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Methuen Initiates New Trash and Recycling Program SPECIAL EDITION: READ AND SAVE!

The City of Methuen announces the implementation of a new trash and recycling program that will take effect city-wide on October 3, 2022. The trash program is part of a new contract with E.L. Harvey Waste and Recycling, the new service provider for the city.

All households served by Methuen waste and recycling collection will be receiving new 65-gallon carts for waste and 95-gallon recycling carts to accommodate more efficient, automated curbside collection with trash trucks equipped with mechanical arms. Automated service is cleaner, more efficient, and safer. The backbreaking work of hoisting and dumping trash cans and recycling bins into trucks will no longer be done manually. All collection receptacles will have lids to keep materials from littering our streets, and with households having incentives under the carts system to recycle, we will save taxpayer money by significantly reducing our waste tonnage and diverting more materials to recycling. This is less costly and better for the environment. New carts will be distributed to all residential units eligible for curbside service starting in in mid-September. Only trash placed in the designated trash cart, or in blue overflow bags will be collected. Overflow bags, marked with the city seal, will be available for purchase at \$10 for 5 bags.



Soon after the initial cart distribution, Methuen DPW will take requests from residents desiring additional or smaller carts (as small as 35-gallons) based on their preferences, abilities, and needs. For example, seniors might not generate as much trash or have trouble with the larger carts. In addition, the new trash/recycling system will include changes in bulk waste collection which go into effect October 3. Large bulk items that do not fit in carts such as furniture, carpets, or household fixtures will not be collected with regular trash. Instead, residents must call the Methuen DPW or the vendor E.L. Harvey in advance to schedule pickup and pay the applicable disposal fee. Watch your mail and City of Methuen social media for more information on the new program in the coming weeks, and please visit the www.cityofmethuen.net/recycling, or call Jordan Normandia at 978-983-8506 with questions or to arrange a program presentation within your neighborhood.



CHECK IN with Mayor Perry

Mayor Perry is hosting Trash/Recycling Informational Sessions for Residents:

July 26 - MAN, Inc. ✓

August 3 – Mann Orchards ✓

August 8 – Irish Cottage ✓

August 15 – Senior Center & VFW Post 8349 ✓

Next Session: August 17, Nevins Library, 305 Broadway, 7pm

Mayor Perry welcomes the opportunity to meet with you & your neighbors about the new trash program. Contact Jordan Normandia at 978-983-8505, jnormandia@ci.methuen.ma.us. Visit methuentv.org for videos of past sessions.

Methuen’s New Trash and Recycling Program Takes Effect on



October 3, 2022!

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Methuen City Hall Hours of Operation:

Monday - Thursday: 8am to 4:30pm, Friday: 8am to Noon
Connecting All Departments: (978) 983-8500
41 Pleasant Street, Methuen, MA 01844

FAQs on Methuen’s New Trash and Recycling Program

Question: What is automated collection and why is it coming to Methuen?

- Automated collection is the collection of trash and recycling by means of trash vehicles equipped with a forklift type mechanism that can pick up trash containers with no assistance from a human collector. The benefit of automated collection is that trash must be inside the trash container to be collected, which assists with implementing trash limits. Automated collection is safer for workers, more efficient in facilitating timely completion of collection routes, and more cost effective.



Question: Why Are Trash Limits So Important?

- Reducing our solid waste disposal and increasing our recycling makes economic and environmental sense for all communities. In Massachusetts, solid waste disposal capacity is severely constrained, compelling communities to better manage waste collection by promoting materials reuse, recycling, and composting of food waste. Methuen ranks as the worst in the state among similarly sized communities for the amounts of solid waste we dispose per household, and nearly last in recycling. These trends are increasingly expensive for our city and terrible for our environment.

Question: Who Will Be Getting the Carts?

- Every Methuen residential unit receiving curbside service (including those in multiple unit structures-duplexes, buildings with 1-4 dwelling units) will receive a 64-gallon trash cart and a 95-gallon cart for single stream recyclables.

Question: Do I have to put trash and recyclables in my new carts?

- Yes, the hauler will only collect trash placed in the designated trash receptable. Recyclables collection will continue to be every other week, but instead of using open bins or stickered receptacles, recyclables should be placed in the new 95-gallon wheeled cart with blue lid.

Question: What if I have a large event at my house and generate more trash than can fit in the cart?

- Overflow bags will be available. Each household will receive 2 bags upon the initial distribution of carts to ease the transition to automated pickup. Thereafter, additional bags can be purchased for \$2/per bag at Methuen outlets by the time automated curbside collection begins. Also, additional trash carts will be available to large households or in hardship cases at an annual fee.

Question: What if I want a smaller cart than the 64-gallon trash cart or the 95-gallon recycle cart?

- Contact Methuen DPW. After the initial distribution of carts this summer, the city will switch out large carts with 35-gallon carts if requested by residents.

