

# Town of Billerica 2010



## Residential Recycling and Trash Collection Guide

Dear Billerica resident,

The 2010 Recycling and Trash Collection Guide includes current information about residential services provided by the town. It covers recycling, automated trash collection, yard waste, disposal of bulky waste, appliances and CRTs, and rules and regulations regarding construction and demolition debris (C&D) and Hazardous Household Waste.

Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the information in this guide. We hope you find it useful and refer back to it during the year. This Guide is on-line at the DPW website: [www.billericadpw.org](http://www.billericadpw.org). See the website for additional information and for current DPW announcements.

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### Curbside Trash and Recycling Collection

Allied Waste picks up trash and recycling every Monday, except in holiday weeks when collection is on Tuesdays. See collection calendar for holiday schedule. If material is not placed at the curb on time or not prepared properly, the resident will need to hold onto the material until the following week.

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

### Billerica Recycles Weekly

Recycling is mandatory in Billerica. In compliance with Massachusetts DEP waste bans, recyclable material must be separated from the trash. Material must be sorted and prepared correctly. Detailed instructions can be found in this guide. For general Recycling questions, please call Mary Delahanty, part-time Recycling Coordinator, at 978-671-1337.

#### **Remember**

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

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# 2010 COLLECTION CALENDAR

JANUARY 2010						
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**CALENDAR LEGEND:**

 TRASH/RECYCLING PICKUP

 HOLIDAYS

 YARD WASTE COLLECTION  
(On Former Trash Day)

 WASTE OIL COLLECTION at DPW, 250 Boston Road  
9:00 am to 1 pm

 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY Saturday, October 16, 2010

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

# Automated Trash Collection

Place **household trash** in the official Billerica trash cart. The cart lid must be closed. Household trash that does not fit in the cart with the lid closed must be placed in official overflow bags. Billerica overflow bags are sold at \$2/bag in packages of 5 bags for \$10 at O'Connor Hardware and all three Market Basket locations in Billerica.

Carts are identified by a serial number assigned to a specific address. If the resident moves, the trash cart stays at the home. Contact the DPW Admin office to request a cart for new home. Stolen carts must be reported to the Billerica Police Department. For an annual fee, residents may arrange for a second trash cart. Fee covers the period beginning July 1 and ending June 30. Annual disposal fee for additional cart is due June 15 for following year. Application forms are available at the DPW Admin office in Town Hall room G-11 and on-line at [www.billericadpw.org](http://www.billericadpw.org). For additional information call 978-436-9178.

Remember: There is no limit to the amount of recycling that can be put out each week. Residents can save room in their trash cart by knowing what can be recycled. Material needs to be sorted correctly; non-recyclable items and contaminated material do not belong in the recycle bin: no Styrofoam, packing material, plastic bags or plastic wrap. See back page of this guide for more information.

Trash and recycling must be curbside before 7 AM (No earlier than 5 PM on the day before trash collection.) See collection calendar for holiday schedule. For missed trash or recycling contact Allied Waste at 1-800-442-9006 or the Town of Billerica at 978-436-9178 before 3 PM on the day following the scheduled collection. The cart must be accessible to the automated arm on the truck; allow 3' clearance between the cart and all obstacles including mailboxes, trees, parked cars, recycle bins and overflow trash bags. The opening on the trash cart should face the street.

The following items are banned from disposal with household trash: recyclable material, yard waste, construction debris, hazardous waste, propane tanks, fluorescent bulbs, TVs, White goods and similar items.

For **bulky items** too large to fit in the trash cart, residents must call Allied Waste in advance at 1-800-442-9006 to schedule a pick up. Items such as couches, chairs, tables, mattresses, box springs are considered bulky waste. Other items that do not fit in the trash cart may also be considered bulky waste. Allied Waste reserves the right to limit the amount and type of items picked up as bulky waste.

To schedule pick up of **appliances, CRTs and other electronics, tires and large metal items** contact Appliance Recyclers at 1-877-228-2898 or [www.applrecyl.com](http://www.applrecyl.com). For detailed information see page 4.

## Recycling

The goal of any recycling program is to collect material that can be processed and remanufactured into new items. For example: clean paper and cardboard can be used to manufacture new paper and cardboard. Plastics are sorted and reused based on the type of plastic (#1-#7). Look for the recycle symbol to identify the plastic resin. Items made from mixed grades of plastic are not collected curbside. The recycling rules are intended to ensure that the material collected is of good enough quality to be marketable. For this reason all recyclable material must be free of food, grease and dirt. **Pizza boxes** are **not** accepted due to the likelihood of contamination.

Billerica's recycling is collected through a "**dual-stream**" system. The resident needs to sort material prior to placing it at the curb. Bottles and cans (plastic glass and metal) need to be separated from paper (magazines, catalogs, newspapers, junk mail etc) and cardboard. For additional information see the chart on the back page of this guide. If a household has a very small amount of recycling, a paper bag (not plastic) can be used to hold recyclable paper. The bag can be placed next to or on top of the recycle bin, otherwise residents should use two recycling containers. Large cardboard needs to be flattened, cut smaller than 30 in by 30 in and tied or taped into bundles not more than 8 in thick.

When recycling is collected, it goes into two separate compartments on the truck. Allied Waste is not expected to hand-sort mixed recycling; Allied Waste may leave the material on the curb if it has not been separated correctly, and resident will need to prepare it for collection the following week.

Residents may label and use an old trash barrel for recycling; combine bottles and cans( plastic, glass and metal). Free labels are available at Town Hall.

