



# AUTOMATED TRASH - IT'S HERE!!!!



## ARE YOU READY???

Dear Burlington Resident

The Automated Trash Collection is here! July 2<sup>nd</sup> marks the start of the new trash collection system provided by Allied Waste, Inc. As you will see over the next few weeks, the new system is not much different from the traditional way in which we have been disposing of trash. Residents were encouraged to recycle as much as possible and trash was disposed in trash bags that were ultimately placed in barrels at the curbside. On July 2<sup>nd</sup> the new Town provided Toter will replace the trash barrels that you've been using. We will continue to collect recyclables in a dual stream fashion. This means: paper and cardboard separated from cans, plastic and metal containers.

The change in recycling will be that with the implementation of the new trash system, the Town will provide you with enhanced recycling collection services, by picking up your recyclables **weekly**, and yard waste collection will be increased to 16 weeks per year.

Your new calendar has information on your weekly trash pick up, weekly recyclables pick up and yard waste pick up schedules. You won't need to remember which week is your recyclables week as recyclables will be picked up the same day as your trash every week (pick up dates are shown in red in the calendar). You will also find helpful tips on what to recycle as well as how to dispose of appliances and TV's.

### Automated Trash Collection ~ Frequently Asked Questions

**When do I start using my new Trash Toter?**

Do not start using the Toter until July 2, 2009.

**Where do we place the Toter on trash day?**

Place Toter at least two feet apart and two feet from parked cars, recycling bins, fences, mailboxes and other obstructions. Unhook, and remove, any temporary bungee cords or tie-downs you may have used to secure the lid, before setting the wheeled toter out on collection day. Toter and bags must be placed out on "trash day" by 7 am. Only official Town of Burlington Wheeled toters and Town of Burlington overflow bags will be collected on trash day. No other trash will be picked up.

**Will the toter hold the entire resident's trash?**

The large 65 gallon toter holds about 3-5 garbage bags. Residential units generate less than 65 gallons of trash per week, when residents recycle.

**May a resident place trash bags outside the toter?**

Only approved Town of Burlington "special event bags" will be accepted. These bags will be available at the DPW, and certain retail stores in Town. The cost will be 5 bags for \$10 and they should be placed next to the Toter.

**What to do with your old trash can?**

The truck will only pickup the new toter. However, the resident can utilize it for other purposes, such as storage, garden use, or even to set their commingled recyclables at the curb. The Burlington DPW has free recycling stickers available to identify the containers.

**Who do the Toters belong to?**

The toters remain the property of the Town of Burlington and stay with the house when you move. Toters have a Burlington Town Seal and a serial number associated to a particular address. You may mark your house number on the toter; but do not paint or deface the toter in any other way. Each toter comes with a five year warranty and all reasonable repairs will be made free of charge.

**What do I do if my Toter is missing?**

Please contact the DPW office at 781-270-1670.

**What do I do if my Toter is damaged?**

Please contact the DPW office at 781-270-1670.

## FAQ'S Continued

### Recycling will now be weekly!

No more wondering if you are a blue week or a red week. Every week is your week!

The Town will continue the "dual stream" collection on your trash day. Dual stream means you will need to separate paper products from "containers". Resident should place "paper" items in one bin and bottles and cans in another bin.

Burlington will still be using the green 18 gallon recycling bins and everything you place out for recycling is FREE.

You can also use your old unused trash barrels. There are free stickers available at the DPW office. Remember to take the cover off when it's out to the curb for pickup.

### What about cardboard?

Cardboard should be placed out for recycling. All boxes need to be broken down into 3 x 3 bundles.



### How do I get a recycle bin?

Recycle bins can be purchased in the Tax Office in Town Hall and then picked up at the Town Hall Annex DPW Office. The cost is \$6.50 per bin. Recycle stickers are also available in the DPW Office free of charge. These can be affixed to your old trash barrels. These barrels can be used for yard waste and/or recycling.



For more information on recycling please contact Gretchen Carey of the Recycling Committee @ [GKCarey@verizon.net](mailto:GKCarey@verizon.net).