Question: What materials can be placed in the Recycle Cart?

- All single-stream recyclables should go in your Recycle Cart – plastic bottles, jugs & containers (rinsed & clean); Aluminum/steel/tin cans (rinsed & clean); Newspaper; Cardboard (flatten); Mixed office paper, junk mail etc.; Glass (rinsed & clean)

Question: Won’t this cart system just generate even more illegal dumping?

- Mayor Perry and his administration are prioritizing clean streets and dumping enforcement. Every effort will be made to identify persons responsible for dumping, and the city will rigorously enforce anti-dumping with fines and penalties. Monitoring cameras are being installed. Anyone who witnesses illegal dumping is asked to report such incidents to the Methuen Police and DPW.

Question: What if my cart is stolen or damaged?

1. Contact the vendor E.L. Harvey at 508-836-3000. E.L. Harvey is putting in place a system for monitoring inventory of carts, maintaining carts, and replacing irreparable or lost/stolen carts.

Question: What do I do with my large bulky items like old couches or furniture?

- Starting with the initiation of automated collection, these items will no longer be collected in the regular trash. Residents should consider donations to reuse programs for these items. Alternatively, residents can arrange for curbside pick-up for a fee, or these items can also be brought to the Methuen Transfer Station on Huntington Avenue. See Page 3 of this newsletter for a more detailed explanation of these options.

Question: How do I dispose of my old mattress?

- Starting this fall, under MassDEP regulations, mattresses no longer will be allowed to be disposed of at incinerators or landfills. You can schedule curbside pickup of mattresses for a fee with E.L. Harvey who will transport mattresses to a recycling processing center. Alternatively, you can bring old mattresses to retail outlets where you purchased bedding supplies.

Question: What do I do with old clothing?

- Effective this fall, textiles are subject to the Massachusetts waste ban and cannot be disposed in landfills or incinerators. Old clothes and shoes can be dropped off at donation boxes located at municipal locations including all schools, the North End Fire Station, and the Methuen Transfer Station. Do not put textile materials in the Trash cart or the Single Stream Recycle Cart.

Methuen Trash/Recycling Program Timeline

August 31, 2022	September 12, 2022	September 25, 2022	October 3, 2022
Second round of postcards will be sent to homes with details about the new carts.	New trash and recycling carts will begin to be distributed.	Final round of postcards will be sent to homes with details regarding the new recycling and bulk item policy.	New Trash and Recycling Program starts.

Disposal of Bulk Items in Methuen’s New Trash/Recycling Program



A main contributor to Methuen’s soaring trash disposal costs and waste tonnage has been bulk item waste - those large, heavy items like couches, carpets, and mattresses.

Methuen has been among the dwindling few communities in the region that, until now, has been without effective trash limits and fees for curbside disposal for most bulk items. And the consequences have been predictable. We’ve seen more of these bulk items transported to our streets and an increased cost burden placed on taxpayers. Unfortunately, Methuen has become a “trash destination” in the Merrimack Valley. That is about to change under Methuen’s new trash & recycling program.

Effective October 3, 2022, bulk items will no longer be picked up with trash. Residents can still have these items picked up from their homes, but must call ahead and pay a fee for the service. Depending on the circumstances of each resident, the city has developed three different options for disposing of bulk items.

First, for residents who wish to have the items picked up as soon as possible, a call can be made directly to E.L. Harvey and Sons to arrange pickup and pay the fee. This pick up will generally be done within a week. This is the most expensive of the options available to residents, with the premium being on expeditious service. Residents can call E.L. Harvey at 508-836-3000 or contact them through their website, <http://www.elharvey.com>

Second, a mid-range cost service is to call the city’s Department of Public Works at 978-983-8545 or make contact through the city website at www.cityofmethuen.net DPW crew pick up will be scheduled within approximately two weeks.

Third, residents may purchase an annual Transfer Station sticker for their personal vehicles and drop off items at the Methuen Transfer Station on Huntington Avenue. Residents will pay a smaller fee that is based upon the weight of the item(s) they dispose.

New Reuse Program Encourages Ways to Recycle & Reduce Waste

In addition to the services provided by the City of Methuen and E. L. Harvey, there are a multitude of private companies that provide recycling and reusing services to both help save the environment and promote business. From Bicycles to Books to Batteries to Blankets, there are numerous businesses and agencies that will accept and dispose of a number of items. **Here are just a few local options of which to take advantage:**



Cell Phones, Computers, & Components: Best Buy (290 S Broadway E, Salem, NH) accepts up to 3 items per households per day free of charge. Visit www.bestbuy.com

Eyeglasses: Any Walmart store that has a Walmart Vision Center (326 N Broadway, Salem, NH) is partnered with Lions Club, to collect donations of old eyeglasses.

