

GREEN CART CHRONICLE

Quarterly Update from the City of Newton DPW Environmental Affairs Division

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RECYCLE RIGHT NEWTON

Want to make managing trash and recycling at home easier? Newton has an app for that. Download *Recycle Right Newton* today to view your collection calendar and set up customized reminders. Stay in the loop on collection delays caused by holidays and weather events. You'll never miss a trash day again!



FEATURES:

- Sign up for waste collection reminders
- View the calendar of special collection events at the Resource Recovery Center
- Find the right way to get rid of stuff
- Test your recycling skills with an interactive waste sorting game—fun for kids and adults!

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GET THE APP

Recycle Right Newton is available for free in the App Store and the Google Play store. Click the icons below to download.



NO SMARTPHONE?

No problem! You can use *Recycle Right Newton* from the City's website [here](#).

NEW COMPOST BIN PRICING

The City of Newton now offers two compost bin options to residents for just \$25 each. MassDEP grant funding supports the price reduction.

You can purchase compost bins using cash or check at City Hall. Show your receipt to the attendant to pick up the bin or bucket at the [Resource Recovery Center](#) at 115 Rumford Avenue in Auburndale.

COMING SOON: online payment for purchase of compost bins will be available [here](#)—we'll keep you posted when this is available.

ITEMS TO CHOOSE FROM

Both compost bin styles are easy to assemble and allow for efficient, aerobic composting. They are made from a minimum of 50% post-consumer recycled plastic. The kitchen scrap collection bucket is handy to use for transport out to the compost bin.

Earth Machine



\$25 (resident)
 \$45 (non-resident)
 Capacity: 10.5 ft³
 Height: 33"
 Diameter: 33"

New Age Composter



\$25 (resident)
 \$53 (non-resident)
 Capacity: 24 ft³
 Height: 30"
 Diameter: Variable

Kitchen Scrap Bucket



\$8
 Capacity: 2 gal
 Size: 8.5" x 11.9" x 8.7"
 Snap lid designed to minimize odors; dishwasher safe



WHAT IS COMPOSTING?

Composting is a natural degradation process. The breakdown of organic matter occurs over time from exposure to oxygen, moisture, and naturally occurring bacteria. The result of this process is a humus material called *compost*.

Learn more about composting [here](#).

WHY BACKYARD COMPOSTING?

Managing organic matter in your backyard reduces the transport of material to a commercial composting facility.

Using compost as a soil amendment in your garden or landscaping improves soil quality, reducing the need for chemical fertilizers.

ACCEPTED

- Grass clippings
- Tree leaves
- Tree and shrub pruning
- Wood chips
- Small vegetable and flower plants
- Other vegetative matter

Branches must not protrude from the barrel. Tie branches and limbs (6" or less in diameter) in bundles that are less than 4ft long and 3ft in diameter with rope or twine.

NOT ACCEPTED

- Plastic bags
- Tree stumps or branches greater than 6" in diameter
- Dirt
- Sand
- Rocks
- Asphalt
- Brick
- Concrete

Bag or barrel must not exceed 50 gallons or 50 pounds.



YARD WASTE COLLECTION RESUMES

After taking a hiatus for the winter, yard waste collection resumed the week of March 27, 2017. Weather permitting, it will end the week of December 4, 2017.

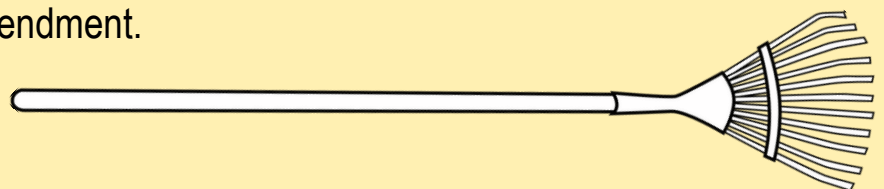
Collection occurs weekly on your [assigned collection day](#). Place yard waste in a paper yard waste bag or use your own barrel. Yard waste (along with trash and recycling carts) must be at the curb no later than 7AM on your collection day or as early as 4PM the day before.

Learn more about yard waste collection [here](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

Leaves and other yard waste have been banned from disposal at landfills and combustion facilities in Massachusetts since 1992.

