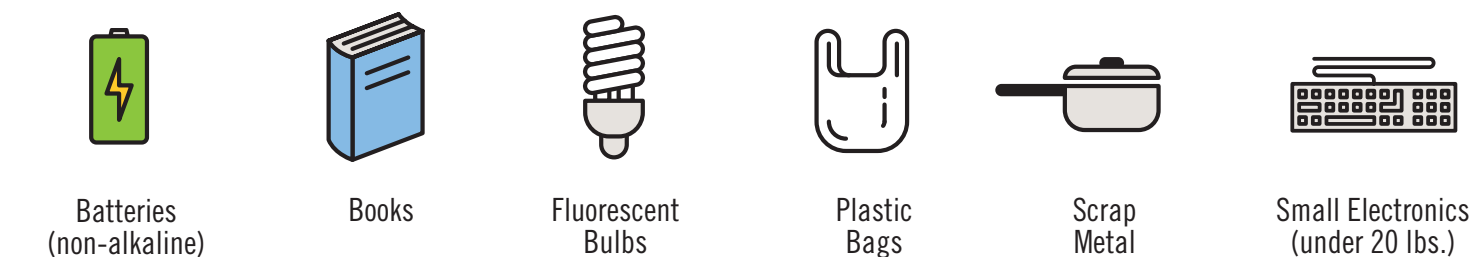


# RECYCLING CENTER

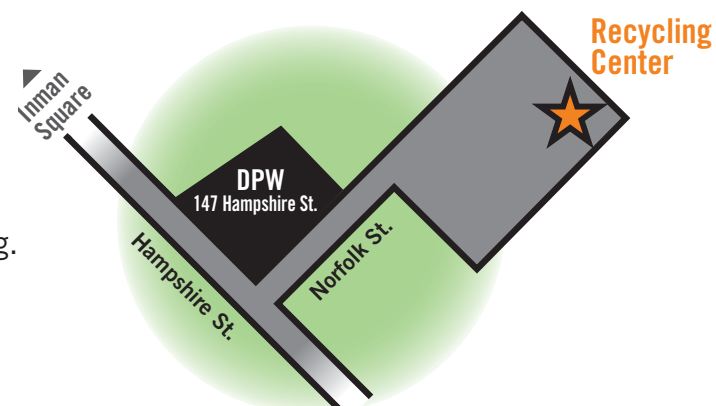
Many items can't be recycled curbside, but can be brought to the Recycling Center for special handling. The Recycling Center is open to Cambridge residents and Cambridge businesses with 50 employees or less.

## Accepted items include:



For a complete list of items accepted, visit [CambridgeMA.Gov/Recycle](http://CambridgeMA.Gov/Recycle).

**The Recycling Center is in the back right corner of the DPW yard at 147 Hampshire St.**  
Open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4pm–7:30pm & Saturdays, 9am–4pm.



City of Cambridge  
Department of Public Works  
147 Hampshire St  
Cambridge MA 02139

## FALL 2019 EDITION

- New! Mattress Recycling Program
- Updated! Recycle & Compost Guidelines
- New! Clothing & Textiles Section

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## ABOUT COLLECTION SERVICES

The Cambridge Department of Public Works (DPW) provides curbside collection services to most Cambridge residents for:

- Recycling, Yard Waste, Composting, and Trash
- Furniture & Large Items (available to buildings with City trash service)

Collections occur once a week.\*

- Place recycling, trash, compost and yard waste at the curb after 6pm the night before or by 7am on collection day.
- Following a holiday, collection is delayed one day.
- After collection, remove carts and barrels from sidewalk by 6pm.
- During winter, clear snow to curb.



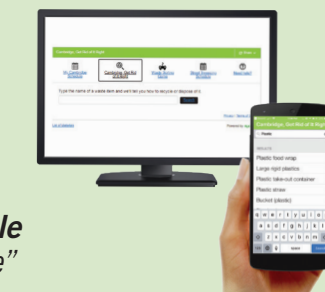
\* Visit [CambridgeMA.Gov/Recycle](http://CambridgeMA.Gov/Recycle) to check your collection schedule or sign up for reminders.

## “Get Rid Of It Right” Tool and App

- View your waste collection schedule
- Search for how to dispose of everyday waste
- Get collection reminders
- Play the waste sorting game
- Get street cleaning reminders



Visit [CambridgeMA.Gov/Recycle](http://CambridgeMA.Gov/Recycle) or search for “Zero Waste Cambridge” in the app store.