### What items should not be placed in the toter?

All waste should be placed in trash bags prior to being discarded in the toter. This keeps the toter clean and odor-free. Items that should not be placed in the toter include, but are not limited to; construction materials, tires, motor oil, paint, hot ashes, gasoline, hazardous materials, yard waste, etc.

TRASH TOTER must be at your curbside by 7:00 am on trash day.

LATEX Paint containers must be empty or solidified prior to being picked up (Kitty Litter or sand will solidify left over paint).

Liquids (i.e. thinners, oil, acids) and Medical Waste (i.e. oxygen tanks, needles) are not acceptable materials for pick up.

ALL boxes need to be broken down and placed in or on top of your RECYCLING BIN for pick up.



**Bagged Trash ONLY!!!**

# RECYCLING

-RECYCLING STICKERS ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE-

## REASONS WHY:

1. **Get Ready NOW!! Automated Trash Collection begins July 2009**
2. It's **Mandatory** in Burlington
3. It saves **YOU** and the Town **\$\$\$\$\$**
4. Its **good for the environment**
5. **'Cuz it's the right thing to do**

Recycling is no longer as difficult as it once was. There is no need to separate glass, cans and plastics 1-7. They can all go into one bin. Labels on the cans and bottles are okay. Cardboard must be flattened and cannot be larger than 3ft. x 3ft. It needs to be broken down, tied or secured with string or masking tape and should be separate from your trash. Also, do not cover it with plastic or put the flattened pieces into a cardboard box.

**Paper.** Most of our trash is paper anyway. Put a paper bag next to your trash can, and add all your junk mail and your paper recyclables as they come in. Paper is easy to recycle and you don't even need to have a recycling bin. Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, envelopes and windows are okay. Paperback books, paperboard (flattened cereal boxes, tissue boxes, etc.) should all be in a paper bag and put out on your recycling week. There is no need to cover it when it rains. **Never** put the paper in with the bottles, cans or plastics. Paper should be placed in a separate bin. All of your paper will be recycled into new paper.

**Bottles, Cans and Plastics.** Bottles, cans and plastics go in one bin. Rinse them out. Everything in the recycle bin should be clean. By now, you are beginning to realize that you don't have much trash anymore. A family who faithfully recycles shouldn't have more than one trash container a week.

**Styrofoam** is not recyclable. NO Styrofoam peanuts either. Also, no pizza boxes...those are soiled with cheese and oil and are not recycled even though they have a recycling sign on them.

If you don't have a recycling bin you can purchase them for \$6.50 in the Tax Office in Town Hall and pick up your new bin in the Town Hall Annex - DPW Office. Or, for your convenience, you may purchase a bin at Cambridge Savings Bank, 214 Cambridge Street. The DPW has recycling stickers available, FREE of charge. These stickers may be placed on the old trash barrels and you can then use them for recycling!

**So, Recycling really does pay off... you'll see!**



**Paper**



**Bottles & Cans**

## Special Collections

### *Curbside pick-up of CHRISTMAS TREES* Week of January 11th, 2010



Trees must be free of decorations and stands.  
**NO PLASTIC BAGS.**

Trees in bags will **NOT** be picked up!  
Trees must be out by 7:00 am

### *Curbside pick-up of* **YARD WASTE/LEAVES ONLY**



Fall: October 5 thru November 27, 2009  
Spring: April 5 thru May 28, 2010

**\*\*\*\*No Plastic Bags!\*\*\*\***

### APPLIANCE PICK-UP

CRT'S, Televisions, computers and appliances,  
**YOU** must call Appliance Recyclers for

No Charge @ 1-877-228-2898 to schedule a pick-up



### BULKY ITEMS

Any bulky trash items that  
do not fit in the Trash Toter,

You must call Allied Waste for a  
No Charge Special Pickup  
@ 1-800-442-9006





# BURLINGTON RECYCLING CALENDAR



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Jul 2009	5 12 19 26	6 13 20 27	7 14 21 28	1 8 15 22 29	<b>2</b> <b>9</b> <b>16</b> <b>23</b> <b>30</b>	3 10 17 24 31	4 11 18 25		Jan 2010	3 10 17 24 31	4 11 18 25	5 12 19 26	6 13 20 27	<b>7</b> <b>14</b> <b>21</b> <b>28</b>	1 8 15 22 29	2 9 16 23 30
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TRASH DAY is designated by the color **RED** on the schedule

HOLIDAYS are shown in **Bold Face Type**. Any scheduled collection day following a holiday will be collected one day later.

