



Trash



Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor



Recycling

Recycling & Trash Guide

DO NOT USE CARTS UNTIL WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30TH

Dear Neighbor,

You have received the two 64 gallon carts that will be used in our new automated trash/recycling collection program starting on Monday, September 30, 2013. This is a change in our current method of collecting your curbside material. I am excited to introduce this modern collection process being used throughout the United States. It is fast becoming a system of choice in Massachusetts.

We have investigated many alternatives and feel this method streamlines collection. Simply put, this new program will reduce curbside litter, creates incentives for a less costly disposal of recycling and should reduce the amount of trash tonnage that we all must pay. Similar to all other services such as water and electricity usage – conservation and prudent use is awarded with lower costs. Automation, with its built-in efficiencies will make Braintree a cleaner, greener and more sustainable community.

Over the years, expense associated with trash collection and disposal has grown rapidly. Thus, we felt an initial investment in providing you with two large carts for your household use was needed. Automation will help in managing the rising costs of trash disposal and allows us savings within our municipal budget.

Your services will not change. We will continue to collect weekly at curbside, two bulk items can still be disposed of each week, appliances and metals will still be collected during the first full week of the month on your regular trash day and yard waste will continue to be collected over several weeks each Spring and Fall. In addition to this, your trash sticker allows you to use the Compost drop-off site on Plain Street (March-December), Wednesday – Sunday from 7 am – 3:15 pm, and the residential Trash & Recycling Center on Ivory Street Monday – Saturday from 7 am – 3 pm, year round.

We realize this program is new and represents a change. We are working closely with our new vendor, Sunrise Scavenger, and we are confident that this new method will benefit our Town's finances and environment by increasing recycling. Please be patient, but do let us know if a problem arises so we can respond.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we embark on this exciting new venture.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Sullivan
Mayor

Braintree's New Trash Collection Company Is



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Customer Service
617-361-8000



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SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING:

More capacity than ever...Recycling Matters! The Town is working hard to create a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable community in which to work, live and play. Delivery of large wheeled recycling carts (blue base/green lid) to residences that have paid the annual trash fee will take place early September. **Please do not use the carts prior to the week of September 30th.**

TRASH:

You will also receive a large wheeled cart for trash (blue base/blue lid) to used from the week of September 30th onward. After September 30th, you will no longer be able to use your standard trash or recycling containers. If you move, please leave the new carts for the next resident, otherwise, there will be a fee to replace them.

RECYCLING YOUR OLD TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS:

You can bring them to the Recycling Center, 257 Ivory Street, Monday - Saturday (7AM - 3PM). Trash barrels (32-35 gallon size only) can be used for yardwaste collection, simply by applying a yardwaste sticker available at the Town Hall, the Dept. of Elder Affairs and the Library.

CART PLACEMENT IS IMPORTANT:

The truck's lifting arm requires clearance of 2-3 ft. on both sides and 12 ft. overhead. The cart should be no more than 3 ft. away from the curb or road edge. Please be sure that the arrow (on the cart lids) is pointing to the street. Please leave 2-3 ft. between your recycling and trash carts and bulk items, when placing them curbside.

Braintree's exciting new trash & recycling program begins Monday, September 30, 2013.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Can we buy or put out extra bags or barrels?
Only materials within the carts will be collected. The Town will be evaluating an equitable fee system for an additional cart where needed.
2. What about other services currently provided?
All Drop-off services at the Recycling center & the Compost Site remain the same.
3. What happens if a cart is blown away?
The carts are sturdy enough that they do not get blown around. They also have an I.D. # that relates to a specific address.
4. What about yardwaste?
Yardwaste service & pickup stays the same. Yardwaste is defined as leaves, grass clipping, shrub trimmings, plant cuttings as well as wood waste from bushes and trees (less than 1 inch in diameter). Not acceptable items are dirt, sand, sod, rocks, stumps or trucks. Brush must be tied and bundled in lengths of 3 ft., or less.
5. What about extra trash?
Can be brought to the Resident Trash Drop-off at the Recycling Center/Ivory Street.
6. What do I do with my trash barrels?
Standard size (32 gallon) trash barrels can be used for yardwaste in lieu of purchasing brown bags. Simply apply a yardwaste sticker to the barrel. There will be special containers at the Recycling Center to drop off unwanted trash barrels.
7. How much trash can the new carts hold?
Carts holds same amount of trash as 5-7 of the tall kitchen trash bags, or 2-3 black/green plastic bags.
8. What if I see illegal dumping?
Calls to report illegal dumping can be made to 781-794-8090 (Health Dept.).
9. Is there a 24 hour hot line to report problems or ask questions?
Yes, call 781-794-8088 anytime to report an incident, or to ask questions regarding trash, recycling or any other issue regarding solid waste services.
10. What about furniture and large items?
Those items are considered bulk items. Residents are still allowed to put out two bulk items per week. Please set items 2 ft. apart from trash or recycling carts.
11. What if I am moving or cleanout my garage, attic, etc.?
Cleanouts should be arranged by hiring a dumpster or, by bringing the materials to the Covanta Transfer Station (reduced rate of 10 cents per lb. for disposal applies). The Covanta telephone number is 781-843-6209 and is open Mon.-Sat. (7AM-3PM)



Call Sunrise Scavenger
For Pickup of Appliances
And Large Items:
617-361-8000

New Trash/Recycling Information

Don't Trash It Recycle It

Trash and Recycling Office
Customer Service
781-794-8088



Aluminum, foil, tin cans
and aerosol cans



Milk and juice cartons,
juice/soymilk boxes



Glass jars and bottles



All plastic containers

PLEASE DO NOT RECYCLE:

- Styrofoam
- Electronics
- Ceramics or dishes
- Food waste
- Plastic grocery bags
- Plastic bags
- Motor oil containers
- Hazardous waste containers
- Light bulbs, window glass or mirrors
- Yard waste



Paper books,
telephone books



Flattened cardboard boxes



Newspaper, magazines, catalogs

CURBSIDE COLLECTION YARD WASTE

- Leaves, grass and twigs accepted.
- Materials must be in brown paper leaf bags or open top barrels.
- NO plastic bags please.

CURBSIDE PICK UP OF LARGE ITEMS

- 1-2 pieces of furniture is allowed per week.
- Mattress & box spring considered one piece.
- Carpet & wood must be cut to 3-4 ft. lengths and tied, limit of three bundles/week.

Trash Bill and
Drop-Off Trash
Sticker Questions
Treasurer/Collector's
Office at Town Hall
781-794-8130

www.braintree.ma.gov/recycling

DROP-OFF CENTER - RECYCLING

257 Ivory Street

- Open Year Round – Closed Holidays
- Hours: Mon-Sat 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Curbside recyclables
- Textiles (St. Vincent De Paul)
- Mercury items such as bulbs, thermometers, thermostats and propane tanks are accepted.

**TRASH/RECYCLING/YARD WASTE
MUST BE CURBSIDE BY 7:00 AM.**



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