### MISSED COLLECTION?

Please report missed pickups by 9am the day after collection. Report it at [CambridgeMA.Gov/311](http://CambridgeMA.Gov/311) (or call 617-349-4800). After reporting, leave items at the curb. We will collect by the end of the next collection day.

### NEED SUPPLIES?

The City provides flyers, yard waste stickers, recycle & compost carts and more. To order supplies, visit [CambridgeMA.Gov/RecycleSupplies](http://CambridgeMA.Gov/RecycleSupplies)

### NOT ON THE DPW COLLECTION ROUTES?

All Cambridge residents can use the Recycling Center and attend hazardous waste events.



[CambridgeMA.Gov/Recycle](http://CambridgeMA.Gov/Recycle)



[CambridgeMA.Gov/Subscribe](http://CambridgeMA.Gov/Subscribe)



[Recycle@CambridgeMA.Gov](mailto:Recycle@CambridgeMA.Gov)



[Facebook.com/CambridgeDPW](https://www.facebook.com/CambridgeDPW)



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## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Events are held four times a year. Generally, items labeled as **HAZARDOUS, POISON, DANGER, WARNING** or **CAUTION** must be disposed of at one of DPW's hazardous waste events. Proof of residency is required. Protect our waterways and the environment by getting rid of it right.

- IMPORTANT**
- Never pour hazardous products down drains or catch basins, or put in the trash.
  - Never mix chemicals.

### Accepted items include:

- Latex\* & oil-based paints
- Medications\*\*
- Propane tanks
- Car batteries
- Chemicals
- Fluorescent bulbs\*\*
- Fire extinguishers
- Tires (up to 4)

\*\*Some hazardous items may be safely disposed of without attending an event. Visit [CambridgeMA.Gov/Recycle](http://CambridgeMA.Gov/Recycle) for our **Get Rid Of It Right** tool or app.

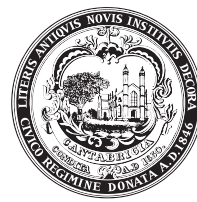
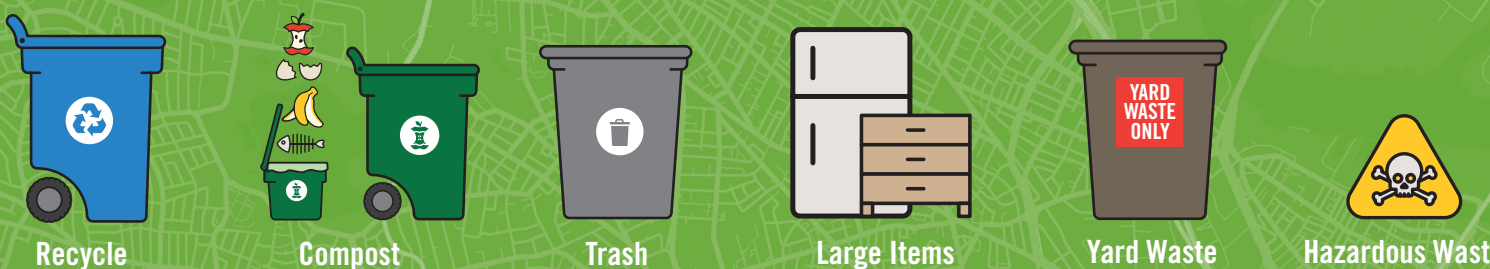


\* *Dried-out latex paint cans can also be set out, with lid off, next to your household trash. Let paint evaporate, or add kitty litter to speed drying.*



*Hazardous waste events are announced in early February. For more info, visit [CambridgeMA.Gov/Recycle](http://CambridgeMA.Gov/Recycle) or call 617.349.4800.*

## YOUR 2019–2020 GUIDE TO RECYCLE, COMPOST AND MORE



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ZERO WASTE  
CAMBRIDGE

# RECYCLE

Curbside recycling is mandatory in Cambridge. Together, we have diverted thousands of tons of materials from the trash.

## Recycling is easy!

- ✓ Rinse containers. No food or liquids.
- ✓ Flatten or nest boxes when possible.

