

**TOWN OF WEYMOUTH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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**RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING
THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF
HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH AND GARBAGE,
RECYCLING, AND YARD WASTE
Effective April 1, 2004**

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I. DEFINITIONS:

- A. **BAGS** – Plastic weatherproof sacks designed to store garbage and rubbish with sufficient overall strength to maintain physical integrity when lifted by top. Total weight of a bag and its contents shall not exceed 30 lbs.
- B. **BULKY WASTE** – Large furniture such as mattresses and box springs, overstuffed chairs, studio couches, sofas, rugs, dressers, etc.
- C. **CATHODE RAY TUBES (CRT's)** – Any processed glass tube used to provide the visual display in televisions, computer monitors and certain scientific instruments such as oscilloscopes.
- D. **CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION DEBRIS** – Construction or demolition wastes shall include wood, miscellaneous metal, asphalt shingles, concrete, brick, insulation (except asbestos), windows and doors, and other miscellaneous building materials. Demolition waste shall not include machinery and parts or any toxic or hazardous waste.
- E. **CONTAINER** – A receptacle, tightly covered, water-tight, constructed of plastic, metal, or fiberglass, having handles and a capacity of not less than ten (10) gallons nor more than thirty-five (35) gallons. The weight of the container and its contents shall not exceed sixty-five (65) pounds.
- F. **CURBSIDE PICKUP** – Refers to bags, containers, bundles, recycling bins, bulky waste and yard waste placed at the curb or at a point no further than five (5) feet from the back of the curb. In areas where there are no curbs, curb pickup shall refer to items placed no further than five (5) feet from the edge of the traveled roadway.
- G. **HAZARDOUS WASTE** – Waste in any amount, which is defined, characterized or designated as hazardous by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection or pursuant to Federal or State Law, or waste, in any amount, which is regulated under Federal or State Law. For purposes of these Rules and Regulations, the term “Hazardous Waste” shall also include motor oil, gasoline, nonlatex paint, pesticides and pesticide containers, CRT's and sewage wastes.

- H. HOUSEHOLD REFUSE – All solid waste materials not included in the definition of bulky waste, construction debris, hazardous waste, residential garbage, recyclable materials, white goods, and yard waste.
- I. RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE – Vegetable matter and recyclable wastes from residential kitchens. Garbage or household food wastes shall be mixed in with rubbish. Garbage will be drained and wrapped tightly in paper bags, plastic bags, or other, and placed in rubbish.
- J. RECYCLABLE MATERIALS – All household and municipal recyclable waste that the Town of Weymouth authorizes for voluntary or mandatory disposal or collection.
- K. RECYCLING BINS – Receptacles designed for the purpose of curbside collection of recyclable materials. The receptacle shall be one made of fiberglass or plastic and can be picked up at the Public Works building.
- L. RESIDENTIAL UNIT – A dwelling within the corporate limits of the Town occupied by a person or group of persons. A residential unit shall be deemed occupied when either water or domestic light and power services are being supplied thereto. A condominium dwelling shall be treated as a residential unit, except that each single-family dwelling within any such condominium building shall be counted separately as a residential unit. A residential unit shall not be more than a two unit apartment building. One, two or greater unit apartment dwellings that abut another apartment dwelling owned by the same entity shall not be deemed a residential unit.
- M. SOLID WASTE – Solid waste consists of bulky waste, construction debris, household refuse and residential garbage. Hazardous waste, recyclable materials, white goods and yard waste are excluded from solid waste. Solid waste shall also exclude special waste, infectious waste, manure, septage, sludge, and dead animals.
- N. WHITE GOODS – An appliance employing electricity, oil, natural gas, or liquefied petroleum to preserve or cook food, to wash or dry clothing, cooking or kitchen utensils or related items or to cool or heat air or water. These include refrigerators, freezers, dish washers, clothes washers, clothes dryers, gas or electric ovens and ranges and hot water heaters.
- O. YARD WASTE – All tree trimmings (less than one half (½”) inch in diameter), grass cuttings, weeds, leaves, wood chips and shavings, and other wastes associated with residential yard maintenance that is compostable.

II. RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Collection of all rubbish will be made from each occupied residential unit, except collection methods for condominiums shall be arranged through the Director of Public Works. No private enterprise, commercial, industrial, profit or non-profit,

including apartment buildings exceeding two (2) units will be collected. Collection of rubbish will not be made from two unit buildings when the building itself abuts an additional two (or more) unit building owned by the same entity.

The owner of each residential unit will be charged a fifty-dollar (\$50) fee each year for rubbish collection. Senior Citizens are eligible for a \$20 discount.

Rubbish must be curbside by 7:00 A.M. and shall not be placed within ten (10) feet of any abutter's property or in any way interfere with abutter's access to their property.

No rubbish or other debris may be placed out for collection more than one day prior to scheduled pickup and empty containers shall be removed within one day after pickup.

