



Welcome to Arlington!

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## How to get your trash, recycling and yard waste collected at the curb...

### Recycling

Recycling is weekly and mandatory, which means if you do not have a recycling bin next to your trash (full or empty, depending on which collection truck comes to your location first) then your trash will be left behind and considered out of compliance with the program rules. Please refer to the annually updated Zero Waste Guide and only place acceptable items in the recycling. When in doubt, throw it out.

Recycling needs to be loose in a reusable container. No plastic bags are acceptable. Recycling containers can be any size and must either be blue or have the Town's "Recycling" bumper sticker on it. Contact DPW to get this free bumper sticker.

You may place out unlimited recycling. If you have more than will fit in your recycling container, please place the excess in a cardboard box. If you have many boxes, you can nest them inside each other to organize them at the curb. Please do not tie them with twine, and make sure there is absolutely no soft plastic mixed in, such as air pillow, peanuts, or packing foam (soft plastics belong in the trash or can be dropped off at special collections).

### Trash

There is a 100 gallon trash limit per household, per week. You may also place one bulky trash item per week, such as a chair, sofa, dresser, or bookshelf. A mattress and box spring set is considered one bulky trash.

### Yard Waste

Yard waste is collected at the curb seasonally. Only specific materials are collected. Please refer to the full rules as well as seasonal collection start and stop dates in the The Zero Waste Guide.

### Equipment

Residents supply their own trash and recycling equipment.

Color: Recycling containers must be blue or else have a Town "Recycling" bumper sticker on it. Trash and yard waste containers can be any color except blue. Reusable yard waste containers must have a Town "Yard Trimmings" bumper sticker on it.

Weight: There is a 50 lbs. weight limit for each container.

### **Equipment continued**

Size: A 32 gallon trash barrel is recommended because most residents find one is enough for most weeks. A second barrel or a 32 gallon trash bag next to your barrel(s) is acceptable for occasional larger disposal. 50 gallon containers are acceptable, but note you may only place out two in order to reach your 100 gallon limit. 64 gallon containers are not acceptable for trash.

### **Collection**

Please review the annually produced Zero Waste Guide for the details of our program, including the dates when collection is delayed as well as when our seasonal program begins and ends.

If your material was left behind by accident, contact JRM Recycling and Hauling customer service department at [customerservice@jrmhauling.com](mailto:customerservice@jrmhauling.com) or 800-323-4285 and leave a message with a description of what was left. In these cases you may not receive a return email or call, but the hauling company will return the following day to collect the material, assuming it is in compliance with the program rules.

Zero Waste Guides are available on the Town's website in late June. If you would like to receive one by mail, please contact the recycling coordinator: [cmilan@town.arlington.ma.us](mailto:cmilan@town.arlington.ma.us)

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