

# Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

- Q. Is there a restriction on the quantity of trash that I can put out?
- A. Quantity is unlimited if in containers of no more than thirty-two (32) gallon capacity which weigh no more than fifty (50) pounds each. It is helpful to spread out large quantities over several weeks.
- Q. Do I have to put my rubbish out in trash cans?
- A. Rubbish mixed with food waste must be in durable, watertight containers with tight fitting covers. Rubbish alone may be placed in plastic bags of sufficient strength to prevent failing.
- Q. I just had my bathroom remodeled. I put the wood, cabinet, and tile out for pick-up, but it was left behind. How can I get the Town of Belmont to pick these items up?
- A. Belmont provides residential collection for normal household items. Any remodeling, construction materials, or plumbing supplies are construction material even if the home owner is doing the work. Belmont has no facility for taking construction debris. Residents should ask their contractors or make arrangements to remove this material as part of the construction project.
- Q. I recently cut down a tree. I cut the wood to 3 feet in length, tied a bundled it. Some of the bundles were taken and some were not. Are there other specifications?
- A. Yes. In addition to being cut to no longer than 3 feet, individual pieces cannot be larger than 6 inches in diameter. The wood should be tied and bundled in no larger than a 2-foot bundle and limited to no more than 2 bundles. Any wood larger than 6 inches in diameter or stumps should be disposed of privately through a local landscaper or tree company.
- Q. I have an old metal swing set that I need to dispose of. Will the regular trash truck pick it up, or do I need to call for a special pick up?
- A. The Town of Belmont and the Town contractor cannot accept non-burnable materials, such as dirt, concrete, plaster, swing sets, metal sheds or metal waste, because the facility where all Belmont's waste is transported only accepts burnable waste.
- Q. I put my trash out this morning for pick up, but the trash truck had already been down my street. They usually come after 9:00 am, but today they were early. How can I get my trash picked up?
- A. All items for curbside pick up, whether its trash, recycling or yard waste, must be at the curb available for pick up by 7:00 am. Please make sure all items are placed at the curbside by 7:00 am on your scheduled day to ensure your items will be picked up in the future.

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- Q. I recently repaired a small section of my wooden fence. Will the wood be picked up with the trash?
- A. If the wood is cut to 3 feet in length, no larger than 6 inches in diameter and it is tied and bundled into no larger than a 2-foot bundle, and there are no more than 2 bundles, then yes the wood will be picked up by the trash truck. If you have replaced or repaired your whole fence and have a large quantity of wood, you will need to dispose of the debris privately because that amount of work is considered a construction project.
- Q. I just replaced a window that was rotted. Can I put that out for pick-up with my trash?
- R. Belmont provides residential collection for normal household items. Any remodeling, construction materials, or plumbing supplies are construction material even if the home owner is doing the work. Belmont has no facility for taking construction debris. Residents should ask their contractors or make arrangements to remove this material as part of the construction project.
- Q. I recently replaced my carpet in my living room. How can I dispose of the old carpet?
- A. The carpet should be cut no larger than 4' long by 4' wide lengths rolled up and taped or tied closed weighing no more than 50 pounds per roll and no more than 5 rolls per week. Then you may put it out for pick up with your regular trash.
- Q. I was cleaning out my basement and found some old paint. Can I just put the cans in with my trash?
- A. No. Some paint is considered hazardous waste. If the paint is latex, you need to first dry the paint out completely. Once the paint is dry, throw the lid in the trash and leave the paint can, completely dry next to your trash can with the lid removed for pick up. If the paint is oil based, you need to contact the Health Department at (617) 993-2720 for proper disposal as that is considered hazardous waste.
- Q. I have an old radiator from my house that I need to throw away. Will the regular trash pick this up, or do I need to make an appointment for a special pick-up?
- A. Neither. The regular trash cannot pick the radiator up as the Town of Belmont's trash is burned and the radiator is non-burnable and not considered residential trash. You will need to make arrangements to dispose of this privately.
- Q. I put my television set out for trash pick up and they left it there, why?
- A. Television sets have a cathode ray tube in them which contains 5-7lbs of lead or other hazardous waste and cannot be collected with the regular trash. You must purchase a sticker and call the Highway Division at 617-993-2690 to make arrangements for a special pick up.

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