## 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 or on-line with a credit card. PayPal account is not required.  
Pick-up date is scheduled after payment is received.

Item:	Price per Item
White Goods with Freon (for example refrigerators or air conditioners)	\$12
White Goods without Freon (for example washers or dryers) or large wall mounted microwave ovens	\$10
<b>Small</b> electronics including: CRTs or flat monitors 12" or less, laptops, VCRs, DVD players, counter top microwave ovens.	\$5
<b>Medium</b> CRTs, televisions and other monitors with screens 13"- 24" measured on the diagonal. Pickup of CRT includes CPU, keyboard, mouse and desktop printer.	\$10
<b>Large</b> CRTs, televisions and other monitors with 25" - 31" screen or greater measured on the diagonal. Pickup of CRT includes CPU, keyboard, mouse and desktop printer.	\$20
<b>Very Large</b> CRTs, televisions and other monitors with screen 32" or larger measured on the diagonal. Pickup of CRT includes CPU, keyboard, mouse and desktop printer.	\$30
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, garage door openers, etc.	\$10
Push lawn mowers and Gas Grills	\$10
Table saws, metal shelves, and metal file cabinets.	No charge

Appliance Recyclers may take other items. For questions call 1-877-228-2898

**Prices will be in place from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011**

## Fluorescent Bulbs - Mercury Recovery - Rechargeable Batteries

Items containing mercury 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. Do not put them in the trash. They can be dropped off at O'Connor Hardware or at the DPW Admin office in Town Hall.

The following rechargeable batteries can be recycled: Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium-Ion (Li-ion), Nickel Zinc ( Ni-Zn) Bring them to the DPW Admin office or see [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org) for other locations.

# Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

Saturday October 16, 2010 9 am – 1 pm at the  
DPW Highway Yard - 250 Boston Road

Watch DPW website for updated announcements [www.billericadpw.org](http://www.billericadpw.org)

## 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 if it is not alkaline. See page 4 for rechargeable batteries.
- \*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 to dry out latex paint is sold at hardware stores.
- \*7 O'Connor Hardware and Taylor Rental accept large propane tanks. U-Haul accepts both large and small propane tanks. Fees Apply.

## Construction & Demolition Debris (C&D)

Disposal of C & D from household building or renovation projects is the homeowner's responsibility. Debris includes treated and untreated wood, brick, concrete, asphalt and similar items. It is banned from disposal with regular trash. Resident must contact a licensed C&D disposal company. Consider donating reusable building material to a non-profit such Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell.

## **Yard Waste Collection:**

**Spring Collection:** April 26- May 28

**Fall Collection:** Nov 1 – Dec 3

Collection is based on former trash day,  
(Monday – Friday) Varies by address. For schedule  
see [www.billericadpw.org](http://www.billericadpw.org) or call 978-436-9178.

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

## **Christmas Tree Pick up (2010)**

Allied Waste will collect trees on the first two trash days  
in 2010: Jan 4 and Jan 11.

## **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 or see [www.nerainbarrel.com](http://www.nerainbarrel.com)

## **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 old trash barrel for Bottles  
and Cans (plastic, glass & metal). Barrels must be  
labeled for recycling; get a free label at Town Hall.

## **Other Recycling Resources:**

DPW website: [www.billericadpw.org](http://www.billericadpw.org)

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: Household trash must be placed in an official Billerica Trash Cart. Use a regular trash bag for trash placed in the cart to prevent litter when the cart is emptied and to keep the cart clean. Trash that does not fit in the cart with the lid closed, must be placed in official overflow bags. Residents may arrange for a second trash cart. Contact DPW for information;fee applies.

(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) BULKY WASTE COLLECTION: Residents must call Allied Waste by Friday to schedule pick up on the following Monday. Items such as sofas, chairs, tables, mattresses and box springs are considered bulky waste. Other items that do not fit in the trash cart may also be considered bulky waste. Allied Waste reserves the right to limit the amount and type of items picked up as bulky waste. Call Allied Waste at 1-800-442-9006.

(9) YARD WASTE: Leaves, grass clippings and small brush will be collected following yard waste schedule as determined by the Town of Billerica. Yard Waste is banned from disposal with household trash. Place yard waste in biodegradable bags or trash barrels clearly labeled for Yard Waste. Collection is on former trash schedule and is based on street address.

(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

Dual - stream Recycling: Separate recyclable material

<u>Material</u>	<u>What to Recycle</u>	<u>How to prepare</u>	<u>Do not include</u>
<b><u>Paper - Cardboard go together</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	Do not use plastic bags to hold any recycling  No soiled paper (used plates, napkins, etc)
<b><u>CARDBOARD</u></b>	Corrugated cardboard  Chipboard (cereal box etc)	Flatten boxes and cut NO Larger than 30" x 30" 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

**Recyclables must NOT be placed in plastic bags.**

<b><u>Plastic - Glass - Metal go together</u></b>			
<b><u>PLASTIC</u></b>	Containers 1 thru 7 Food & beverage containers Detergent bottles	Rinse clean, remove lids Labels OK	No plastic bags or shrink wrap No Styrofoam or packing material No Motor Oil bottles
<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 other metal items No Aerosol or paint cans No aluminum foil or pans

Town of Billerica  
365 Boston Road  
Billerica, MA 01821

Pre-sorted Standard U.S. Postage <b>PAID</b> No. Billerica, MA PERMIT # 3
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## RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

### *Remember*

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

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