

# Town of Billerica 2009

## Residential Recycling and Trash Collection Guide

Dear Billerica Resident,

The 2009 Recycling and Trash Collection guide has been designed to answer your questions about residential services provided by the town. It covers recycling, trash collection, including bulky items like mattresses or furniture, yard waste and household hazardous waste.

Allied Waste no longer picks up large appliances, TVs and computer monitors or various other large metal items. In this guide you'll find contact information for Appliance Recyclers, the company contracted by the town to collect these items, as well as a list of fees agreed upon by the town. Instructions for bulky items that can be picked up by Allied Waste are also in this guide.

Allied Waste collects solid waste and recycling every Monday, except during weeks when a holiday falls on Monday in which case collection will be on Tuesday. All material must be placed on the curb no later than 7 am on collection day and no earlier than 5 pm of the day before collection.

On October 1, 2007 recycling became mandatory in Billerica, as adopted by the Board of Selectmen. In compliance with Massachusetts DEP Waste Bans, recyclable material must be separated from the trash and must be placed in acceptable containers for collection. Allied Waste will not collect material if it has not been sorted and prepared correctly. Detailed instructions for preparing your recycling can be found in this guide.

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### BILLERICA RECYCLES WEEKLY !!!

**Recycling is mandatory for all households receiving municipal trash service**

Allied Waste picks up trash and recycling every Monday. If material was not placed on the curb on time, or not prepared properly, the resident will need to hold onto the material until the following week.

Note: To report a missed pickup of Trash or Recycling, please call:  
Allied Waste Customer Service at 1-800-442-9006  
or Steve Robertson, Operations Supervisor, Billerica DPW at 978-436-9178.  
Please call by 3:00 pm on Tuesday for a Wednesday missed pick up collection.



For general recycling questions, please call Mary Delahanty (part-time Recycling Coordinator) at 978-671-1337.

# 2009 COLLECTION CALENDAR

**JANUARY 2009**

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## July 2009 AUTOMATED TRASH COLLECTION

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CALENDAR  
LEGEND:

○ TRASH/RECYCLING PICKUP

◇ HOLIDAYS

■ LEAF COLLECTION  
(On Former Trash Day)

▨ WASTE OIL COLLECTION at DPW

△ HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY Saturday, October 17, 2009

✧ CAR TIRES/BATTERY COLLECTION at HOLLANDS (March-October ONLY)

## Automated Trash Collection- July 2009

Every Billerica residence with municipal curbside trash service will receive one free 64 gallon wheeled cart to be used for weekly collection of household trash. Allied Waste will use trucks designed to pick up and empty trash carts using a mechanical arm. Automated trash has several benefits for the town including keeping Billerica streets cleaner on trash collection day and safer for the trash collectors. Residents should wheel the cart to the curb by 7 am on collection day. Recycling will continue to be picked up from recycling bins or barrels clearly marked for recycling. Residents are encouraged to recycle as much as possible in order to ensure their trash will fit in a 64 gallon cart. There is no limit to the amount of recycling a resident can put out for collection.

### Frequently asked Questions

#### **Q. What if I can't fit all my trash in one container?**

A. You may either purchase a roll of special overflow bags at a cost of \$2.00/ bag or pay for an additional trash cart.

**Note:** Residents should have no trouble fitting one week's trash in a 64 gallon trash cart if they are recycling.

Remember there is no limit to the amount of recycling you can put out.

#### **Q. How much does a second trash cart cost?**

A. For the first year the fee for the second trash cart is \$165. This includes the cost of the cart, additional labor costs and disposal fees. If you want the cart for a second year the fee is \$100 covering labor and disposal costs.

#### **Q. What happens if I decide I don't need the second cart?**

A. If the cart is returned before the end of six months and it is in good condition, 50% of the fee will be refunded. For example if the cart is returned in the first year before Dec. 31, \$82.50 will be refunded.

#### **Q. What should I do if my cart is broken?**

A. Allied Waste will replace a cart if it is broken in the first 5 years.

### Recycling – It's easy

#### **Containers:**

Plastic bottles, glass bottles and jars and metal cans can all be mixed in one container (either a recycling bin or a barrel labeled for recycling). **FREE** Bottles and Cans labels are available at Town Hall.

#### **Paper, Chipboard and Cardboard:**

Paper products must be separated from containers. Newspapers, magazines, advertisements, junk mail, office paper, phone books, chipboard (for example cereal boxes) and small cardboard boxes can be placed in a recycle bin. Larger boxes need to be flattened and cut to no larger than 36" x 36". Multiple pieces should be stacked up to 8 inches thick and tied or taped in bundles. Remove packing material (plastic and Styrofoam) from boxes prior to recycling.