Fluorescent Light Bulbs: The Home Depot (72 Pleasant Valley Street, Methuen, MA) accepts fluorescent blubs for recycling free of charge in their drop off bin. Visit corporate.homedepot.com

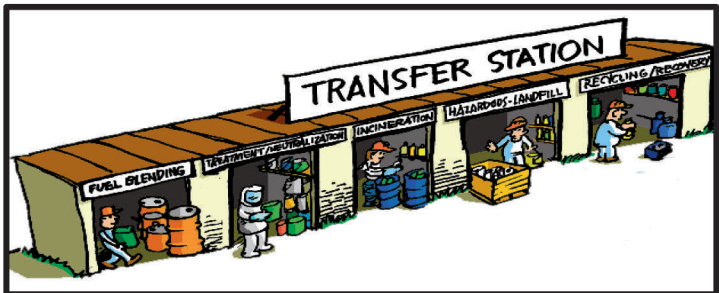
Ink Cartridges: Walgreens will refill cartridges for cheaper rate than buying new ones. Staples will take ink cartridges for recycling free of charge.

Sharps and Needles: The Methuen Police Station (90 Hampshire Street Methuen, MA) has a needle disposal kiosk located in its lobby for proper disposal of these hazards. Visit www.cityofmethuen.net/police-department

Metal Items and Scrap Metal: Windfield Alloy Inc. will take scrap metal usually free of charge. The Methuen Transfer Station also accepts extra scrap metal for a fee, and you must have a transfer station sticker. Visit windfieldalloy.com

Tires: Broadway Tire Pros (456 Broadway, Lawrence, MA) will accept car tires for \$7.00 per tire. Visit broadwaytire-auto.com

Latex Paint: Latex paint can be thrown away in standard trash collection once it is dry. To ensure it is dry, pour it out in a small portion and wait for it to dry. After one portion has dried, pour the next portion and repeat until it is all dry. An alternative way is to put sawdust, kitty litter, or another absorbent material to dry out the paint faster.



The Methuen Transfer Station web page features fees, item disposal information, and upcoming extended hours.

Visit www.cityofmethuen.net/transferstation

City of Methuen Rolls Out New Recycling & Garbage Carts

As part of the new trash/recycling program, the City of Methuen will be delivering new recycling and garbage carts for residents in September as we gear up for official launch of its cart-based trash and recycling service.

Earlier this summer, Mayor Neil Perry executed a three-year haul contract with E.L. Harvey & Sons for curbside collection, disposal, and processing of Methuen’s trash and recycling.

The contract restructures the city service with the aim of improving service efficiency, increasing recycling, and reducing litter through deployment of collection vehicles able to provide automated pickup of standard issue wheeled carts, all secured with lids.

The new cart-based system officially launches city-wide on October 3. It replaces an outdated system that earned Methuen ranking as one of the worst-performing communities in terms trash generated and low recycling rates

From 2017 to 2021, Methuen collected trash tonnage increased 19% from 18,000 tons to 20,500 tons annually. Meanwhile over that same period, recycling collection decreased 20% from 3400 tons to a little over 2,700 tons last year.

“We essentially had no limits on trash and became known as the community where you could dump your couch or mattress for free and have the Methuen taxpayer foot the bill.” says Mayor Perry.

“Most of the complaints I’ve received from residents over the past two and a half years have had to do with trash. We’ve had missed collections because the contractor can’t finish the route on time due to large trash volumes or labor shortages. On windy, stormy days, we’ve got garbage and recyclables strewn all over neighborhoods. The litter on our streets, the costs and amount of trash have been getting out of control,” says the Mayor, “We desperately needed to make major changes.”

Under the new system, each household with municipal collection, will receive two lidded, wheeled carts marked with the City seal - a 64-gallon cart for weekly garbage collection and a 95-gallon cart for single stream recyclable materials. The new standardized carts replace the smaller bins and various receptacles currently used for residential recycling. They come with wheels for easy maneuvering and attached lids to keep recyclables dry and secure. Only materials fitting in the carts will be collected. For trash, overflow bags will be available for purchase and for hardship cases, such as large families, additional garbage carts can be leased for an annual fee. Use of the standard carts will better control street litter and give residents incentive to recycle and manage cart capacity.

WE'RE ON A ROLL

CARTS ARRIVE SEPTEMBER 2022

LOS CARROS ESTARÁN LLEGANDO SEPTIEMBRE 2022

LA RUEDA DEL ÉXITO NOS ACOMPAÑA



Meet your new recycling and trash carts, Methuen.

Te presentamos los nuevos carros de reciclaje y basura.



To learn more:
Para obtener más información:
cityofmethuen.net/recycling
978-983-8545

Don't Need a Large Cart? Swap It!

“Seniors and other residents who do not need a 64 gallon trash and 95 gallon recycling cart can swap them out for smaller carts by calling 978-208-5006 after September 12th. Please do NOT call until you receive your original carts.”

