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COVID-19 Update for DPW

Recycle Center and Household Hazardous Waste

Due to COVID-19, extra steps are being taken to protect workers, residents, and public health.

Before visiting the Recycle Center or Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Day, please review the following info:

- Face coverings and maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet is mandatory at all times.
- Please limit vehicles to 1 person per vehicle.
- Please allow DPW staff to communicate with you through your passenger side window.
- Double check that the items you wish to discard are accepted at the respective event; use the Get Rid of It Right tool at CambridgeMA.Gov/Recycle, email Recycle@CambridgeMA.gov, or call 617 349 4800.

Recycle Center Operations effective March 3, 2021

The Recycle Center is located near 147 Hampshire Street, just north of Hampshire Street on Norfolk Street.

1. Hours of operation will be:
 - a. Tuesdays: 4pm-730pm
 - b. Saturdays: 9am-4pm
2. The Recycle Center will switch to a **drop-off only** facility indefinitely. The swap shelf and book shelf will remain closed.
 - a. Residents may drop-off items such as scrap metal, plastic bags and film, books, fluorescent bulbs, mercury-containing items, batteries, small electronics, ink/toner cartridges, and motor oil.
3. Only one vehicle, bicycle, or individual will be allowed to enter the Recycle Center at a time. A DPW staffer will direct residents upon arrival.
4. Residents are strongly encouraged to minimize visits to the Recycle Center due to long wait times.
5. Cans, bottles, paper and cardboard are NOT accepted currently at the Recycle Center. These items should be recycled curbside. If you don’t have curbside recycling collection, contact DPW.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Days

The first 2021 HHW Day in Cambridge is:

- April 3. Location: 50 Mooney Street, Cambridge MA. See map below.

The hours are 9am-1pm. These will be very busy events. DPW and Cambridge Police staff will be on site to assist with traffic.

To protect everyone and enforce social distancing, the following are critical for this HHW event:

1. Please leave items that you do NOT wish to dispose of at home. We will collect waste from the trunk of your car ONLY. Due to physical distancing rules, we will NOT be able to retrieve items from the backseat of your vehicles. If you have items that are too bulky for just the trunk, please notify staff upon arrival.
2. For the safety of DPW, City contractors, and the containment of hazardous waste, it's important that staff do all handling of hazardous waste. Upon arrival, we will ask you to open your trunk. DPW staff and contractors will remove the items you wish to discard. **Residents and visitors should NOT exit their vehicle for any reason at any point during the event.** If you have a pickup truck, we can collect the waste from the bed of the pickup truck.
3. Bins, buckets, boxes, etc. used to hold containers of the hazardous waste will NOT be returned to visitors. For example, if you have a bottle of motor oil that you wish to dispose of, don't place the plastic bottle in a bin you wish to keep. Just place the bottle directly in the trunk for the contractors to retrieve.
4. If you are walking or biking to the event, there will be a station for you to safely drop-off items. Please ask for assistance from a Cambridge Police officer or Public Works employee before entering the site.

For the quickest and best response, email DPW's Recycling Division with questions on Recycle Center and Household Hazardous Waste: Recycle@CambridgeMA.gov.

50 Mooney Street HHW Day

