

City of Newton



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Changes to White Goods Collection Policy  
Effective February 1, 2020

- **Newton City Council approved changes on December 16, 2019 to the White Goods Collection policy.**
- **The primary change is a per item fee of \$25 for this optional curbside collection service.**
- **All white goods items (see list on page 2) are accepted via drop-off at no cost to the resident, with the exception of televisions and computer monitors.**
- **The drop-off fee for televisions and monitors is \$25 per item.**

New White Goods Collection Program (effective 2/1/20):

- Fees:
  - Curbside pickup: \$25 per item
  - Drop-off: \$25 per TV/monitor; all other items accepted for drop-off no cost (appliances, scrap metal, air conditioners, etc.)
- Residents may request a white goods curbside collection appointment using the Newton Online Bill Pay service or by going to Newton City Hall Customer Service
  - Payments received by 10:00am on Friday are picked up the following week on Wednesday
- Collected materials are taken by the pickup service to the Resource Recovery Center

Goals of Changing the White Goods Pickup Policy:

- 1) Alleviate operational burden of curbside collection from city staff and equipment
- 2) An opportunity to reduce hauling costs to the City in light of an overall increase of 17% in the FY20-FY25 waste/recycling hauling contract
- 3) Encourage residents to find reuse outlets or drop-off items at the Newton Resource Recovery Center at no cost (except TVs/monitors) before using the optional white goods curbside collection service

Previous White Goods Collection Program (prior to 2/1/20):

- Fees to resident
  - \$25 for a pickup of unlimited scrap metal/appliances with a limit of 1 TV
  - TV/monitor cost is \$25 for 1 and \$18 for each additional TV/monitor in same transaction
- Residents may request a white goods curbside collection appointment using the Newton Online Bill Pay service or by going to Newton City Hall Customer Service
  - Payments received by 4:30pm on Friday are picked up the following Wednesday
- Collected materials are taken by the pickup service to the Resource Recovery Center

**White goods/appliances include:**

- stoves
- refrigerators
- washers
- dryers
- dishwashers
- freezers
- air conditioners
- microwaves
- dehumidifiers

**Metal items include anything that does not have a higher use and consists of primarily metal. Common examples:**

- metal filing cabinets
- lawn mowers
- snow blowers
- metal outdoor furniture
- broken bicycles
- patio umbrellas
- metal lamps
- exercise equipment (treadmill, elliptical, stationary bike, weight bench, etc.)

**E-waste includes:**

- Computers
- laptops
- TVs
- computer monitors
- printers
- DVD/VCR/Bluray devices
- video game consoles
- tablets
- e-readers
- cameras
- cell phones
- small kitchen appliances
- electrical cords/chargers

**Other large recyclable materials included in white goods collection:**

- large rigid plastic items (kids playhouse, kids play kitchen, broken laundry basket)
- tires