

Dear Westwood Resident:

The Town of Westwood provides a comprehensive waste and recycling program designed to reduce materials headed to the landfill and ensure that all waste is disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. Waste Management looks forward to helping Westwood be as clean – and green – as possible in the years ahead. We take this opportunity to provide you updated information regarding your waste and recycling services.

ANY MISSED PICKUPS MUST BE REPORTED TO THE TOWN OFFICE WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER THE SCHEDULED SERVICE DAY.

Town Office: (781) 251-2587

Please visit the town website for more information www.westwoodrecycling.com or call Waste Management: (800) 972-4545

Thank you and we appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Waste Management

Schedule

Trash will be collected weekly, and recycling will be collected every other week on either the Green or Blue Weeks - please see the **2020-2021** Collection Calendar on the back of this brochure. When an observed holiday falls on a collection day, pickup will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week. Observed holidays are indicated on the collection calendar in this brochure.

Carts must be at curbside before 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. The placement of your cart is very important since the collection vehicle's lifting arm requires clearance: 3 feet on both sides, and 12 feet overhead. The carts should be no more than 3 feet away from the road's edge with the arrow facing the road and the hinges facing away from the street.

Trash

All regular household trash should be bagged and placed in the 65-gallon cart for collection.

Items outside of the cart will NOT be collected unless in the approved overflow bags.

Overflow Bags are available for purchase at the DPW office located at 50 Carby Street during regular business hours. You may also purchase them at Roche Bros and Walgreens on High Street. Overflow bags are sold in rolls of 5 for \$10 and each bag holds 33-gallons of trash. These are only needed for extra trash that will not fit inside your trash cart. Nothing should be placed on top of your barrels or carts. Call within 24 hours of a missed pickup.

The following items may NOT be placed in the 65-gallon trash container:

- Recycling
- Construction/demolition debris
- Yard Waste
- Household hazardous waste
- Dirt, sod, concrete or rock
- Hot ashes or flammable Materials such as oil, gas or paint



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Recycling

Each resident has a 95- gallon cart for recycling. Your recycling container should be placed curbside every other week on the same day as your regular trash collection. Recycling carts with blue lids will be picked up every other week on the Blue

Recycling Weeks schedule. Recycling carts with green lids will be picked up on the Green Recycling Weeks schedule. Please refer to the Collection Calendar on the back of this brochure to determine your recycling collection weeks.

Recycling not only conserves precious natural resources, but also helps to reduce costs by decreasing the amount of materials that go to the landfill. The Town participates in profit-sharing with Waste Management for recyclable materials. Put your tax dollars to their best use by minimizing the amount of trash you dispose of and recycle the right materials. Contaminants of any sort in recycling cost the Town money due to additional processing fees. See the adjacent panel to learn how Westwood residents can Recycle Right! Call within 24 hours of a missed pickup.

<https://www.wm.com/us/en/inside-wm/recycle-right/recycling-101>

Recycling Textiles:

(Ex: clothing, books, jewelry, toys, etc.) visit simplerecycling.com. Simple Recycling will follow our recycling routes, pick up the pink bags via a separate vehicle and leave replacement bags behind.

Bulk Waste and White Goods

Bulk waste items are items that will not fit into your trash cart, such as furniture, mattresses, box-springs, mirrors, rugs, nothing with a plug, etc.

White goods are items such as washers, dryers, small compact metal items, refrigerators with the doors removed, computers, TV's, etc.

Call Waste Management at (800) 972-4545 to schedule an appointment for a pickup of bulk waste and white goods. Fees vary. If you are not in a hurry to have your bulk item collected, please see information on the next page regarding Westwood's Household Bulk Item Collection Event.

Leaves and Yard Waste

Leaves and yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, twigs, etc.) will be collected 10 weeks throughout the year (See calendar for dates). Leaves MUST be placed in paper leaf recycling bags or 'loose' in barrels clearly marked 'Leaves.' Each barrel and/ or bag shall not exceed 45 pounds. Yard waste cannot be placed in plastic bags - any yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected. Barrels and bags must be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. Please call within 24 hours of a missed pickup.

Yard Waste collection weeks:

April 6-10, May 4-8, June 8-12, July-No Collection, August- No Collection, September 14-18, October 5-9, November 2-6, 9-13, 16-20, 23-28, 30- December 4.

The Town does not pick up brush, branches, and limbs unless they fall from a public tree. Please call the Westwood Fire Department for more information on private burn permit, (781) 326-3885.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Fall 2020 date to be determined. At the Westwood Public Works Highway Yard ~ 50 Carby Street. Please visit www.westwood.recycling.com for more information.

Household Recycling Event

Westwood Environmental Action Committee (WEAC) and Town of Westwood DPW are hosting an electronics recycling event at 50 Carby Street on **May 9, 2020 & October 17, 2020 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Please visit www.westwood.recycling.com for more information.

Household Bulk Collection Event

Week of October 12, 2020 & March 22, 2021. - Residents will be allowed to set out at the curb 1 bulk item per household on your regular scheduled collection day free of charge. No appointment is needed. This offer does not include the collection of white goods. Please visit www.westwood.recycling.com for more information.

Special Waste

Sharps Collection Program:

Pick up a free sharps disposal container at the Board of Health, Town Hall or the Senior Center during regular business hours. Residents can dispose of their sharps anytime in the sharps collection kiosk located in the lobby of the Westwood Police Station on High Street. Do not put loose needles, boxes or oversized containers in the kiosk.

Medication Collection Program:

Residents can dispose of expired prescription and over the counter medications in the Medication Collection Box located in the lobby of the Westwood Police Station on High Street.

Mercury Collection Program:

Button batteries, mercury thermometers, thermostats, switches, and products that contain liquid mercury can be brought to the Board of Health Office during regular business hours to be recycled properly. Fluorescent bulbs are collected at the Household Hazardous Waste Day in the fall.



RECYCLE RIGHTSM

Great things happen when **Westwood** residents use **Recycle RightSM**. When individuals recycle everyday items like those shown below, tons of raw materials, time, energy and money are saved. Plus, the recycled materials become new products, and the cycle continues.

- Place only the acceptable recyclables pictured below in the recycling cart.
- Plastic bags are NOT acceptable in the recycling cart.
- Please empty all loose recyclables directly into cart.

✔ ALWAYS RECYCLE



Plastic Bottles & Containers



Food & Beverage Cans



Paper



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



Glass Bottles & Containers

✘ DO NOT INCLUDE IN YOUR MIXED RECYCLING CONTAINER



NO Food or Liquids



NO Foam Cups & Containers



NO Loose Plastic Bags, Bagged Recyclables or Film
Empty recyclables directly into your cart



NO Batteries – check local drop-off programs for proper disposal



NO Green Waste



NO Clothing, Furniture & Carpet

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To Learn More Visit:
wm.com/recycleright