- Mayor Neil Perry

The City of Methuen applied for and received a grant from The Recycling Partnership, a nonprofit organization that works with city governments nationwide to transform their recycling programs. Methuen was selected to receive grant support because of its dedication to advancing recycling in the community. The grant from The Recycling Partnership will help pay for up to 15,000 new recycling carts and includes funding for education and outreach about the new collection process.

“The Recycling Partnership, with support from the American Beverage’s Every Bottle Back initiative, is excited to work with the City of Methuen to improve the community’s recycling program,” says Haley Gabbard, Community Program Manager at The Recycling Partnership. “The additional space will allow residents to recycle more which

supports local jobs and captures more valuable recyclables needed to make new products and packaging.”

The City asks residents to continue to do their part by placing only recyclable materials in their carts, including aluminum and steel cans, glass bottles and jars, paper products (including newspapers, flattened cardboard, and empty pizza boxes), and empty plastic bottles and containers. To help limit contamination, give food and drink containers a quick rinse and then place them directly into the recycling cart.

Some items that cannot be recycled in the cart include food and beverage cartons, plastic bags, paper towels, electrical equipment, batteries, and clothing. These items often get mixed into recycling carts because of “wishcycling,” or the hope that they can be recycled. While well-intentioned, non-recyclable items cause serious issues for workers at the processing facilities.

If your cart is lost or damaged, call E.L. Harvey at 508-836-3000. For more information on what can and can’t go into the cart, visit www.cityofmethuen.net/recycling

CLIP & SAVE: City of Methuen 2022 Recycling Calendar

With the new Trash/Recycling Program, there is NO CHANGE in your trash & recycling pickup schedule. Trash continues to be collected weekly, and recycling continues on an every-other-week schedule based on the A/B Street List. To access the street list, visit www.cityofmethuen.net/recycling.

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2022 BI-WEEKLY CURBSIDE RECYCLING CALENDAR/TRASH DISPOSAL INFORMATION



Recyclables are collected every other week on your regular trash collection day. Place bins, paper bags and/or containers marked for Recycling at curb, **separate from Trash, by 7AM**. All A-WEEKS are collected during weeks highlighted in **Blue - A-Week** and all B-WEEKS are collected during weeks highlighted in **Green- B-Week** on the calendar below.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - PER CITY CONTRACTS

Recycling Collection (BI-Weekly)/Trash Collection (Weekly) Follows the following Holiday Schedule:

Whenever a scheduled collection day falls on a Holiday, that day's collection and all remaining collections for the week will be delayed one day.
Example "Friday's collection will be on Saturday" Holiday related. NO-Collection days are shaded in RED-H, Holiday.

Saturday, 1/01/22 - New Year's Day Monday - 1/17/22 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Monday - 2/21/22 - Washington's Birthday (President's Day) Monday - 4/18/22 - Patriot's Day	Monday - 5/30/22 - Memorial Day Monday - 7/4/22 - Independence Day Monday - 9/5/22 - Labor Day Monday - 10/10/22 - Columbus Day	Friday - 11/11/22 - Veterans Day Thursday - 11/24/22 - Thanksgiving Day Monday - 12/26/22 - Christmas Day celebrated
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Note: Trash & Recycling **WILL BE COLLECTED**, on these specific days, Good Friday - (4/15/22) and Day after Thanksgiving -

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Household Hazardous Waste Day 6/25/22

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SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING MAKES IT EASY TO RECYCLE!

- Please recycle everything possible using bins and/or containers (e.g. barrels) marked for Recycling.
 - Flatten cardboard boxes to 3'x3' or smaller (to fit in truck). Flattened boxes can be mixed with other recyclables.
 - Place all recyclables separate (4 ft. or more) from trash at curb by 7AM on your collection day.
 - **PLEASE DO NOT MIX TRASH OR OTHER CONTAMINENTS** (plastic bags, coat hangers, food scraps) in with recyclables.
- Thank you for recycling and helping to save Tax Dollars by reducing unnecessary trash disposal costs.



SAVE THE DATE: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

When: Saturday, June 25, 2022
Location: Methuen Transfer Station, 50 Huntington Avenue, Methuen, MA 01844
Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 noon



SPRING & FALL LEAF/YARD WASTE PROGRAM CONTINUED: Based on your Recycling Schedule

Beginning **A** week 5/23/22 and Ending: **B** week 7/15/22

- Residents are required to put leaves/grass clippings in paper bags ONLY, NO PLASTIC BAGS, or they can be put in garbage cans clearly marked Yard Waste.
 - Brush/Branches will be tied in bundles, not in barrels or bags, of no more than four (4) feet in length and four (4) inches in diameter.
- For more information on these Programs, please call 978-983-8545 or visit www.cityofmethuen.net

Why Recycle? – It’s Good for the Environment and it Saves Methuen Taxpayers Money



Trash disposal is costly and getting more expensive for cities and towns. No waste disposal facilities are being developed in Massachusetts. In fact, they’ve been closing.

