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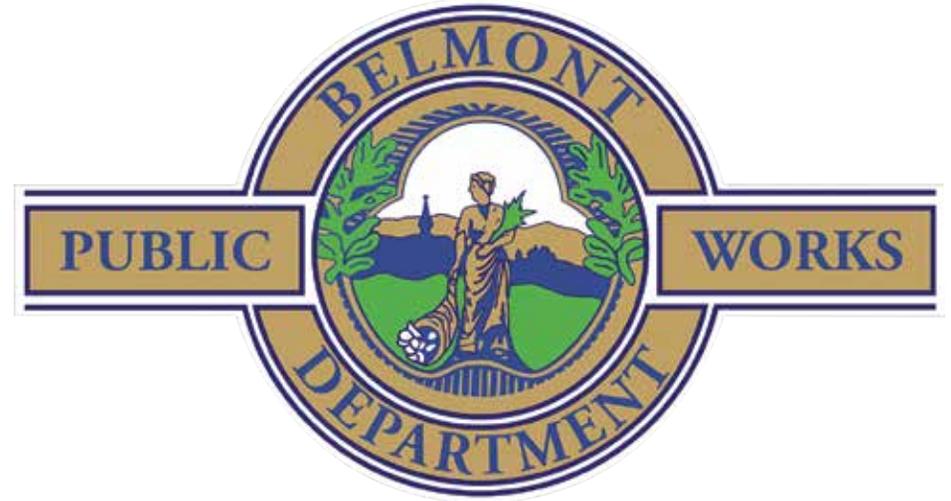
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Town of Belmont Trash, Recycling and Yard Waste Information

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Department of Public Works

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The Department of Public Works offers the following services to Belmont residents

Monday - Friday 8am-4pm

(Cash or Check Only)

Replacement Recycle Bins	\$5.00 each
Composters	\$35.00 each
Appliance Stickers	\$20.00 each
<i>(Also available at Town Clerk's Office, Star Market, Hillside Garden Supply & Winter's Hardware)</i>	
CRT Stickers	\$15.00 each
<i>(Also available at Town Clerk's Office, Star Market, Hillside Garden Supply & Winter's Hardware)</i>	
Recycle Stickers	No Cost (2 stickers per barrel)
Yard Waste Stickers	No Cost (2 stickers per barrel)

Belmont residents can bring mercury products (fluorescent light bulbs, rechargeable and button batteries, thermostats) to the Public Works Office or Health Department at the Homer Municipal Building, 19 Moore Street, Belmont.

Monday – Friday from 8:00am-4:00pm.

Batteries must fit into a sealed 8" x 5" plastic bag (available at the DPW office). Alkaline batteries purchased after 1994 do not contain mercury and can be put in your regular trash.

Fluorescent light bulbs can also be brought to the Belmont Light Department, 40 Prince Street and Hillside Gardens, 280 Blanchard Road, Belmont.





REDUCE... REUSE... RECYCLE...

Dear Belmont Resident,

The Town of Belmont will be rebidding its long term solid waste, recycling and yard waste collection contract by fall 2017. This rebid process will allow the Town to evaluate its existing services and to explore its options. It is our intent to evaluate options that address budget costs/savings service delivery and reduce our environmental footprint. As we move toward the bid process, we want to give you an overview of our current solid waste, recycling and yard waste program, and information about alternative collection methods.

A Quick Review of Belmont's Current Curbside Trash/Recycling Services:

- Unlimited weekly trash collection (manual collection). The current trash collection program provides for pickup of an unlimited amount of trash at the curb.
- Unlimited weekly bulky item collection. Defined as normal residential household waste including, but not limited to, furniture, mattresses, box springs, microwave ovens, rugs (cut in 4 foot lengths tied or taped, no more than 5 rolls per week, weighing no more than 50 pounds per roll), tires with metal rims removed (maximum of 1 tire per week, no larger than a pickup truck tire), Christmas trees, and the like. **Topic for consideration:** Most bulky items can be donated or recycled and not thrown in the trash. Many communities require a surcharge or limits on bulky item waste, in order to make donating or recycling more appealing.
- Unlimited, every other week, dual stream recycling collection. Our **dual stream recycling** is currently the preferred recycling product by the processors. **Topic for consideration:** To determine a collection method for recycling that will not be subject to volatility in the commodities markets.
- All collections are done on four (4) working days, Monday-Thursday. Most communities throughout the country use a five (5) day collection week. Four day collection does not allow for Saturday pick-ups. **Topic for consideration:** Five day collection reduces costs by having one less truck on the road each day.
- Every Thursday pick-up of appliances and Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) items (old televisions) are collected by appointment with a fee (Appliances cost \$20.00 each and CRTs cost \$15 each). Items need to be scheduled and paid in advance.
- 37 weeks of yard waste collection. Yard waste is collected every other week and follows the recycling schedule. During the final seven (7) weeks of yard waste collection, starting at the end of October (typically the week of Halloween) through mid-December, yard waste is collected EVERY week to accommodate the high volume of leaves.
- Two (2) "Recycle Days" a year (May/October) for items not collected on the curbside. These items typically include bulky rigid plastics, textiles, books, electronics, Styrofoam and on-site paper shredding. These events are held on Saturdays and occur at the DPW yard.

