

# City of Cambridge

## Recycling Information for Businesses

Recycling is the right thing to do for the environment and people want to support green businesses.

Since 1991, the City's Mandatory Recycling Ordinance has required all buildings recycle the following materials if any comprise as least 5% or more by weight of your trash:

- Cardboard, Paper
- Construction waste (asphalt, brick, concrete, metal & wood)
- Containers (glass, plastic & metal)
- Leaf & yard waste

All TVs & computer monitors, lead acid batteries, tires and white goods must be recycled.

Massachusetts state laws ban these materials from disposal. MassDEP is planning for a waste ban on commercial and institutional food waste by 2014 (once sufficient infrastructure is established).

### Recycling Drop-off Center

Small businesses with 50 employees or less can use the Recycling Drop-off Center at 147 Hampshire Street during open hours only: Tuesdays/Thursdays 4pm-7:30pm and Saturdays 9am-4pm.

Businesses may bring paper, cardboard, bottles/cans, plastic bags, fluorescent bulbs, scrap metal, large plastic items and small amounts of small electronics (no TVs and no computer monitors). No trash and no sealed metal canisters. Please consolidate large amounts of cardboard. Check with the DPW employee on site to answer your questions and help ensure that material is put in the right place.

Visit our "Get Rid Of It Right" webpage on how to recycle, donate or dispose of just about anything.

### Curbside Recycling Collection

If a business has a landlord that provides trash collection to their tenants, then they are required by City Ordinance to provide for recycling collection. Businesses can arrange for curbside service with one of the licensed haulers in Cambridge:

- Allied Waste (781) 289-0500 x 230, [repsrv.com](http://repsrv.com)
- B-P Trucking (508) 231-1000, [bptrucking.com](http://bptrucking.com)
- Casella (978) 535-6312, [zero-sort.com](http://zero-sort.com)
- Charles George Companies (603) 425-2274, [charlesgeorgecompanies.com](http://charlesgeorgecompanies.com)
- D.B.I Waste Systems (617) 389-9656
- Earthworm (617) 628-1844, [earthwormrecycling.org](http://earthwormrecycling.org)
- EL Harvey & Sons (508) 836-3042, [elharvey.com](http://elharvey.com)
- E.O.M.S (508) 587-9686, [kingofcardboard.net](http://kingofcardboard.net)
- JRM Hauling & Recycling (978) 536-2500, [jrmhauling.com](http://jrmhauling.com)
- Mass Hauling (781) 337-9807, [mass-hauling.com](http://mass-hauling.com)
- McGeoghean Waste (617) 547-2595, [trashpickup.com](http://trashpickup.com)
- Save That Stuff (617) 241-9998, [savethatstuff.com](http://savethatstuff.com)
- United Waste (508) 584-2224, [unitedwastemanagment.com](http://unitedwastemanagment.com)
- Waste Management (508) 836-5691, [wm.com](http://wm.com)
- Waste Solutions (888) 765-5633, [wastesolutions.ws](http://wastesolutions.ws)



[www.cambridgema.gov/recycle](http://www.cambridgema.gov/recycle)

617.349.4800

## **5 Things to Know Before You Talk to Your Hauler**

1. All haulers licensed to operate in Cambridge are required to offer recycling collection.
2. Who is the main contact at your building / business for this contract? City Ordinance requires that landlords that provide for trash collection must also provide for recycling.
3. How is the contract structured? Separating recyclables from the trash can reduce your bill by reducing dumpster size, weight, or collection frequency.
4. If you generate a high volume of paper / cardboard (especially if you bale onsite), you may be able to negotiate low cost service. Remember that markets for recyclables do fluctuate.
5. You might be able to downsize your trash container to help make space to store recyclables. Your hauler can make suggestions.

## **5 Things to Ask Your Hauler**

1. What do they collect? How should recyclables be prepared for pickup?
2. Is there a minimum or maximum quantity for collection?
3. Do they provide storage containers, what type and size?
4. Fees for as-needed vs. regular pickups, different sized containers and total number of containers?
5. Is a contract necessary? If so, what are the conditions, for what time frame? How to end the contract?

## **Keeping Your Hauler Happy**

1. Follow the recycling instructions from your hauler carefully on how to prepare material.
2. Be aware of what your hauler considers a contaminate load and how to avoid this.
3. Let your hauler know as soon as possible about any foreseeable changes in the amount of recyclables produced.
4. Always keep the recycling containers your hauler picks up in the same location.