According to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, there are only 5 landfills open in the state - all planning to close by 2030 - and only seven waste incinerators, all operating at or near capacity including the facilities in North Andover and Haverhill where Methuen’s trash ends up after pickup. About 30% of waste generated in the Commonwealth is transported out of state.

For Methuen and other communities, limited waste disposal capacity translates to cost increases in tipping fees - the per tonnage waste disposal cost charged by

haulers and disposal facilities. Methuen, in the current fiscal year FY 2023, is being charged a tipping fee of \$100/ton. That’s a 33% increase in the \$75/ton Methuen paid just four years ago.

Over the same period, market demand changes have dramatically increased the value of recyclable materials such as cardboard. The value of that material is used by many communities, including Methuen under the new trash/recycling contract, to leverage reduction in recycling processing costs.

With the credit for average market value of recyclables, processing cost for recycling this quarter at the start of the contract with E.L. Harvey is \$35/ton - that’s 65% less than the rate Methuen taxpayers are paying in waste tipping fees.

In addition, Methuen can reduce our recycling costs even further by reducing contamination in the recycling materials collected. Much of that contamination is in the form of plastic bags, food, tanglers, or materials that should be in the trash cart. Based on data from the Material Recovery Facility operated by E.L. Harvey, recycling contamination rate is estimated at 16%.

For a more sustainable environment and to control trash disposal costs, the rational policy for Methuen and other communities is clear: Set up programs and policies to encourage household waste reduction and more recycling with reduced contamination.

Compost Bins Help Cut Methuen Trash Disposal Costs

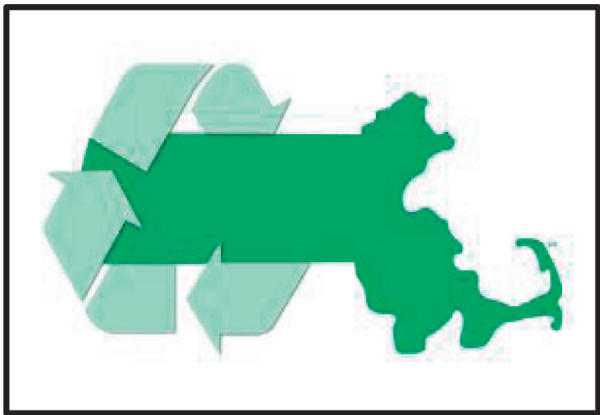
According to MassDEP, Food waste makes up 21.5% of the trash collected in Massachusetts. One way you can help cut city trash disposal costs is to keep organic material such as fruit and vegetable food scraps out of the waste stream and practice composting at home.



The City of Methuen offers backyard compost bins at a reduced cost to Methuen residents thanks in part to funding from the MassDEP Recycling Dividends Program. To obtain a compost bin while supplies last, contact the Methuen Conservation Division by emailing jfurey@ci.methuen.ma.us. Here are some composting tips to generate soil that will help enrich your garden and reduce trash cart waste:

- Select a dry, shady spot near a water source for your compost pile or bin.
- Add brown and green materials as they are collected, making sure larger pieces are chopped or shredded.
- Moisten dry materials as they are added.
- Once your compost pile is established, mix grass clippings and green waste into the pile and bury fruit and vegetable waste under 10 inches of compost material.

Massachusetts Waste Ban Expanded To Include Clothing & Mattresses



Responding to the need for managing statewide limited landfill and waste incinerator capacity in Massachusetts, the state is expanding the list of materials that cities and towns are banned from collecting for trash disposal.

Under MassDEP regulations effective November 1st, 2022, disposal facilities will no longer accept most mattresses and textiles including used clothing. Instead, mandatory recycling/reuse is required for these materials. Also under the new waste ban regulations, businesses or institutions that generate more than ½ ton per week of food waste will be required to implement composting programs.

In Methuen beginning October 3, mattresses will be collected through a fee schedule system as bulk items and will be recycled through the municipal contract with E.L.

Harvey. Regarding textiles, Methuen residents are encouraged to donate used clothing to charitable organizations or use any of the clothing/shoe collection boxes located throughout the City. Other materials banned from disposal at landfills and incinerators under prior MassDEP waste ban regulations are bottles, cans, jars, jugs and tubs, as well as glass, metal, and plastic containers. Additional banned materials include paper & cardboard, yard waste, large appliances, tires, cathode ray tubes, vehicle batteries, and construction materials.



