

Arlington MA Commercial Orange Bag Program

for Small Business Recycling and Trash- updated Jan. 2023

WHAT

- This is a Pay-As-You-Throw program, so you pay for the amount of trash you create
- The cost is \$2.30 per 32 gallon bag, and sold in rolls of 10 bags for \$23.00
- All trash must be inside the orange bags at the curb
- Orange bags can be put out at the curb between 6-7 AM on the day of your collection
- Recycling collection is included with this program

HOW

Register with Department of Public Works (51 Grove Street) to become a part of the program. Not all businesses will qualify.


Once registered, businesses may **purchase** commercial orange bags at Shattuck Ace Hardware stores. Refer to Massachusetts Waste Disposal Ban laws for prohibited trash items.

Keeping recyclable materials out of the trash is required of all residents and businesses, per state law. Therefore, at this time there is **no charge for recycling** when it is placed, correctly, next to commercial orange bags. Use a **blue** reusable container to hold your recycling, and help prevent litter in our community by using a larger enough container to hold your recycling on windy days.



Only These Items

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 An initiative of MassDEP

Metal



Food and Beverage
Cans
(empty and rinse)



Do Not Bag
Recyclables
No Garbage

Plastic



Bottles, Jars, Jugs,
and Tubs
(empty & replace cap)



No Plastic Bags
or Plastic Wrap
(return to retail)

Glass



Bottles and Jars
(empty and rinse)



No Food or Liquid
(empty all
containers)

Paper & Cardboard



Mixed Paper,
Newspaper,
Magazines, Boxes



No Tangles
(no hoses, wires,
chains or electronics)

RECYCLING GUIDE FOR BUSINESSES

in Arlington



WHY SHOULD MY BUSINESS RECYCLE?

Many customers in Arlington value environmentally friendly businesses, who practice recycling or composting. Becoming a businesses that recycles could generate loyalty and boost your sales. Also, it's easy, and good for our planet, and could save you money in trash fees.

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

- **Metal**, aluminum tins or steel cans
- **Glass** bottles or jars
- **Plastic** bottles or containers
- **Paper/Cardboard** magazines, pizza boxes

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Paper & Cardboard



Newspaper, Magazines, Boxes

WHAT CAN'T BE RECYCLED?

- **Food scraps**
- **Plastic bags** (return to grocery stores)
- **Ceramics**
- **Diapers**
- **Contaminated bottles or food containers** (to-go coffee cups)
- **Clothes** (donate)

3 STEPS TO RECYCLING FOR YOUR BUSINESS

STEP ONE: CONTACT YOUR WASTE HAULER

Simply call your hauler.

Make sure to:

- ~Know the materials you want to recycle and estimate the volume if you can.
- ~Ask how your items need to be prepared for pick up.
- ~Ask about saving money through reduced disposal costs.

Your businesses waste hauler must have a permit to haul trash and recycling from the town of Arlington.

The back of this brochure contains a list of waste haulers that have obtained permits from the town of Arlington.

 **Arlington Recycles**
www.arlingtonma.gov/recycle

STEP TWO: COMPLETE A WASTE AUDIT

What is a waste audit?

A waste audit is an assessment of the amount of waste or recycling your business produces. This will help your business determine the amount of materials you will be recycling, and how large the collection containers will have to be. You can conduct a waste audit for free with various permitted haulers, or on your own.

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A HAULER:

Recycling Works (MA), is a helpful site that can find you a waste hauler. Simply go to their website <https://recyclingworksma.com> click on the "Find a Recycler" page, and fill in your businesses information.

STEP THREE: INFORM YOUR STAFF AND CUSTOMER BASE

Once you've established a type of recycling for your workplace (single stream or other), make sure to let your staff know the new policies. You could send out an email, or put up a notice in the break room.

As for customers, let them know the steps your business has taken to be more environmentally friendly.

Make sure to clearly mark your recycling bins, purchasing bins with defined openings or slots is typically very helpful. Many businesses also post signs above recycling bins that tell customers what can be disposed of in them to avoid confusion.



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Arlington's Permitted Waste Haulers (as of 2019, check with Health Dept. for updated list.):

~BarryBros
PO Box 650040
Newton, MA 02465
~Bay State Disposal, Inc
100 Lindberg Ave
Methuen, MA 01844
~BP Trucking
PO Box 386
Ashland, MA 01721
~Casella Waste Systems, Inc.
295 Forest St PO Box 3797 Peabody, MA 01960
~E.L. Harvey & Sons, Inc.
68 Hopkinton Rd
Westboro, MA 01581
~E-Z Disposal Service, Inc.
20 Railroad ST
Revere, MA 02151
~Food Grease Trappers, Inc
PO Box 2422 Lowell, MA 01851
~Go Green Waste Services, LLC
237 Lexington St #3
Woburn, MA 01801

~Miller Waste Industries
201 North Main St
Middleton, MA 01949
~Northside Carting, Inc
210 Holt Rd
North Andover, MA 01581
~Republic Waste Services
320A Charger St
Revere, MA 02151
~Waste Management
204 Merrimac St
Woburn, MA 01801
~Wellesley Trucking Services, Inc.
360 Irving St PO Box 564
Framingham, MA 01702
~Wind River Environmental
577 Main St
Hudson, MA 01749

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