

Trash and Recycling Guidelines

The City of Brockton is a Save Money and Reduce Trash (SMART) Community. Please note that recycling is the law (310 CMR 19.017), and it's easy! Recycle bins are available free of charge at the Recycle Depot, 300 Oak Hill Way.

Trash Pick-up:

- Recycle paper waste, cardboard, glass, plastic, and metal containers according to recycling guidelines. Do not put these items in the trash.
- Residents of single, two, three, four, or five-family homes paying a trash fee are entitled to pick-up of one barrel of trash per family (one for single-family home, two for two-family home, etc.), not to exceed 50 lbs., each week.
- Put your trash barrel curbside before 7am on your scheduled trash collection day or after 5pm the night before. **Trash put out before 5pm on the day before your scheduled collection may result in a fine.** Take in your barrel and any rejected bags or items by 11pm on your scheduled collection day. **Failure to take in your barrel or rejected trash may also result in a fine.**
- All bags must fit within the barrel. **Bags that exceed the top of the barrel may not be collected.**
- Unlimited additional trash may be put out in green "Brockton" bags. These bags can be purchased at local retailers, including supermarkets and drug stores, or at City Hall or the Recycle Depot at a cost of \$5 for a roll of five bags.
- See separate instructions for [bulk items and yard waste](#).

Hard-to-Manage and Hazardous Waste:

- Please do not place any hazardous waste or chemicals in your trash. For your convenience, the Recycle Depot accepts hard-to-manage waste such as antifreeze, mercury-containing items, tires, car batteries, propane tanks, etc.
- See our [list of accepted items](#). The Depot also hosts a Hazardous Waste Day each year in September.
- Empty or dried-out paint cans may be put in the trash with the lids removed. Liquid paint is accepted daily at the Recycle Depot April 1—October 31 (annual limit applies).

Recycling:

- Rinse plastic, glass, and metal containers and place them in loose in your recycle bin, **NOT** in plastic bags. Wipe out oily containers.
- Place paper and cardboard in a separate recycle bin. Mixed bins may not be picked up. There is no need to remove staples, paper clips, spirals, or plastic windows in envelopes.
- Flatten large pieces of cardboard and boxes, cut them into 2' x 2' pieces, and place them in or under your paper recycle bin or bring them to the Recycle Depot.
- Place recycle bins curbside before 7am on your scheduled trash collection day or after 5pm the night before. Take in your recycle bins and any rejected items by 11pm on trash day.
- You may also bring your recyclables to the Recycle Depot. You must present proof of residency if requested.

DO RECYCLE:

- Cardboard, paperboard (cereal and tissue boxes, etc.), magazines and newspapers (including glossy pages), phone books, paper junk mail, soft cover books, all office paper (no blueprints)
- Pies plates, trays, foil, metal cans (tin, steel, or aluminum)
- Glass containers and bottles (any color)
- Stiff plastic containers and plastic bottles (#1-5 and #7)

DON'T RECYCLE:

- Plastic bags (plastic grocery bags can be recycled at most supermarkets)
- Foam packaging, including packing peanuts
- Broken glass
- Window glass
- Clothes hangers
- Dishes or glasses (consider donating if in good condition)
- Light bulbs
- Toys (consider donating if in good condition)
- Clothing (consider donating if in good condition or bring to the Recycle Depot)
- Paper take-out containers
- Hard cover books (consider donating if in good condition or bring to the Recycle Depot)
- Foam Egg cartons