#### **Remember material collected for recycling will be reprocessed and used to manufacture new items. All items must be clean, free of dirt, grease and food.**

- Take out pizza boxes go in the trash due to likely possibility of food or grease contamination.
- Don't use plastic bags to hold recyclables at the curbside. They make it difficult to sort and process recyclables. Please return plastic bags to your local supermarket for recycling.
- Styrofoam is not recyclable, even if it has the recycling symbol on it, and should be placed in regular trash.
- Recycling bins and trash barrels should be separated, if possible on opposite sides of a driveway or walkway.

## Bulk Items – Collected with curbside trash

Residents may dispose of one bulk item each week with curbside trash. The following items are considered bulk items: mattress, box spring, table, chairs, sofa, love seat, recliner etc. **After July 1, residents will need to contact Allied Waste to schedule a pickup of bulk items. Call 1-800-442-9006**

## Appliance, CRT and Tire Collection Program (Not accepted with curbside trash collection)

To schedule pick up of an item: call **Appliance Recyclers: toll free 1-877-228-2898** or go to **www.applrecyl.com**

Payment may be made by check, credit card or on-line with Pay Pal.  
Pick-up date is scheduled after payment is received.

The following prices will be in place through June 30, 2010.

Item:	Price per Item
White Goods with Freon (for example refrigerators or air conditioners)	\$12
White Goods without Freon (for example washers or dryers)	\$10
Large CRTs, televisions and other monitors with 27" screen or greater measured on the diagonal. Pickup of CRT includes CPU, keyboard, mouse and desktop printer.	\$20
Small CRTs, televisions and other monitors with screens 13"- 26" measured on the diagonal. Pickup of CRT includes CPU, keyboard, mouse and desktop printer.	\$10
Smaller electronics category including: CRTs or flat monitors 12" or less, laptops, VCRs, DVD players	\$5
Tires ( Automobile, SUV or pickup truck)	\$5
Other large metal items: furnaces, boilers, radiators, wood stoves, metal storage sheds, metal bulkheads, snow blowers, ride-on lawn mowers, metal bathtubs, treadmills or garage door openers.	\$10
Push lawn mowers, table saws, gas grills, metal shelves, metal file cabinets	No charge

Appliance Recyclers may take other items. Call for prices and for questions.

## Construction & Demolition Debris (C&D) (Not accepted with curbside trash collection)

Examples of Construction & Demolition Debris include: treated and untreated wood, brick, concrete and asphalt. Disposal of construction and demolition debris from household building or renovation projects is the homeowner's responsibility. Call Allied Waste (1-800-442-9006) for disposals options, or check the yellow pages for other disposal services.

**Very small** quantities (must fit in one bag) may be collected with curbside trash. Allied Waste reserves the right to refuse to pick up unacceptable waste.

# Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

Saturday October 17, 2009 9 am – 1 pm at the  
DPW Highway Yard  
250 Boston Road

## Acceptable Waste:

Radiator Cleaners  
Oven Cleaners  
Ammonia  
Dry Cleaning Fluids  
Floor Cleaners  
Cesspool Cleaners  
Degreasers  
Arts & Crafts supplies  
Metal Polish  
Photo Chemicals  
Creosote  
Wood Preservatives  
Wood Strippers  
Oil Based Paints  
Paint Thinner  
Kerosene

## Acceptable Waste:

Insect Spray  
Pesticides  
Rat Poison  
Herbicides  
Moth Balls  
Non-alkaline batteries  
Fluorescent bulbs  
Brake Fluid  
Gasoline  
Antifreeze  
Rust Preventatives  
Engine/Radiator Flush  
Pool Chemicals  
Muriatic Acid  
Solvents  
Sealants

## Unacceptable Waste:

Commercial Wastes  
Industrial Wastes  
Radioactive Wastes  
Pathogenic Waste  
Drugs regulated by FDA  
Gas Cylinders  
Fireworks  
Explosives  
Ammunition  
Fire Extinguishers \*1  
Smoke Alarms \*2  
Alkaline Batteries \*3  
Waste Automobile Oil \*4  
Lead Acid Batteries / Tires \*5  
Latex Paint \*6  
Propane Tanks \*7

## Notes:

- \*1 Small Kitchen Fire Extinguishers can go in regular trash. Call Fire and Safety Corp. for more information 978-649-4945
- \*2 Smoke Detectors can go in the trash. Remove battery for correct disposal, if it is rechargeable.
- \*3 Alkaline Batteries go in the regular trash.
- \*4 Waste Automobile Oil collected at DPW yard (see schedule on page 2).
- \*5 Bring Lead Acid Batteries and Tires to Holland Auto Parts. Call 978-667-9235 for schedule/fees. Appliance Recyclers will pick up tires. See page 4 for contact information and fee.
- \*6 Empty or dried out Latex Paint cans go in the trash. Special additive is sold to dry out paint.
- \*7 Contact O'Connor Hardware or Taylor Rental for disposal of propane tanks.

