bags are sold at locations throughout the city at a cost of
 \$2.25 each for 36 gallon bags and \$1.25 each for 13 gallon bags.

Mandatory recycling in Gloucester is scheduled for every week on your normal trash day.
 Place trash and and recyclables at the curb by **7 am**.

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Holiday Schedule: When a collection day falls on a holiday, that days collection and all remaining collections for the week will be one day later. Friday collection will be on Saturday.

Missed Collection: call JRM Hauling and Recycling at 800-323-4285 if recycling or trash was not picked up.

TRASH COLLECTION INFORMATION • ABOUT TRASH...

Single Family – Multi Family (4 apt. max) • Place Trash and Recyclables on curb no later than 7:00 a.m.

- All trash must be in official City of Gloucester purple bags.
- Bags are sold in packets of 5 (some locations sell single bags) at several local convenience and grocery stores.
- Trash in any other bag will not be picked up.
- Bag must be closed and tied.
- Closed city-designated bags can be placed curbside either IN or OUT of your trash barrel.
- Appliances are picked up curbside by appointment after a \$30.00 sticker has been purchased at the DPW.

What won't get picked up? Know the Rules!

- Trash that is not in an official bag will be left at the curb.
- Yard waste and leaves – Take to the Compost Facility on Dogtown Rd., open the last Saturday of each month.
- CRT's (Televisions and computer monitors require a \$30.00* sticker attached, available ONLY from DPW.)
- Bulk items without a \$10.00 sticker (available at the DPW) will not be picked up. (Televisions and computers are NOT bulk items.)
- Overweight (50 lbs.) trash bags.
- Construction debris – Construction debris is not accepted curbside. Please check the yellow pages for transfer facilities or dumpster service companies
- Household Hazardous Waste is held the last Saturday in September. (Sign up for HHW collection the beginning of September at 978-281-9785).
- Moving or Cleaning Out? – For large amounts of debris call JRM Hauling & Recycling at 800-323-4285 for a private dumpster.
- If moving, remember to leave your recycling bin behind for the next resident.
- For general trash and recycling questions, call the DPW at 281-9785.



ABOUT RECYCLING... IT'S MANDATORY and...

Gloucester's curbside recycling participation is at an all time high! However, such high levels of recycling activity can lead to recycling mistakes. One of the biggest problems we face with keeping our recycling stream clean is PLASTIC BAGS. Many people assume (innocently enough) that plastic bags are recyclable in our curbside recycling program. Although understandable, plastic bags are not recyclable curbside. Plastic bags tear and wrap around the moving parts in recycling processing machines and systems, leading to increased maintenance costs, equipment damage, and even worker safety issues. So, please ensure that plastic bags STAY OUT of your recycling bin or container. In order to safely recycle plastic bags return them to specially marked recycling bins located at the front of most grocery stores.



CRT's, televisions, computers and appliances

APPLIANCES & CRT's \$30.00 Sticker Once a month curbside collection

CRT's are the leaded glass picture tubes found in televisions and computer monitors. They require special handling as do appliances. Special stickers can be purchased at the DPW business office for curbside collection.

Bulk items are items that will not fit into your trash bag. (Televisions and computers are NOT bulk items.)

Bulk items are collected curbside on your regular trash collection day when a \$10 bulk sticker is attached. (furniture, rugs, mattresses, etc.) \$10.00 bulk item stickers are available at the DPW, Stop N Shop and The Building Center. Call 978-281-9785 for more info.

DROP OFF RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Composting Program • NO PLASTIC BAGS

Gloucester's compost facility, located on Dogtown Road off Cherry Street is scheduled to open on the last Saturday of every month during the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for brush, leaves and yard waste.

Leaves must be clean and free of rocks & debris. Brush must be less than 4" in diameter and 4' in length.

Please empty all bags for better composting and remember, no bricks, no stumps and NO PLASTIC BAGS. There will be extended days during spring – six weeks – Saturdays only from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – beginning April 25th thru May 30th and – six weeks in the fall – Saturdays only from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – (October 31st thru December 5th).



Scrap Metal Program

Metal items (at least 80% metal) can be dropped off at the DPW on the last Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to Noon (except the month of September).

Call 978-281-9785 for more information. Some acceptable items are bicycles, water heaters, tools, file cabinets, metal furniture, washers, dryers, metal chairs and gas grills (w/o propane tank).

