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NEED SUPPLIES?

The City provides flyers, yard waste stickers, recycle & compost carts and more. To order supplies, visit CambridgeMA.Gov/RecycleSupplies.

MISSED COLLECTION?

Please report missed pickups by 9am the day after collection. Report it at CambridgeMA.Gov/311 (or call 617-349-4800). After reporting, leave items at the curb. We will collect by the end of the next collection day.

NOT ON THE DPW COLLECTION ROUTES?

All Cambridge residents can use the Recycling Center and attend hazardous waste events.

- Neve pour hazardous products down drains or catch basins, or put in the trash.
- Never mix chemicals.

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Your 2019–2020 Guide to Recycle, Compost and More

- View your waste collection schedule
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Curbside recycling is mandatory in Cambridge. Together, we have diverted thousands of tons of materials from the trash.

Recycling is easy!
- Rinse containers. No food or liquids.
- Flatten or nest boxes when possible.

Do NOT Recycle:
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- Glass bottles & jars
- Plastic containers
- Paper & cardboard

Curbside compost is available to all residential buildings with City trash collection. Composting reduces trash going to landfills and turns food scraps into clean energy and fertilizer.

How does it work?
- Line kitchen bin with a compost bag (paper bags are OK to use).
- Every few days, tie the bag and drop it in your curbside cart.
- Lock cart to keep critters out.

Do NOT Compost:
- Pet Waste
- Diapers
- Yard Waste
- Recyclables

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