## Fluorescent Bulbs - Mercury Recovery Program

Mercury containing items require special handling in order to limit the risk of exposure. Thermometers, thermostats, mercury switches and button cell batteries can be dropped off at the Board of Health office in Town Hall. Fluorescent bulbs including compact bulbs contain a small amount of mercury. They can be dropped off at the DPW Administration office, room G11 in Town Hall or at O'Connor Hardware. Care should be taken to avoid breaking fluorescent bulbs.

### Leaf and Yard Waste collection:

**Spring Collection:** April 27- May 30

**Fall Collection:** Nov 2 – Dec 4

Collection is based on former trash day,  
(Monday – Friday) Varies by address.

See DPW website for info or call for schedule.

Leaves, grass clippings, small brush should be placed in biodegradable paper bags or covered trash barrels clearly labeled for Yard Waste. Yard Waste will not be collected in plastic bags.

### Christmas Tree Pick up (2009)

Allied Waste will collect trees for the first two weeks of January on trash day.

### Yard Waste Disposal (fees apply)

B.M.C Corporation 978-667-2171

1079 South Street - Tewksbury, MA

(Also accepts clean construction wood)

Landscape Express, Inc. 781-933-3818

218 New Boston Street – Woburn, MA

(Also accepts clean construction wood)

Jones Farm 978-256-8065

246 Acton Road – Chelmsford, MA

Leaves and grass only.

Must call to verify availability

### Compost bins

Backyard composting can be done year round.

Bins can be purchased at the DPW Admin office in Town Hall room G-11

Call first to verify availability 978-436-9178

## BRUSH BURNING

**Please Remember!!**

**Brush burning is only allowed**

January 15 – April 30 (between 10 am – 4 pm)

Residents must register at the Fire Station every day before they burn brush. If conditions are not safe, brush burning will not be permitted. Call 978-671-0940 after 8:30 am for details.

### New England Rain Barrels

Watch for information in the spring. Residents will have opportunity to order rain barrels at a discounted price.

For info call 978-671-1337

### Donate useable items:

Please consider donating useable items in good condition to a local charity.

#### **The Lowell Wish Project**

1 A Foundry Street Lowell, MA

call for info 978-441-WISH (9474)

[www.TheWishProject.org](http://www.TheWishProject.org)

#### **Mission of Deeds**

6 Chapin Ave Reading MA

(781) 944-9797

<http://www.missionofdeeds>

#### **Salvation Army Thrift Store**

625 Main Street Wilmington, MA

978-988-9488

#### **Planet Aid Collection Boxes in Billerica**

(For clean clothing and toys)

Giovanni's Pizza at 331 Boston Rd

Richdale Food Store at 161 Boston Rd.

Fill N Chill at 643 Boston Rd

#### **Also try Billerica Freecycle**

Give items away or search for free items.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BillericaFreecycle/>

### Got Books collection boxes

Check your local school for a collection box.

### Paper Retriever collection bins

Drop off clean mixed paper:

Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, office paper, advertisements. No cardboard or chipboard (like cereal boxes)

See website for locations

<http://www.paperretriever.com/default.asp?id=1>

### Recycle Bins

Purchase recycle bins at Treasurer's office in Town Hall, Room 113. You may use an extra trash barrel for Bottles and Cans (plastic, glass & metal). Get a free label at Town Hall.

### Other Recycling Resources:

Earth 911 <http://earth911.com/>

Mass Recycle <http://www.massrecycle.org/>

MA DEP

<http://www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/reducere.htm>

## TRASH COLLECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS

5.7.002 Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Collection: Collection dates and routes will be determined by the Town of Billerica and may be subject to change pending contractual obligations or other circumstances.

(1 ) HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS: If a holiday falls on the scheduled collection day for a collection route, collection will commence on the following day.

(2) CURRENT ACCEPTABLE WASTES: Acceptable wastes shall mean all solid waste which can be placed into acceptable containers, excluding, inherently dangerous, toxic and hazardous wastes which shall from time to time be designated as "hazardous wastes" by State or Federal regulatory authorities having appropriate jurisdiction.

(3) CURRENT UNACCEPTABLE WASTES: As of the adoption of this regulation,

- (a) Construction and Demolition debris. (C&D)
- (b) Any of the following, in whole or in part: Auto hulks, engine blocks, transmission blocks, heavy machinery, skimobiles, motorcycles or tractors.
- (c) Stumps, regardless of size, and limbs or branches exceeding two and one half ( 2' / ~) inches in diameter or four (4) feet in length.
- (d) Pathological wastes.
- (e) Toxic and volatile chemicals, such as but not limited to: Oil based paint, paint thinner, paint remover, insecticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, household solvents, driveway sealers, hazardous craft supplies, wood strippers, or any other household chemicals.
- (f) Explosives.
- (g) Automobile batteries, tires, motor oil and antifreeze.
- (h) Florescent bulbs.
- (i) Propane gas tanks or other flammable materials.
- (j) Items not appearing as unacceptable waste may still be unacceptable. Residents are required to contact the Town of Billerica or its contractor for the proper determinations.