Methuen inicia un nuevo programa de basura y reciclaje

La Ciudad de Methuen anuncia la implementación de un nuevo programa de basura y reciclaje que entrará en vigencia en toda la Ciudad el 3 de Octubre de 2022. El programa de basura es parte de un nuevo contrato con E.L. Harvey Waste and Recycling, el nuevo proveedor de servicios para la Ciudad. Todos los hogares atendidos por la recolección de desechos y reciclaje de Methuen recibirán nuevos barriles uno de 65 galones para desechos y otro barril de reciclaje de 95 galones para acomodar una recolección automatizada en la acera más eficiente con camiones de basura equipados con brazos mecánicos. El servicio automatizado es más limpio, más eficiente y más seguro. El agotador trabajo de levantar y descargar botes de basura y contenedores de reciclaje en camiones ya no se realizará manualmente.

Todos los recipientes de recolección tendrán tapas para evitar que los materiales ensucien nuestras calles. Y con los hogares que tienen incentivos bajo el sistema de barriles para reciclar, ahorraremos dinero de los contribuyentes al reducir significativamente nuestro tonelaje de desechos y desviar más materiales al reciclaje, que es menos costoso y mejor para el medio ambiente. Se distribuirán nuevos barriles a todas las unidades residenciales elegibles para el servicio en la acera a partir del mediados de Septiembre. Solo se recogerá la basura que se coloque en el contenedor de basura designado o en bolsas azules de desbordamiento. Las bolsas de desbordamiento, marcadas con el sello de la Ciudad, estarán disponibles para su compra a \$10 por 5 bolsas. Esté atento a su correo y redes sociales para obtener más información sobre el nuevo programa en las próximas semanas, y visite la página web de Servicios de reciclaje y basura de la Ciudad de Methuen en www.cityofmethuen.net/recycling o llame a Jordan Normandia al 978-983-8506 si tiene preguntas, o para organizar una presentación del programa dentro de su vecindario.

Eliminación de Artículos a Granel

A partir del 3 de Octubre de 2022, los artículos a granel ya no se recogerán con la basura. Los residentes aún pueden pedir que se recojan estos artículos en sus hogares, pero deben llamar con anticipación y pagar una tarifa por el servicio. Dependiendo de las circunstancias de cada residente, la Ciudad ha desarrollado tres opciones diferentes para desechar artículos a granel. Primero, para los residentes que deseen que los artículos sean recogidos lo antes posible, pueden llamar directamente a E.L. Harvey para organizar la recogida y pagar la tarifa. Esta recogida se realizará generalmente en el plazo de una semana. Esta es la más cara de las opciones disponibles para los residentes, y la prima es el servicio rápido. **E.L. Harvey: 508-836-3000, <http://www.elharvey.com/>**.

En segundo lugar, un servicio de costo medio es llamar al Departamento de Obras Públicas de la Ciudad al 978-983-8545, o ponerse en contacto a través del sitio web de la Ciudad. La recogida del equipo de DPW se programará dentro de aproximadamente dos semanas. En tercer lugar, los residentes pueden comprar una calcomanía anual de la estación de transferencia para sus vehículos personales (\$ para automóviles, \$ para camiones) y dejar artículos en la estación de transferencia de Methuen en Huntington Avenue. Los residentes pagarán una tarifa menor que se basa en el peso de los artículos que desechan. Las tarifas para todas estas opciones de servicio se publicarán en el sitio web de basura y reciclaje de la Ciudad de Methuen, en www.cityofmethuen.net/recycling



Regístrese con alcalde Perry

El alcalde Perry está organizando sesiones informativas sobre basura/reciclaje para residentes

26 de julio - MAN, Inc. 

3 de agosto – Mann Orchards 

8 de agosto – Irish Cottage 

15 de agosto – Senior Center & VFW Post 8349 

Proxima Sesión: 17 de agosto, Nevins Library, 305 Broadway, 7pm

El alcalde Perry agradece la oportunidad de reunirse con usted y sus vecinos sobre el programa de basura. Comuníquese con Jordan Normandia al 978-983-8505, jnormandia@ci.methuen.ma.us
Visite methuentv.org para ver videos de sesiones anteriores.