Alternative Collection Services to be Reviewed:

- **Automated pick-up:** Residents are provided with a specially designed cart that is emptied by an automated vehicle. This vehicle uses a mechanical arm to pick up the lidded cart and dump the contents into a trash truck. Carts range in size from 32 to 95 gallons. A number of communities in Massachusetts have converted to a two-cart system: one for trash and one for mixed (single-stream) recyclables. Others are using a cart system for single-stream recyclables only, with residents using traditional trash cans for waste. In some communities,

trash is collected in a cart, and recyclables are collected in the traditional dual stream method with curbside recycling bins. **Topics for consideration:** Automated pickup can increase recycling rates, reduce contract costs as a result of lower labor costs and decreased worker compensation claims, and eliminate litter. Selected cart size also acts as a trash limit for all residents.

- **Single-stream recycling:** Residents place all recyclables (paper and containers) into one bin or automated wheeled cart. **Topics for consideration:** Many communities have achieved increased recycling rates and lower waste disposal rates by employing single stream recycling, especially when combined with automated pickup. In today's volatile recycling market, some single stream recycling communities with favorable contracts that previously rewarded them with revenue for their recyclables are now paying a (processing) fee of \$20 - \$47 a ton. Single stream may result in higher recycling rates, but the quality of recyclables sent to be processed has diminished. Mistaken recycling, light weight packaging, food and liquid contamination have produced a low quality feedstock at the Material Recovery Facilities (MRF's). The lower quality of recyclables and the present state of the recycling commodities market have many rethinking how to recycle more efficiently and cost effectively.
- **SMART (Save money and reduce trash)/ PAYT (Pay as you throw):** Approximately 140 municipalities have adopted PAYT. Some PAYT communities allow residents to dispose of one container of trash without paying, but charge for disposal of additional containers, and others charge for all waste disposal. **Topics for consideration:** Some communities have experienced a significant reduction in household waste and reduced tipping fees, transfer station fees and out-of-region shipping fees. These communities have also benefitted from increased revenues from recycled materials and increased regional employment in the recycling/manufacturing/reuse sector, all while decreasing their need for new landfill space or incinerator capacity. Options to evaluate include pay-as-you throw (segregated fees for trash); first-barrel free (only excess trash generation incurs any fee); and first-barrel free with per household rebates (excess trash generation pays a fee that gets rebated on a per household basis, providing an economic impetus to separate recyclables, without any net increase in revenue collection by the town).
- **Barrel Limit:** A certain barrel or bulky item quantity is established and enforced by the municipality, which impacts costs by reducing tipping fees.

Conclusion:

Over the next several months, the work to be done will include communicating with residents to better understand and clarify the best method of solid waste/recycling collection that will serve the needs of the Town. The service of collecting trash and recycling impacts each and every resident of Belmont 52 weeks a year. Any changes to this service are not easy decisions. Please let us know if you have any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions on Trash, Recycling and Yard Waste collection in Belmont.

In the coming months, residents will be able to attend public meetings, fill out surveys, participate in a pilot program and most importantly give their input to help define a solid waste/recycling collection as part of our rebid process.

Jason Marcotte MPA, Director of Public Works



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Belmont is a Dual Stream Recycling Community

Dual Stream means that paper and cardboard must be separated into one stream and plastic, glass, and metal containers into another stream.

Recycle all paper, bottles and cans / Keep items clean and dry / No plastic bags

Belmont Town Meeting enacted a bylaw in 1991 that requires all residents and occupants of buildings for which curbside collection of solid waste is provided by the Town to separate all recyclables from other solid waste and to place such recyclables at curbside for collection in a manner specified in the rules and regulations.

Recycling is Unlimited!

Do you have too much recycling for your curbside bin to hold? Don't worry! Paper can be put in paper bags or placed flat in the curbside bin. Containers can be placed in a 32-gal receptacle with recycling stickers attached. Recycling stickers are available free of charge at the DPW Office, Town Clerk's Office, Hillside Gardens and Winters Hardware.

For more information, call the Belmont Recycling Coordinator, Mary Beth Calnan at 617-993-2690

REGULATIONS FOR CURBSIDE RECYCLING

YES PLEASE RECYCLE these items at curbside!
REMEMBER! Do not put recycling in plastic bags.
Separate "bins" please!