(4) CONTAINER: Shall be a suitable receptacle, constructed of plastic, metal or fiberglass, having handles of adequate strength for lifting and having a tight fitting lid capable of preventing entrance into the container by vectors and spillage. The mouth of a container shall have a diameter greater than or equal to that of the base. The weight of a container and its contents shall not exceed fifty (50) pounds. Cardboard cartons, paper bags, and wooden crates are not suitable receptacles for weekly collection and will not be collected by the contractor. Plastic rubbish bags (3-ply minimum) are acceptable.

(5) Trash and recycling shall be placed on the curbside no earlier than 5 pm on the day prior to collection and no later than 7 am on the day of collection. Collection shall not commence earlier than 7 am.

(6) Prior to collection it is the resident's responsibility to maintain safe and sanitary conditions at the curbside collection point and to otherwise comply with these regulations.

(7) Containers shall be removed within twelve (12) hours after daily collection and must be stored out of sight of public view in a secure location.

(8) BULK WASTE COLLECTION: Residents may place one (1) bulk item curbside weekly for collection and disposal. Bulk items are considered to be sofas, chairs, bed mattresses and box springs, tables, desks, etc. After July 1, 2009 - Residents will need to call Allied Waste at 1-800-442-9006 to schedule a pickup of bulk items.

(9) LEAF COLLECTION: Leaf and other yard waste will be collected curbside during special collections in the fall and spring or as otherwise determined by the Town of Billerica. These items may not be placed curbside for weekly collection and must be collected during special collection periods only. Leaf and yard waste must be placed in paper biodegradable bags or barrels clearly labeled for YARD WASTE.

(10) APPLIANCES/WHITE GOODS: Items such as, but not limited to, refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, dryers, hot water heaters, ovens, dishwashers, air conditioners, trash compactors, dehumidifiers, etc., are collected separately. Residents make payment and schedule pickup directly with Appliance Recyclers 1-877-228-2898.

(11 ) CATHODE RAY TUBES (CRT) ITEMS: Televisions, computer monitors, and other CRT items must be collected separately. Residents make payment and schedule pickup directly with Appliance Recyclers 1-877-228-2898.

(12) CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS INCLUDING EARTH AND GRAVEL WILL NOT BE COLLECTED: Building contractors will be responsible for the proper disposal of all construction and building material or other debris resulting from work performed around residences. Residents performing home improvements are responsible for proper disposal of building materials. Residents cannot dispose of these materials with weekly curbside pick up.

*Notice: These Rules and regulations are subject to change.*

# TOWN OF BILLERICA CURBSIDE RECYCLING

<u>Material</u>	<u>What to Recycle</u>	<u>How to prepare</u>	<u>Do not include</u>
<b><u>Paper and Cardboard</u></b>			
<b><u>PAPER</u></b>	Newspaper and inserts Magazines Junk Mail Catalogs Office Paper Glossy paper etc	Use paper bag to hold paper or place inside recycle bin	No soiled paper (used plates, napkins, etc)  Do not use plastic bags to hold paper
<b><u>CARDBOARD</u></b>	Corrugated cardboard  Chipboard (cereal box etc)	Flatten boxes and cut NO Larger than 36" x 36" Tie or tape bundles NO thicker than 8" Remove all packing material and liners	No take out pizza boxes  No soiled cardboard No milk or juice cartons

<b><u>Plastic – Glass –Metal Can go together in one Recycle bin</u></b>			
<b><u>PLASTIC</u></b>	Containers 1 thru 7 Food & beverage containers Detergent bottles	Rinse clean, remove lids Labels OK	No motor oil bottles No Styrofoam No Plastic bags
<b><u>GLASS</u></b>	Jars & Bottles (all colors)	Rinse clean, remove lids Labels OK	No broken glass No Pyrex or ceramics No window glass
<b><u>METAL</u></b>	Aluminum, steel and tin cans	Rinsed clean, labels OK	No Aerosol cans No Paint cans No other metal items No aluminum foil or pans

Town of Billerica  
365 Boston Road  
Billerica, MA 01821

Pre-sorted Standard  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
No. Billerica, MA  
PERMIT # 3

## RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

*Remember*  
Place recycling at the curbside separate from the trash,  
if possible on opposite side of driveway or walkway.