Preguntas Frecuentes Sobre el Nuevo Programa de Basura y Reciclaje

- Pregunta:** ¿Quién recibirá los barriles?
→ Cada hogar residencial de Methuen que reciba servicio en la acera (incluidos aquellos en estructuras de unidades múltiples, dúplex, edificios con 1 a 4 unidades de vivienda) recibirá un barril de basura de 64 galones y un barril de 95 galones para materiales reciclables de flujo único.
- Pregunta:** ¿Tengo que poner basura y materiales reciclables en mis nuevos contenedores?
→ Sí... El transportista solo recogerá la basura colocada en el receptáculo de basura designado. La recolección de materiales reciclables seguirá realizándose cada dos semanas, pero en lugar de utilizar contenedores abiertos o receptáculos con calcomanías, los materiales reciclables deben colocarse en el nuevo barril con ruedas de 95 galones con tapa azul.
- Pregunta:** ¿Qué sucede si quiero un contenedor más pequeño que el contenedor de basura de 64 galones o el contenedor de reciclaje de 95 galones?
→ Comuníquese con Methuen DPW. Después de la distribución inicial de los barriles este verano, la Ciudad cambiará los barriles grandes por barriles de 35 galones si así lo solicitan los residentes.
- Pregunta:** ¿Qué materiales se pueden colocar en el barril de reciclaje?
→ Todos los materiales reciclables de flujo único deben ir en su barril de reciclaje: botellas, jarras y recipientes de plástico (enjuagados y limpios); Latas de aluminio/acero/estaño (enjuagadas y limpias); Periódico; Cartón (aplanado); papel de oficina mixto, correo no deseado, etc.; Vidrio (enjuagado y limpio)
- Pregunta:** ¿Qué hago con mis artículos grandes y voluminosos, como sofás o muebles viejos, viejo colchon?
→ A partir del inicio de la recolección automatizada, estos artículos ya no se recolectarán en la basura normal. Los residentes deben considerar la donación para programas de reutilización de estos artículos. Alternativamente, los residentes pueden comunicarse con el proveedor E.L. Harvey para programar la recogida especial en la acera de estos artículos a granel según el programa de tarifas aprobado por la Ciudad o dejar estos artículos en la estación de transferencia de Methuen. A partir de este otoño, según las normas de MassDEP, ya no se permitirá desechar los colchones en incineradores o vertederos. Puede programar la recogida de colchones en la acera por una tarifa con el proveedor de la Ciudad E.L. Harvey, quien transportará los colchones a un centro de procesamiento de reciclaje. Alternativamente, puede llevar colchones viejos a los puntos de venta donde compró ropa de cama. Para obtener más información, visite www.cityofmethuen.net/recycling

Message from the Mayor

Working Together with Trash and Recycling Changes

Let's talk trash. No, seriously. It's an important issue, and this entire newsletter is dedicated to helping you understand the timeline and changes that become effective on October 3rd. Why the changes? Simply put, we have been paying significantly more for trash the last five years, and it is impacting our taxes. Fewer landfills are open, causing delays for haulers and in completing routes. In addition, Methuen is not a recycling friendly city with a recycling rate around 17%. We simply need to change how we address trash and recycling, and while we know that change is hard, we will get through this together. We've put a great deal of time and effort into helping residents through this important transition, and this newsletter is only one way to keep you informed .

By now, hopefully, you've had a chance to attend one of our neighborhood discussions with more to be scheduled. Please know that we are happy to come talk to you and your neighbors to help you understand. Simply call Jordan Normandia in the Mayor's Office at 978-983-8505 and we will be happy to schedule some time. You will also receive three important post cards that highlight the key changes over the course of the next month to six weeks.



Mayor Neil Perry

Important Facts:

- During the week of September 12, every legal residence in the city will receive one 64 gallon trash cart and one 95 gallon recycling cart. Multiple family dwellings will receive one 64 gallon trash cart and one 95 gallon recycling cart for each dwelling. The distribution of carts will be accompanied by a welcome packet that highlights key elements of the change.
- In addition, the city will provide some initial overflow bags for use on **TRASH ONLY**. Additional bags will also be available for purchase at the cost of \$10 for 5 bags. Bags will be available at City Hall, Senior Center, Nevins Library, as well as some commercial stores in Methuen TBD.
- Extra 64 gallon trash carts are also available at a cost of \$100 per year with an avenue for those who cannot afford them. Families can apply online at cityofmethuen.net/recycling
- Seniors and residents who do not need a 64 gallon trash and 95 gallon recycling cart can swap them out for smaller carts by calling 978-208-5006 after September 12th. **Please do NOT call until you receive your original carts.**
- The City of Methuen website (www.cityofmethuen.net) has been updated with links that address all of these features, including a Recyclopedia that allows you to type in any item, in English or Spanish, to see if it can be recycled and view low or no cost methods of disposal.
- Effective October 3, residents can no longer put bulk items curbside; but have three options for removal. They can contact E.L. Harvey and pay a fee for same week pickup, call the DPW at 978-983-8545 to schedule a pickup at a reduced rate within two weeks, or get a landfill sticker and pay by weight of bulk refuse.
- Do not put overflow trash in the recycle cart once the program begins on October 3. Contamination will result in the carts being tagged and not picked up by the hauler. Use overflow bags or obtain an extra cart if necessary.
- Mistakes will be made, and in some cases haulers will miss pickups. We ask you to use the SeeClickFix app on the city website home page to report any trash related issues. Pickup vehicles will be equipped with GPS and cameras enabling us to see why a pickup was missed.