### METAL CANS & FOIL



### GLASS BOTTLES & JARS



### PLASTIC CONTAINERS



### PAPER & CARDBOARD



### Do NOT Recycle:



Do Not Bag Recyclables



No Plastic Bags / Film, Wrappers



No Food or Liquids



No Clothing / Textiles (donate)



No Hoses, Cables, Hangers, Electronics



No Pots / Pans, Scrap Metal, Wood



Don't forget: Reduce and Reuse is better than recycling. Bring your own bag, water bottle, mug and more to reduce waste.

# COMPOST

Curbside compost is available to all residential buildings with City trash collection. Composting reduces trash going to landfills and turns food scraps into clean energy and fertilizer.

### FRUITS & VEGETABLES



### MEAT, BONES, & SHELLS



### DAIRY



### CUT FLOWERS



### BREADS & GRAINS



### NAPKINS & PAPER TOWELS



### TEA BAGS, COFFEE GROUNDS & FILTERS



## How does it work?

- ✓ Line kitchen bin with a compost bag (paper bags are OK to use).
- ✓ Every few days, tie the bag and drop it in your curbside cart.
- ✓ Lock cart to keep critters out.

## Do NOT Compost:

- ✗ Pet Waste
- ✗ Diapers
- ✗ Yard Waste
- ✗ Plastic Bags
- ✗ Recycling
- ✗ Trash

## How to participate

The City provides curbside carts and indoor kitchen bins for composting. To order supplies, visit [CambridgeMA.Gov/RecycleSupplies](https://www.cambridge.gov/recycle-supplies)

Find out whether your building is eligible by emailing us at [Recycle@CambridgeMA.Gov](mailto:Recycle@CambridgeMA.Gov)

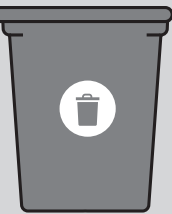


For compost drop-off locations, tips, program information, and a list of retailers selling compost bags, visit [CambridgeMA.Gov/Compost](https://www.cambridge.gov/compost)



# TRASH

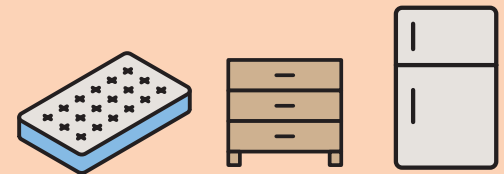
- ✓ Trash barrels are provided by the property owner.
- ✓ Barrels must have a tight lid.
- ✓ Trash bags not in a barrel may only be placed at the curb on the morning of collection, and must be heavy-duty (at least 3 mils thick). No thin kitchen bags allowed at curb.



- ✗ Bags and barrels cannot exceed 50 gallons or 50 pounds.

# LARGE ITEMS

- ✓ **NO PERMIT REQUIRED** for furniture such as couches if you have City trash collection.
- ✓ **PERMIT REQUIRED** for TVs, air conditioners, appliances and metal items such as grills.
- ✓ **NEW!** Mattress Recycling. Mattresses require special collection. Schedule a FREE pickup at [CambridgeMA.Gov/Mattress](https://www.cambridge.gov/mattress)



Visit [CambridgeMA.Gov/Recycle](https://www.cambridge.gov/recycle) for a complete list of items that can be set out, and **permit info**.

Consider donating items in good condition or posting online (NextDoor, Buy Nothing on Facebook, or Craigslist).

# YARD WASTE

Place yard waste in paper leaf bags or loose in barrels with City-issued stickers facing the street (order stickers online). Limbs and twigs cannot be longer than 3 feet.



- ✓ Leaves, Grass and Plants
- ✓ Twigs (less than 1" diameter)
- ✓ Limbs (more than 1" diameter)
- ✗ No Plastic Bags or Soil
- ✗ Each barrel or bag cannot exceed 32 gallons or 50 pounds.



Yard waste collection begins April 1 and ends the second full week in December.

Holiday trees are collected for recycling the first two weeks in January. Remove decorations. Do not bag.

# CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

Clothing, shoes, linens, and other textiles should be donated. Textile donation bins accept all textiles (even if torn, stained or ripped) but must be clean and dry.



Use the online [Get Rid of It Right](https://www.cambridge.gov/get-rid-of-it-right) tool to find donation locations [CambridgeMA.Gov/Recycle](https://www.cambridge.gov/recycle)

Consider donating items in good condition to charities like Goodwill or Boomerangs.