WE CANNOT ACCEPT - Propane tanks or any item containing Freon, such as air conditioners, freezers, refrigerators or de-humidifiers.



Mercury & Fluorescent Light Bulb Program

Thermometers, thermostats, switches, nickel cadmium and button cell batteries can be brought to the Board of Health during normal business hours, or monthly, last Saturday at the DPW from 9 a.m. to Noon. Button cell batteries are also being collected at the Senior Center, the Audiology Dept. at the Medical Center and McPherson and Sheedy Park. Residents are encouraged to bring fluorescent light bulbs to the DPW, or to The Building Center.



Automotive Recycling Program • FACT – The average automobile has 44% recycled steel content.

Oil, Oil Filters, Tires & Car Batteries – monthly, last Saturday, DPW, 9 a.m. to Noon

(except the month of September.) Commercial tires are not accepted and please limit your tire disposal to 2 per month. (Tires must be off the rim.)

Oil taken during normal Recycling Saturdays is used to heat the DPW building and must be as pure as possible. Please keep water, dirt, leaves, engine/brake cleaners and other contaminants away from the oil brought here to the DPW. Contaminated oil can be brought to Hazardous Waste collection days on September 26th (by appointment).



RECYCLE USED OIL

Single-Stream Recycling Guide



Paper - Metal



Cardboard, Brown Paper Bags, Poster Board, White and Colored Paper

Please flatten boxes



Paper Office Supplies: Manilla Folders, Post-its, Index Cards, Invoices, Carbonless Forms, Engineer Drawings, Business Cards, etc

Please, no hanging file folders with metal hangers



Newspapers, Magazines, Phone Books, Catalogs, Junk Mail

Plastic - Glass



Clear, Green & Brown Glass Containers ONLY



Beverage, Cleaning and Other Plastic Containers with #1 through #7 symbols. Look for symbols on container

Please remove spray bottle pumps



Non-Recyclable

Considered Trash

Styrofoam
Bubble Wrap
Spray Bottle Pumps
Deli & Salad Plastic Containers
Plastic Disposable Plates & Cups

Disposable Silverware
Napkins
Styrofoam Coffee Cups
Copy Paper Wrappers
Hardcover Books

3-Ring Binders
CD's, Video Tapes
Hanging File Folders with Metal Hangers
Pizza Boxes (soiled - clean ones are ok)
Paper with Food Stains

NO PLASTIC BAGS ACCEPTED

800-323-HAUL



JRMhauling.com

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Curbside pick-up of CHRISTMAS TREES Week of January 13th-17th

Special curbside collection during January 13th to 17th, on your regular trash collection day. Trees are picked up in a separate truck and **must be free of decorations, lights and tree stands**. Have trees out by 7:00 am. No **PLASTIC BAGS**. Trees in bags will NOT be picked up. Another option is to bring your tree to the Compost Facility.



Hazardous Waste Days ... by registration only! Saturday, September 26th

Call 978-281-9785



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day ... will take place on Saturday, September 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon to collect oil based paints, chemicals, insecticides, pool chemicals, old gas, contaminated oil, and other environmentally hazardous chemicals from residents.

Pre-registration is required. Appointments accepted after September 1. For more information and phone registration – call the DPW at 978-281-9785.

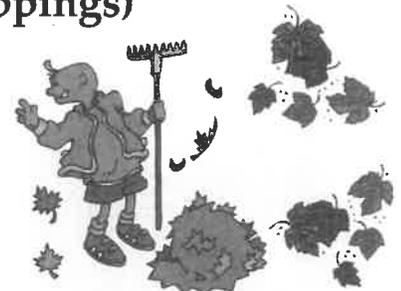


Spring and Fall Yard Waste Collection Schedule

YARD WASTE ONLY (leaves and grass clippings)

Place leaves and grass clippings in paper leaf bags or loose in marked barrels. Collection is on your regular trash day during these special collection weeks.

No plastic bags!



Three Spring Curbside Collections –

April 27th - May 1st • May 18th - 22nd • June 8th - 12th

Four Fall Curbside Collections –

Week of October 26th - 30th • Week of November 9th - 13th

Week of November 23rd - 27th • Week of December 7th - 11th

For More Information, call 978-281-9785