Cardboard & Paper

(Flatten and cut to 3'X3' tied or taped no more than 9" high)
Pizza Boxes (recycle only the clean part).



Mixed Paper

All colors and textures of paper that can be ripped.



Food Boxes (Flattened)

Junk Mail & Newspaper

Mixed Containers

Metals, Plastic and Glass
(Rinse & place in your bin.)



Aluminum, Tin Cans & Clean Foil

Glass Bottles & Jars



Plastic Bottles

Plastic Trays & Container #1-7

Gable Top & Aseptic Cartons

NO PLEASE DO NOT RECYCLE these items at curbside!



All "Styrofoam" & Peanuts



Plastic Bags & Wrap
Recycle at grocery stores



Motor Oil Bottles



Plastic Toys
Donate/Recycle at DPW Day





2016-2017 Belmont Collection Calendar

YARD WASTE P/U on YOUR RECYCLE DAY

JULY 2016

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

YARD WASTE P/U on YOUR RECYCLE DAY

AUGUST 2016

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YARD WASTE P/U on YOUR RECYCLE DAY

SEPTEMBER 2016

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YARD WASTE WEEKLY STARTS OCT 24

OCTOBER 2016

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YARD WASTE P/U EVERY WEEK

NOVEMBER 2016

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YARD WASTE P/U ENDS DEC 8

DECEMBER 2016

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NO YARD WASTE PICK UP

JANUARY 2017

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NO YARD WASTE PICK UP

FEBRUARY 2017

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NO YARD WASTE PICK UP

MARCH 2017

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YARD WASTE P/U STARTS APR 3 on YOUR RECYCLE DAY

APRIL 2017

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YARD WASTE P/U on YOUR RECYCLE DAY

MAY 2017

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YARD WASTE P/U on YOUR RECYCLE DAY

JUNE 2017

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Holidays are boxed in RED. A scheduled holiday postpones collection for that day until the next day, all days remaining in that week will also be delayed.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Trash is collected EVERY week and should be placed at curbside by 7:00 am. Separate from your recycling, yard waste or scheduled collections.

TRASH

Definition: Normal household trash and home furniture.
No construction material.

Packaged: Trash should be placed in bags or barrels no larger than 32 gallons or 50 pounds in weight. Furniture should be left intact.

RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Recycling bins are collected every other week on your regular trash pick-up day. GREEN BINS are collected during the weeks shaded in GREEN, and BLUE BINS are collected during the weeks shaded in BLUE on the calendar. Place all bins curbside by 7:00am. See page 5 for more details.

Household Hazardous Waste Days are boxed. See page 11 for more details.

— Denotes EVERY OTHER WEEK yard waste collection.
= Denotes WEEKLY yard waste collection.

YARD WASTE

Definition: Leaves, twigs, grass, weeds, flowers, wood chips, plants, hedge & shrub pruning's 1" or less in diameter and other easily raked yard waste. No tree limbs or branches larger than 1" in diameter.

NOT ALLOWED: food scraps, animal waste, trash of any kind, rocks, soil or plastic bags.
See page 8 for more details.



FALL LEAF COLLECTION

OCTOBER 2016

Leaves and yard waste will be collected curbside EVERY week on your regular rubbish day between October 24th and December 8th if they are in trash barrels (no greater than 32 gallons or more that 50 pounds) marked with two yard waste stickers provided by the Town or put in 30 gallon brown biodegradable paper bags (not weighing more than 50 pounds).

No plastic bags accepted

From October 24th through December 10th residents may bring leaves in any type of clean container and empty them into the community compost pile at the Transfer station at 1130 Concord Avenue. The hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 to 11:30 am and 12:30 to 3:00 pm (except November 11th, Veteran's Day and November 24th, Thanksgiving Day). The Transfer Station will also be open on seven Saturdays (Oct 29th, Nov. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, Dec. 3rd and 10th) from 8:00 to 11:30 am and 12:30 to 4:00 pm. Residents should bring identification (driver's license) to verify Belmont residency.

Please call the Highway Division at (617) 993-2690 if you have questions or would like information about composting.



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White Goods Program

Recycling Sticker Information

Stickers cost \$20.00 per appliance.

Stickers are available for purchase at the following locations:

Highway Division Office, located at the Homer Building, 19 Moore Street. (cash or check accepted)

Town Clerk's Office, located at the Belmont Town Hall, 450 Concord Avenue (cash or check accepted)

Star Market, located at 535 Trapelo Road, Waverley Square (cash, check or credit card accepted)

Winters Hardware, located at 84 Trapelo Road, Cushing Square (cash, or check accepted)

Hillside Garden Supply, located at 280 Blanchard Road (cash, check or credit card accepted)

Appliances: Call the Highway Division office by noon on Wednesday to schedule a pick-up for the next available Thursday. Appliances are collected on Thursdays only. Purchase sticker and affix to appliance prior to placing at curb by 7:00am on the scheduled Thursday.

