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## 2023 Recycling & Trash Collection Information



### “Pay As You Throw” for the City of Gloucester

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 recyclables at the curb by 7 am.



### 2023 OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

January 2	Monday	New Year's Day (observed day)
January 16	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 20	Monday	Washington's Birthday
April 17	Monday	Patriot's Day
May 29	Monday	Memorial Day
June 19	Monday	Juneteenth
July 4	Tuesday	Independence Day
September 4	Monday	Labor Day
October 9	Monday	Columbus Day
November 23	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	Monday	Christmas Day

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: WHEN A COLLECTION DAY FALLS ON A HOLIDAY NOTED ABOVE, THAT DAY'S COLLECTION AND ALL REMAINING COLLECTIONS FOR THAT WEEK WILL BE ONE DAY LATER. FRIDAY COLLECTIONS WILL BE ON SATURDAY.**

**FOR MISSED COLLECTIONS & ADDITIONAL SERVICES PLEASE CALL REPUBLIC SERVICES AT 781-289-0500**

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Single family- Multi Family (4 apt. max) \* Place trash and Recyclables on curb no later than 7:00 am

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- 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: Check Yellow Pages for transfer facilities or dumpster service companies
- Household Hazardous Waste will be held the Saturday, September 30, 2023. Call the DPW after Sept. 5th to register
- Moving or Cleaning Out? For large amounts of debris call Republic Services at 781-289-0500
- If moving, remember to leave your recycling bin behind for the next resident
- For general trash and recycling questions, call the DPW at 978-325-5600



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

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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, Bulk Items, Mattresses & Boxsprings

- Appliances and CRTs- Must have a \$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.
- **EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2022:** Clean mattresses and box springs must be recycled or donated for reuse. Residents can purchase a \$40 sticker for each piece (mattress needs one sticker and box spring needs another) at the Department of Public Works. We will provide a mattress bag at the time of purchase for the mattresses only. Bagged mattresses and box springs should be left outside homes on Thursday morning for curbside collection.
- Bulk items are items that will not fit into your trash bag (Televisions and computers are NOT bulk items) and are collected curbside on your regular trash collection day when a \$10.00 bulk sticker is attached (furniture, rugs, toys, etc.)
- \$10.00 bulk item stickers are available at the DPW and The Building Center- Call 978-325-5600 for more info

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## 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 4in. in diameter and less than 4ft. 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 the Spring (Saturdays only from 9 am to 3 pm) beginning April 29 through June 3 and six weeks in the Fall (Saturdays only from 9 am- 3 pm) beginning October 28 through December 2

### 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 am- noon

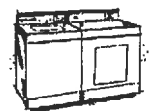
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**WE CANNOT ACCEPT-** Propane tanks or any items containing Freon, such as air conditioners, freezers, refrigerators or dehumidifiers

### 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 at the DPW on the last Saturday of each month from 9 am-noon. Button cell batteries are 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 The Building Center.

**Automotive Recycling Program** \* Fact: The average automobile has 44% recycled steel content Oil, oil filters, Tires & Car Batteries- collected monthly on the last Saturday of each month from 9 am-Noon (except the month of September). Commercial tires are not accepted and please limit your tire disposal to 2 per month. Tires must be taken off rim.



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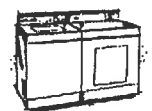
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Not sure what can be recycled?









When in doubt, check it out!

Please check out Massachusetts DEP's Recyclopédia!






Simply enter the item you are trying to dispose of and it will tell you if it can be recycled or if it's trash!

[www.RecycleSmartMA.org](http://www.RecycleSmartMA.org)




**Recycle Smart** **Smart Recycling Guide** AN INITIATIVE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
Your go-to reference for recycling in Massachusetts

 <b>Metal</b>  <b>Food and Beverage Cans</b> empty and rinse	 <b>Plastic</b>  <b>Bottles, Jars, Jugs and Tubs</b> empty and replace cap	 <b>Glass</b>  <b>Bottles and Jars</b> empty and rinse	 <b>Paper &amp; Cardboard</b>  <b>Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, Boxes</b> empty and flatten
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**NO!**

 <b>Do Not Bag Recyclables</b> <b>No Garbage</b>	 <b>No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap</b> (return to retail)	 <b>No Food or Liquid</b> (empty all containers)	 <b>No Clothing or Linens</b> (use donation programs)	 <b>No Tangles</b> (no hoses, wires, chains or electronics)
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**Recyclopédia: Can I recycle it?**  
Enter name of item (ex. bottle)    
Use our online search tool at: [RecycleSmartMA.org](http://RecycleSmartMA.org)

    
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*All recycling programs in Massachusetts accept the items pictured above.*  
Printed on Recycled Paper

Still have questions?!

Call Republic Services directly and they will be more than happy to assist you!

**781-289-0500**

# SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

## Curbside pick-up of CHRISTMAS TREES Week of January 9th - 13th



Special curbside collection during January 9th to 13th, 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 curbside by 7am. 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!

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**Saturday, September 30, 2023**



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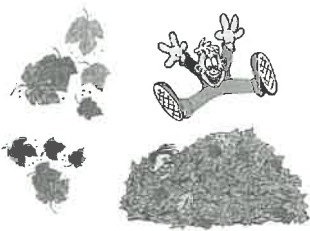
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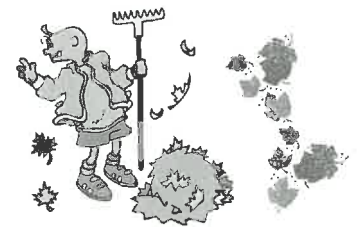
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Place leaves and grass clippings in paper leaf bags or loose in marked barrels.

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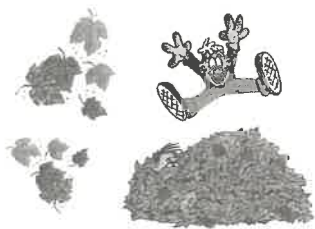
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