

TOWN OF AUBURN
SOLID WASTE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Collection is limited to residential solid waste from single family and multi-family dwellings, not exceeding four (4) dwelling units. Specifically excluded are mobile home parks, condominiums, and multi-family housing complexes containing more than four (4) units. Also excluded are commercial and industrial properties.
2. Each dwelling unit will be assigned a toter for trash and a toter for recycling. Residents may choose one of three options:
 - a. A 64-gallon toter for trash and a 96-gallon toter for recycling
 - b. A 35-gallon toter for trash and a 35-gallon toter for recycling
 - c. A 35-gallon toter for trash and a 96-gallon toter for recycling
3. Trash collection shall be made once a week at each dwelling unit on a designated day. Recycling collection shall be made every other week at each dwelling unit on the same designated day as the trash collection. Toters for trash and recycling must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection.
4. The toters shall be placed at the front edge of the properties at the street line, with the opening facing the street. Toters must be placed at least five (5) feet apart to permit automated pickup.
5. Rubbish for collection shall be placed in tied plastic bags having a capacity of not less than ten (10) gallons and not more than forty (40) gallons, and weighing not more than fifty (50) pounds, then placed in the provided toter. The Town reserves the right to limit the number of bags to only what fits in the toter with the lid completely closed.
6. Any bags outside the toter must be placed in the blue Town of Auburn overflow bags, which can be purchased at Park N Shop, Price Chopper and Shaw's. Overflow bags are sold in packs of five for \$7.50. The Town reserves the right to increase or decrease the fee for overflow bags in proportion to waste disposal costs with Board of Selectman Approval.
7. Solid waste in violation of any of the regulations shall not be collected. Service recipients are responsible for making corrections before the next scheduled collection day.
8. Solid waste will not be collected from inside houses, garages, or any other enclosures.
9. The following items shall not be collected by the Town as part of the weekly residential solid waste curbside collection program:
 - a. Commercial waste
 - b. Animal remains
 - c. Hazardous waste – (see #14 below)
 - d. Demolition debris (bricks, concrete, shingles, tile or sheetrock, etc.)
 - e. Motor oil (see #14 below)
 - f. Motor vehicle parts
 - g. Yard waste (leaves, grass, brush, tree stumps, dirt, sand or rocks etc.) – (see #10-12 below)
 - h. Window glass
 - i. Items exceeding three (3) feet in length (mops, brooms, umbrellas, curtain rods, etc.)
 - j. Fuel tanks – (see #14 below)

- k. Computer monitors or televisions – (see #14 below)
- l. Bulk Items – (see #13 below)
- m. Any Recyclable materials

10. Yard waste will not be collected at the curb during regular waste collection times. This type of waste has been banned by the Department of Environmental Protection for disposal at landfills waste to energy facilities such as the Millbury Wheelabrator facility.

11. For five (5) weeks during the fall, and four (4) weeks during the spring, on dates predetermined by the Town of Auburn and the hauler, yard waste will be collected curbside. Yard waste must be placed in compostable paper bags or open containers and set at the front edge of the properties at the street line on the designated days. Yard waste in plastic bags or trash or recycling totes will not be collected.

12. Lawn clippings, twigs, and leaves will be accepted at the Department of Public Works (DPW) during designated times. [Leaf and Brush Pile permits](#) may be obtained at DPW, located at 5 Millbury Street.

13. Large bulky items such as sofas, mattresses, refrigerators, stoves, hot water heaters, etc. are considered bulk items and are not included in residential service collection. Bulk waste disposal is a service offered by the hauler on an on-call basis for a fee. Service recipients are required to [contact and pay the hauler directly](#) to schedule collection of bulk waste.

14. The Town will schedule a specific day during which the following hazardous household waste items are collected, where and in what manner, and from whom they will be accepted. The following hazardous household waste materials may be safely disposed at designated location on a designated “Hazardous Household Waste Disposal Day”

- a. Motor oil and automotive chemicals
- b. Solvents, cleaners
- c. Oil-based paints
- d. Pesticides and herbicides
- e. Heavy metals (lead, mercury, cadmium, etc.)
- f. Computer monitors, televisions, and other specified electronics
- g. Empty propane gas tanks.

15. The following holidays are observed by the Town’s contracted hauler: New Year’s Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving; and Christmas Day. When these holidays fall on a weekday, all subsequent pickups will be delayed by one day that week.

Please Note: For weekend holidays, there will be no change in schedule. When in doubt, put your totes out!

Please contact the Board of Health at 508-832-7703 with any questions.