For more information, please call the Highway Division Office at (617) 993-2690.



Air Conditioners



Clothes Washers and Dryers



Dishwashers



Ranges



Refrigerators & Freezers must have doors removed.



Grills must have propane tank removed.



Lawn mowers must have gas tank removed and all oil drained.



Snow blowers must have gas tank removed and all oil drained.



Water Heaters



Dehumidifiers



CRT Program (Cathode Ray Tube)

Recycling Sticker Information

Stickers cost \$15.00 per CRT.

Stickers are available for purchase at the following locations:

Highway Division Office, located at the Homer Building, 19 Moore Street (cash or check accepted)

Town Clerk's Office, located at the Belmont Town Hall, 450 Concord Avenue (cash or check accepted)

Star Market, located at 535 Trapelo Road, Waverley Square (cash, check or credit card accepted)

Winters Hardware, located at 84 Trapelo Road, Cushing Square (cash, or check accepted)

Hillside Garden Supply, located at 280 Blanchard Road (cash, check or credit card accepted)

Appliances: Call the Highway Division office by noon on Wednesday to schedule a pick-up for the next available Thursday. CRTs are collected on Thursdays only. Purchase sticker and affix to CRT prior to placing at curb by 7:00am on the scheduled Thursday.

For more information, please call the Highway Division Office at (617) 993-2690.



Televisions



Lap Tops



Monitors



Oscilloscopes



Copiers

Household Hazardous Waste Program

Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste is now under the Department of Public Works 617-993-2680.

HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY SCHEDULE 2016-2017



Saturday, July 16, 2016

Saturday, August 13, 2016

SUNDAY, September 18, 2016

Saturday, October 15, 2016

Saturday, November 12, 2016

Saturday, April 15, 2017

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Saturday, June 17, 2017

9 am to 2 pm

60 Hartwell Avenue
Lexington, MA

No need to pre-register.

Show proof of Belmont residency at check-in!

Minimum of 10 gallons or pounds (combine with neighbors)

Examples of Hazardous Materials:

- Chlorine Bleach
- Rug Cleaners
- Acids
- Auto Batteries
- Moth Balls
- Oven Cleaner
- Pesticides/Herbicides
- Nail Polish Remover
- Fiberglass Resins
- Antifreeze
- Gasoline
- Oil-based paint
- Pool Chemicals



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Mercury Recovery Program

DON'T PUT ITEMS CONTAINING MERCURY IN THE TRASH!

Mercury is a natural element that can be harmful to people and wildlife. It must be disposed of properly. Do not throw mercury thermometers, fluorescent lamps, CFL's, thermostats or button cell batteries in the trash.

Belmont residents can bring mercury products to the Public Works Office or Health Department at the Homer Municipal Building at 19 Moore Street, Belmont.

Monday – Friday from 8:30am-4:00pm.

Fluorescent lamps can also be brought to the Belmont Light Department 40 Prince Street and Hillside Gardens 280 Blanchard Road.

Find out more information on mercury at <http://keepmercuryfromrising.org/>

Any questions please call the Department of Public Works at (617) 993-2680.



Thermostats



Thermometers



CFLs



Fluorescent Lights



*Batteries



*Batteries must be able to fit into a sealed 8" x 5" plastic bag (available at the DPW office).
Alkaline batteries purchased after 1994 do not contain mercury and can be put in your regular trash.

REUSE BEFORE YOU THROW AWAY

A bulky item is regular household trash that will not fit into a barrel. Some examples are furniture (do not break down), mattresses, box springs, rugs (cut in 4 ft. lengths and tied or taped, no more than 5 rolls per week, weighing no more than 50 lbs. per roll).

Before throwing out bulky items in good condition or if you have a large quantity, consider these organizations below for pick-up or drop-off.

Organizations that accept certain bulky items:

Good Will <http://www.goodwillmass.org/>
617-445-1010

Salvation Army <https://satruck.org/Donate/choose?zip=02748>
1-800-483-7825

Big Sister Big Brother <http://www.bbbsfoundation.org/Acceptable-Donation-Items>
1-800-483-5503

Vietnam Veterans of America <http://www.clothingdonations.org/schedule-a-pick-up/>
1-888-518-VETS (8387)

Epilepsy Foundation <http://donateclothes.epilepsynewengland.org/unacceptable-items>
1-888-322-8209

MA Coalition for the Homeless <http://www.mahomeless.org/index.php/furniture-bank>
781-595-7570

The Wish Project <http://thewishproject.org/goods.html>
978-441-9474

For more information call the Belmont Recycling Coordinator,
Mary Beth Calnan at 617-993-2690.