

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS **TO THE DPW**

1. MY TRASH PICKUP WAS MISSED. WHAT DO I DO?

Please call the DPW (781- 477-7099) the following day, preferably early morning. The telephone lines open at 7:00 a.m. The City's trash contractor, Waste Management, per City Contract, has until 9:00 A.M the following day to collect your trash.

However, before you call the DPW, check for the following:

- That it is the scheduled trash day for your area;
- That trash barrels/bags weigh less than 50 lbs;
- That not more than 6 items per household are put out;
- That no construction materials are with trash;
- That no leaf and yard waste is with trash;
- That no household hazardous waste products are with trash;
- That aerosol cans are empty before placing in trash;

2. MY RECYCLING PICKUP WAS MISSED. WHAT DO I DO?

Please call the DPW (781-477-7099) the following day, preferably early morning. The telephone lines open at 7:00 a.m. The City's trash contractor, Waste Management, per City Contract, has until 9:00 A.M the following day to collect your recycling materials. NOTE: The City implements a bi-weekly collection recycling program.

However, before you call the DPW, check for the following:

- That recycling includes only: Newspaper, books, cardboard, paperboard, junk mail, office and computer paper, phone books, magazines catalogs, brown paper bags, glass bottles and jars, aluminum/tin/steel cans and plastic containers (labeled 1 to 7 only);
- That recycling is placed out on the right week (Blue/green week);
- That recyclables placed in the bin comply with the entire requisites of the recycling calendar. (i.e. Plastics 1 to 7 only);
- Cardboard needs to be flattened;

THE CITY DOES NOT RECYCLE: White goods (i.e. refrigerators, water heaters, washer/dryer, air conditioners, chemical containers, batteries, auto tires, oil paint cans, motor oil, aerosol paint cans, plastics bags, construction debris, ceramics, soiled paper (i.e. pizza boxes), light bulbs, window glass, auto glass, dishes, glasses, Pyrex bake ware and mirrors.

3. WHAT AM I SUPPOSE TO DO WITH WHITE GOODS (REFRIGERATORS, WASHERS, DRYERS, WATER HEATERS, AIR CONDITIONERS?)

Large appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers are banned from disposal in the State of Massachusetts. Large appliances contain Chlorofluorocarbons that when released, reacts with the ozone in the upper atmosphere, reducing this layer's protective properties against Ultraviolet radiation.

Placing air conditioners or large appliances on the City of Lynn's curbs or on city streets constitutes an illegal disposal that can be penalized with a large fine by the city's enforcing officials.

Most stores in the State of Massachusetts, when purchasing a new appliance, will remove the old one for a minimum fee. In addition, some used appliance stores, located in Lynn, if your old appliance is still in working condition, will remove it at NO charge. Check the Yellow Pages for used appliance store listings.

In the City of Lynn, there are many private contractors; such as Turner Trucking located at 260 Commercial Street, which will take your white goods for a minimum fee. Some contractors offer home collection. Check the Yellow Pages under Disposal Contractors or Garbage Removal for listings.

FYI

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

The most common household hazardous waste is Motor Oil. Most stores will take the used (burned) motor oil if you bring receipt of a new oil purchase.

Antifreeze, oil paint, paint thinners, gasoline, pool chemicals, etc; Do not dispose down the drain. Currently, there are several options for Lynn's residents who are looking to dispose of their household hazardous wastes (HHW).

- First, you can call Clean Harbors of Braintree. (781 849-1800 x 3100)
This is a permitted Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility for hazardous wastes. This facility is allowed by the State to receive HHW. The residents would need to call and make an appointment to arrive at the plant. The cost for disposal is \$2.50 per pound. The plant can also give you directions on how to get there and what types of materials are acceptable.
- Second, you can call the Minuteman Household Hazardous Products Facility in Lexington, MA. This facility is open one Saturday a month, from April to October. As a non-resident, Lynn residents would be required to pay for the disposal of their HHW. The costs are \$35.00 for up to 12 gallons or 12 pounds of waste. \$60.00 for up to 25 gallons or 25 pounds of waste.

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Automotive Batteries: Do not put batteries in the trash. They contain Sulfuric Acid. Batteries are banned from landfill sites and incinerators. Most automotive battery retailers will accept used batteries when purchasing a new one. Take your used batteries to service stations or repair garages that accept automobile batteries. Many garages, auto salvage operations, and scrap metal yards will take automobile batteries provided they are not broken or leaking.

Battery recycle information:

Car Batteries:

- Auto Zone, 637 Lynnway, Lynn, MA 01905 -781-598-9200
- Caps Auto Wrecking Corp, 1069 Rear Western Ave., Lynn, MA 01905 - 781-598-4557;
Hours Monday – Friday 8am-5pm, Saturdays 8am-4pm

Batteries (A, AA, AAA, Rechargeable, Nicad)

- Radio Shack, 50 State St, Lynn, MA 01901
- Best Buy, 1201 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906

Household Battery Note:

- It is safe to place alkaline batteries (AAA, AA, C, D and 9 volt) made after 1994 in the trash.

Electronics and CRTs: The City of Lynn accepts CRT's (Cathode ray tubes), including computer monitors and televisions every Tuesday from 8:30 A.M TO 2:30 P.M. at 250 Commercial Street. Lynn Residents need to show proof of residency. The cost of disposal is \$10.00. Residents are required to purchase a sticker before disposal. In addition, the City is holding three Saturday events per year to accommodate those residents that cannot bring their electronics equipment on Tuesdays. Call the Department **(781- 477-7099)** for more information.

Propane Tanks: The City of Lynn accepts Propane Tanks every Tuesday from 8:30 A.M TO 2:30 P.M. at 250 Commercial Street. Lynn Residents need to show proof of residency. The cost of disposal is \$5.00. Residents are required to purchase a sticker before disposal. In addition, the City is holding three Saturday events per year to accommodate those residents that cannot bring their propane tanks on Tuesdays. Call the Department **(781- 477-7099)** for more information.

Paints: Oil base paint (refer to HHW). Do not put liquid paint in the trash or down the drain. Latex paint can be placed in the trash if dry. To dry small amounts remove lid and let the paint dry in the can. For larger amounts, mix in kitty litter or pour a one-inch layer of paint in a cardboard box lined with plastic bag. Stir the paint occasionally to speed drying. Put completely dried paint in the trash. Placed empty can in the trash.

Demolition Waste: The City does not take demolition debris Waste.

Construction Material

Do not place demolition waste with your regular City trash. Check the yellow pages for Disposal Contractors or Garbage Removal for listings.

SMOKE DETECTORS: Dispose of smoke detectors in the trash.

Mattresses: The City of Lynn allows Lynn residents to throw out mattresses that the combined weight does not exceed 50 pounds. Mattresses need to be placed with the trash.

Mattresses that weigh over 50 pounds will be collected on dumpster days (Refer to recycling brochure for details). Residents may also take them to the Covanta Transfer Station located at 247 Commercial Street (781-593-8107). Lynn Residents will be charged \$0.10 per pound (need proof of residence).

I am a new Lynn Resident, how can I get my recycling collected?

If you moved into a building with less than six units or a condo complex the city will collect your recycling. You need to stop at our office on 250 Commercial Street to obtain a recycling/trash calendar and a "Recycling" sticker that residents may use on any standard household trash barrel. Recyclable items can be placed in the container for easy collection.

Single Stream Recycling: The City of Lynn is now implementing single stream recycling. Single stream recycling allows residents to place all of their recyclable materials into one container. Sorting recyclables is no longer necessary. Residents may use a household barrel with a recycling sticker placed on it or you may use your current blue or green bin.

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