This is because yard waste has a higher use than disposal. After it is picked up, yard waste is composted into a soil amendment.



UPCOMING EVENT:
**KEEPING ORGANIC WASTE
OUT OF OUR TRASH**

NEWTON'S 2017 EARTH DAY COMMUNITY EVENT

In celebration of Earth Day 2017, the [City of Newton Environmental Affairs Division](#) and [Green Newton](#) are hosting an event to discuss and explore organics management.

The City will discuss recent changes to its compost bin program and the program's current and future goals. Green Newton will provide updates on their work to promote more participation in recycling and composting in our community.

Organics management businesses that serve Newton have been invited to join the discussion.

ALL ARE WELCOME

When: Thursday, April 20th, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Where: City Hall Cafeteria, 1000
Commonwealth Ave, Newton, MA

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



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GreenNewton

INVITED GROUPS

**BOOTSTRAP
COMPOST**



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call 617-796-1491 or
email [here](#).



SWAP OR DONATE

- Working appliances
- Bicycles
- Books, toys, games
- Non-upholstered furniture (no couches or mattresses)
- Household items
- Clothing
- CDs/DVDs
- Sporting goods

RECYCLING

- Fluorescent bulbs and other mercury containing items
- Cell phones
- Printer cartridges
- Paper, cardboard, glass, metal, stiff plastic bottles (#1-7)
- Dead rechargeable batteries

UPCOMING EVENT:

SWAP DAY

Clear out clutter without adding to the waste stream! [Newton's 16th Semi-Annual Swap Day](#) is Saturday, April 29th from 8am-2pm. Bring along USABLE, but unwanted belongings for swapping or donating or just come and take stuff for free.

Anything you would put in a rummage sale without the hassle.

TVs, computer monitors, and hazardous wastes will not be accepted.

EVENT DETAILS

When: Saturday April 29th from 8am-2pm

- **Drop off: 8:00am-12pm ONLY**

Where: Newton Resource Recovery Center

- 115 Rumford Avenue, Auburndale, MA

Proof of Newton residency required for event



RAIN OR SHINE



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Household hazardous waste (HHW) should not be disposed of in the trash, flushed down the drain, poured into storm drains or onto the ground.

Bring any hazardous products you want to get rid of to any household hazardous waste collection event held at the Resource Recovery Center at 115 Rumford Ave. Check out our [HHW brochure](#).



2017 COLLECTION EVENTS

First Saturday of each month starting May 6

⇒ 7:30am-1:30pm

Third Thursday of each month starting May 18

⇒ 7:30am-10:30am

- **Limit: 12 gallons of HHW per household per event; 5 gallons of any one material**
- **Last car admitted 15 minutes before event ending**
- **HHW events are weather dependent; see website for cancellations**
- **Proof of Newton residency required**



ACCEPTED MATERIALS

- Adhesives, glues, solvents
- Household cleaners
- Insecticides & pesticides
- Floor & furniture polishes
- Pool chemicals
- Unused fuel (gasoline, kerosene)
- Photo chemicals & chemistry sets
- Oil-based paints, stains & varnishes

Follow these [tips](#) to reduce your HHW use.



THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING

Get involved:

- [Volunteer](#) to help with ongoing programs, review educational materials, and work on one-time projects
- [Join the Solid Waste Commission](#) to engage in sustainable materials management policy
- [Request a tour](#) for your community group to see where things go after the curb

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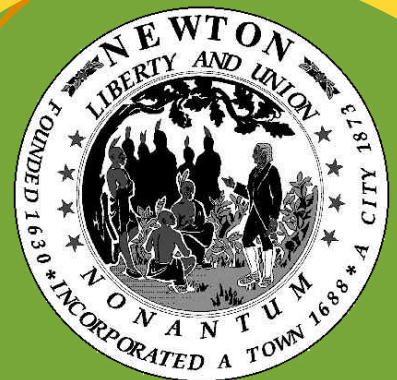
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311

Answer questions, report issues for resolution, and make requests by dialing 311 from any Newton landline or clicking the icons below to download the Newton MA 311 app for Apple



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