YARD WASTE will be collected during the days that are designated by the **SHADED** area.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE - Please contact the Health Dept. @ 781-270-1955.

**All questions concerning Trash or recycling problems, please call Allied Waste Customer Service at 1-800-442-9006.**






Need a Bin? Recycle bins can be purchased for \$6.50 @ Tax Office and picked up at the Town Hall Annex, DPW 2nd Floor. Recycling Stickers are also available FREE OF CHARGE

Need help with Recycling? Contact the Recycling Committee @ [gkcarey@verizon.net](mailto:gkcarey@verizon.net)



## How to Recycle in Burlington



MATERIAL	WHAT TO RECYCLE	HOW TO PREPARE	DO NOT INCLUDE
 METAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Steel/Tin and Aluminum Cans</li> <li>* Aluminum Pie Plates and Trays</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Rinse clean</li> <li>* Labels OK</li> </ul>	<b>NO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Paint Cans/Batteries</li> <li>* Aerosol cans</li> <li>* Metal items/Auto Parts</li> <li>* Coat hangers</li> </ul>
 GLASS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Clear, and Colored Beverage Containers only</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Rinse clean</li> <li>* Collar, neck rings labels OK</li> </ul>	<b>NO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Broken glass/auto glass</li> <li>* Mirrors</li> <li>* Ceramics (plates, cookware)</li> <li>* Drinking glasses</li> <li>* Light bulbs</li> <li>* Windows</li> </ul>
 PLASTIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* All rigid plastic containers #1 - #7</li> <li>* Milk, Water, Soda &amp; Juice bottles</li> <li>* Shampoo, Conditioner</li> <li>* Laundry, Bleach/Fabric Softener Bottles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Rinse Clean and Crush flatten to conserve space</li> <li>* Labels ok</li> <li>* Aseptic Cartons</li> </ul>	<b>NO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* PLASTIC BAGS - can be recycled at grocery stores</li> <li>* Styrofoam packaging (peanuts, large pieces, etc.)</li> <li>* Chemical or Motor Oil containers</li> <li>* Toys</li> </ul>
 CARDBOARD	<p>ALL Cardboard is mandatory to Recycle.</p> <p>It will NOT be accepted in the Trash!</p>	<p>Breakdown, flatten or fold boxes, cartons &amp; other pieces of cardboard into size of newspaper; tie and place on or beside bin</p> <p>* Cardboard can be mixed with paper</p>	<b>NO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Contaminated boxes</li> <li>* Pizza boxes</li> </ul>
 PAPER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Newspapers</li> <li>* Magazines, Catalogs</li> <li>* Junk Mail, Envelopes</li> <li>* Books (remove hardcovers)</li> <li>* Paper Bags</li> <li>* Phone Books</li> <li>* Office/Computer Paper</li> <li>* Boxboard (such as Cereal, cracker - remove liners)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Put paper in paper grocery bags</li> <li>* Remove covers on hardcover books</li> <li>* Paper can be mixed with Cardboard</li> </ul>	<b>NO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Food-soiled paper/boxes</li> <li>* PLASTIC BAGS - can be recycled at grocery stores</li> <li>* Paper towels, tissues, napkins, disposable diapers</li> <li>* Frozen-food boxes</li> <li>* NO Pizza boxes</li> </ul>

### SORTING RECYCLABLES

- \* Glass, Plastic and Metals may be combined in a recycle bin
- \* Cardboard bundles placed next to bin or mixed with paper
- \* DO NOT mix loose paper with plastic/glass/metal containers - must be separate