Containers shall be tightly covered, water-tight, galvanized iron or other non-rusting type metal container, plastic or fiberglass containers, having handles and a capacity of not less than ten (10) gallons nor more than thirty (30) gallons per container, with a maximum sixty-five (65) lbs. with contents. Any container that does not conform to these specifications or that may have ragged or sharp edges, or any other defect tending to hamper or injure the persons collecting may be collected and disposed of by the Public Works Department as refuse. Weatherproof bags tightly tied are also acceptable as proper containers.

Trash and recycling will be picked up one day later when a legal holiday falls during the workweek. (Holidays include New Years Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Patriots Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

Section 8-406 of the Weymouth Code of Ordinances states: "No person shall place leaves or cause leaves to be placed by raking into any public way. Leaves are to be bagged and collected in accordance with the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Department of Public Works. The penalty for violation of this regulation shall be twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars for each offense."

The same penalty will apply to the vacuuming or blowing of leaves into the public way.

These Rules and Regulations may be suspended in case of emergency for a period of up to five (5) days by the Department of Public Works.

B. SOLID WASTE

Solid waste in proper containers will be collected once a week on an assigned day from each residential unit.

Bulky items are limited to only one item per week on the regularly scheduled pickup day. Construction or demolition debris must be cut to three feet lengths.

Garbage or household food wastes must be mixed in with the household refuse. Garbage will be drained and wrapped tightly in newspaper or bagged (plastic bag or other), and placed in the rubbish.

C. CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Items to be recycled:

Glass	All bottles and jars, clear and colored.
Plastics	All rigid plastic containers marked on the bottom with one of the following symbols: PETE, HDPE. (#1-7)
Aluminum	Deposit and no-deposit cans, pie plates, and aluminum trays.
Cans	Steel ("tin") food cans.
Paper	Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, phonebooks, and paperboard

Curbside recycling collection will occur every other week on the same day as scheduled rubbish pickup.

Recycling containers must be separated from rubbish containers and placed out to the curbside by 7:00 A.M.

No aerosol, paint cans, or hazardous material containers are collected.

Recyclables, except paper and cardboard, must be placed in a plastic recycling container or a clearly marked container of similar size supplied by the Town.

Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, phonebooks, and paperboard shall be placed in brown paper bags or tied with twine and set next to or on top of the recycling containers

DO NOT place newspapers loose.

Bottles and cans shall be rinsed clean (clear of food).

D. YARD WASTE

Yard Waste must be collected separately and composted. All yard waste shall be left at curbside for collection in biodegradable bags or in barrels clearly marked "Yard Waste" with a weight limit of sixty-five (65) pounds. Tree trimmings and brush less than one-half (1/2") inch in diameter may be tied together in three (3') foot bundles.

DO NOT put regular household waste in biodegradable bags.

DO NOT put large branches in bags.

DO NOT rake leaves into the sidewalk gutters.

Information regarding the yard waste pickup schedule and drop off hours is available on the Town of Weymouth website at www.weymouth.ma.us or by contacting the Department of Public Works.

On collection weeks yard waste pickup occurs on the same day of the week as the scheduled rubbish pickup.

Yard waste may also be dropped off at Hollis Street or Wharf Street during posted drop off hours.

E. WHITE GOODS

White goods shall be collected separately by **TELEPHONE APPOINTMENT**. Please call Public Works at (781) 337-5100. A fee applies.

F. BATTERIES

Please **DO NOT** place automobile batteries at curbside for collection. Batteries should be brought to the Weymouth DPW at 120 Winter Street for disposal. This can be done Monday - Friday between 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.

G. WASTE OIL

Please **DO NOT** place drain oil at curbside for collection. Waste oil should be returned to the point of purchase, which, by State Law, must accept the used oil, or it may be brought to the Public Works building.

H. JUNK CARS OR AUTOMOBILE PARTS

The Town is not responsible for and does not collect junk automobiles or parts thereto.

I. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Twice a year, the Town conducts a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Residents will have the opportunity to bring their hazardous household products, unwanted pesticides, solvents, cleaners, etc., to a location where a professional waste handling company will collect this material. Information will be made available as to the date, time, and place prior to the collection date. For more information about hazardous waste, call the Department of Public Works at (781) 337-5100.

K. DISPOSAL OR MATERIALS OF BUILDINGS REMOVED BY PRIVATE CONTRACTORS

Disposal of all materials is the responsibility of the Contractor.

L. DUMPSTERS

Each dumpster shall be located at a distance from the lot line so as not to obstruct the curb and sidewalk, interfere with the safety of the curb and sidewalk, or obstruct the view of flowing traffic.

The location of the dumpster shall not interfere with the health of the abutters and the general public, nor inconvenience abutters and the general public.

The location of dumpsters shall be subject to the approval of the Director of the Health Department and the Building Department.

All dumpsters shall have a cover capable of containing the contents therein and shall be covered and secured when not in use and all other times except during the actual filling of the dumpster.

All dumpsters must be of sufficient size and capacity, shall not overflow, and must be free of any distasteful odors. The owner utilizing the dumpster must take appropriate action to have the dumpster emptied of its contents immediately when full. The owner must properly sanitize the dumpster as often as is required and or as deemed necessary by the Health Department.