I know there will be questions and issues as we transition to this new program, but we will work with you to ensure a smooth transition. You are taking an important step for you, your children, and your grandchildren as we move Methuen forward to a recycling friendly city. As always, feel free to reach out to me if you have unanswered questions or concerns. I appreciate your willingness to work with us as we make this important transition.

Mensaje del Alcalde

Trabajando Juntos con los Cambios de Basura y Reciclaje

Hablemos de basura. No en serio. Es un tema importante, y todo este boletín está dedicado a ayudarlo a comprender la línea de tiempo y los cambios que entrarán en vigencia el 3 de Octubre. ¿Por qué los cambios? En pocas palabras, hemos estado pagando mucho más por la basura en los últimos cinco años y está afectando nuestros impuestos. Hay menos vertederos abiertos, lo que provoca retrasos para los transportistas y para completar las rutas. Además, Methuen no es una Ciudad amigable con el reciclaje con una tasa de reciclaje de alrededor del 17 %. Simplemente necesitamos cambiar la forma en que abordamos la basura y el reciclaje, y aunque sabemos que el cambio es difícil, lo superaremos juntos. Hemos dedicado una gran cantidad de tiempo y esfuerzo para ayudar a los residentes a través de esta importante transición, y este boletín informativo es solo una forma de mantenerlo informado. A estas alturas, con suerte, ya ha tenido la oportunidad de asistir a una de nuestras discusiones vecinales con más por programar.

Tenga en cuenta que nos complace venir a hablar con usted y sus vecinos para ayudarlo a comprender. Simplemente llame a Jordan Normandia en la Oficina del Alcalde al 978-983-8505 y estaremos encantados de programar un horario. También recibirá tres tarjetas postales importantes que destacan los cambios clave en el transcurso del próximo mes a seis semanas.

Hechos importantes:

- Durante la semana del 12 de Septiembre, cada residencia legal en la Ciudad recibirá un barril de basura de 64 galones y un barril de reciclaje de 95 galones. Las viviendas familiares múltiples recibirán un contenedor de basura de 64 galones y un barril de reciclaje de 95 galones para cada vivienda. La distribución de barriles irá acompañada de un paquete de bienvenida que destaca los elementos clave del cambio.
- Además, la Ciudad proporcionará algunas bolsas de desbordamiento iniciales para usar **SOLAMENTE EN LA BASURA**. Bolsas adicionales también estarán disponibles para su compra a un costo de \$10 por 5 bolsas. Las bolsas estarán disponibles en City Hall, Senior Center, Nevins Library, así como en algunas tiendas comerciales en Methuen TBD.
- Los barriles de basura adicionales de 64 galones también están disponibles a un costo de \$100 por año con una vía para aquellos que no pueden pagarlos. Las familias pueden presentar su solicitud en línea en cityofmethuen.net/recycling
- Las personas mayores y los residentes que no necesitan un contenedor de basura de 64 galones y un contenedor de reciclaje de 95 galones pueden cambiarlos por contenedores más pequeños llamando al 978-983-8545 después del 12 de Septiembre. **NO llame hasta que reciba sus barriles originales.**
- El sitio web de la Ciudad de Methuen (www.cityofmethuen.net) se ha actualizado con enlaces que abordan todas estas características, incluida una Reciclopedia que le permite escribir cualquier artículo, en inglés o español, para ver si se puede reciclar y ver métodos de eliminación de bajo costo o sin costo alguno.
- A partir del 3 de Octubre, los residentes ya no pueden dejar artículos a granel en la acera; pero tiene tres opciones para la eliminación. Pueden ponerse en contacto con E.L. Harvey y pague una tarifa por la recolección en la misma semana, o llame al DPW al 978-983-8545 para programar una recolección a una tarifa reducida dentro de dos semanas, u obtenga una etiqueta de vertedero y pague por peso de la basura a granel.
- No coloque la basura sobrante en el contenedor de reciclaje una vez que el programa comience el 3 de Octubre. La contaminación resultará en que los contenedores sean etiquetados y no recogidos por el transportista. Use bolsas de desbordamiento u obtenga un barril adicional si es necesario.
- Se cometerán errores y, en algunos casos, los transportistas perderán las recogidas. Le pedimos que use la aplicación SeeClickFix en la página de inicio del sitio web de la Ciudad para informar cualquier problema relacionado con la basura. Los vehículos de recogida estarán equipados con GPS y cámaras que nos permitirán ver por qué se perdió una recogida.

Sé que habrá preguntas y problemas a medida que hagamos la transición a este nuevo programa. Está dando un paso importante para usted, sus hijos y sus nietos a medida que avanzamos en Methuen hacia una Ciudad amigable con el reciclaje. Como siempre, no dude en comunicarse conmigo si tiene preguntas o inquietudes sin respuesta. Agradezco su disposición a trabajar con nosotros mientras hacemos esta importante transición.