

TOWN OF ASHLAND RUBBISH/RECYCLING INFORMATION

508-881-0120, EXT. 19

The annual fee is \$156.00 per household and is billed on an annual basis.

The following information should help you in preparing for your curbside rubbish/recycling pick-ups. If you have any questions regarding what can and cannot be put out for collection, please contact **David Miller @ the DPW 508-881-0120, EXT. 19.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Ashland started its new Pay-As-You-Throw Rubbish/Recycle Program on 7/1/06. The main goal of the program is to get people to recycle as much as possible and also to make the cost of rubbish removal as fair as possible for everyone. All trash must be within the Town of Ashland approved trash bags (orange), or it will be left at the curb. The more you recycle, the less of a need you will have for numerous amounts of trash bags....this is where the savings comes from.
- Ashland's yearly trash tonnage dropped from 5,270 tons (pre-PAYT in FY06) to 3,306 tons (FY11).
- Recycling is picked up on a weekly basis along with your trash.
- Recycling bins are available at the DPW, M-F from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Recycle bins are \$5.00 each.
- Rubbish/Recycling **MUST** be at curbside by 7 AM, no exceptions.
- When there is an observed holiday, collection will be delayed (1) day throughout that week (refer to the rubbish/recycling calendar). **Rubbish & Recycling is NOT picked up on Mondays.**
- You can continue to use your trash barrels to keep the critters out of your bags. However, only trash within the Town of Ashland approved bags will be collected from the barrels.
- **DO NOT** leave your orange bags stretched over the rim of your trash barrel. Bags left this way will remain at the curb. Please make sure that each bag is tied.
- There is no longer a need to sort and separate your recyclables.....all paper, cardboard, glass, plastic, etc., can be placed in the same bin. Also, you may convert one of your trash barrels into a jumbo, covered recycle bin by painting the word "RECYCLING" on it.
- **DO NOT put your recycling in plastic bags. If you have paper to recycle (shredded or otherwise) it may be placed into brown paper bags....OTHERWISE, ALL RECYCLING SHOULD REMAIN LOOSE IN YOUR RECYCLE BINS.**

BAG PRICES & SALE LOCATIONS

The Town of Ashland approved trash bags can be purchased at the following locations in town and are available in rolls of (5) in either a 33 gallon size for \$9.00, per roll or a 14 gallon size for \$5.25, per roll:

CVS PHARMACY (POND ST.); CVS PHARMACY (UNION ST.); RITE-AID PHARMACY (POND ST.); RITE-AID PHARMACY (UNION ST.); SHAW'S SUPERMARKET; MARKET BASKET; EZ-CONVENIENCE STORE; LUCKY FARMS; ASHLAND WINE & SPIRITS; ASHLAND CONVENIENCE STORE

BULK ITEM PICK UP

You can dispose of (1) bulk "household" item per month (item that will not fit into a town approved orange trash bag). To schedule your large item pick-up, call Waste Management at **1-800-972-4545**. The following are examples of items that are acceptable: stove, refrigerator, washing machine, dryer, grill (w/out propane tank), mattress, box spring, area rugs (rolled, tied and no taller than 4' in length), hot water heater, lawn mower (all fluids drained), etc.

RECYCLING ****DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLING****

The following recyclable items are accepted at curbside on your designated rubbish/recycle day and should be rinsed and placed in your recycle bins:

- Glass bottles, cans and jars, all colors and sizes
- Aluminum, tin/steel cans and lids, deposit and non-deposit beverage cans
- All plastic containers labeled 1-2-3-4-5-6 or 7 (except motor oil or chemical containers)

The following recyclable items are also accepted at curbside on your designated rubbish/recycle day and should be placed in your recycle bins:

- Paperboard such as cereal, shoe, cracker boxes, etc.
- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines/catalogs, junk mail, phone books and brown paper bags
- White, colored and computer paper
- Corrugated cardboard (must be flattened and or cut into 4'X4' pieces)....DO NOT put flattened cardboard into cardboard boxes....all cardboard should be flattened for removal.
- Hard cover books (remove covers and throw in trash), soft cover books
- Pizza boxes, juice boxes, milk and juice containers.

***Please be aware of what you're placing in your recycle bins.....toilet paper, tissues and any other "sanitary items", bowling balls, propane tanks, clothing, etc., are not recyclable and DO NOT belong in your recycle bins.**

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YARD WASTE & CHRISTMAS TREES

Yard Waste (**leaves and grass clippings only**) is picked up for (2) six week periods per year (6 weeks in the spring and 6 weeks in the fall). The dates for pick-up for FY13 (7/1/12-6/30/13) are as follows: **MONDAYS**, 10/15/12 through 11/19/12 and **MONDAYS**, 4/1/13 through 5/13/13 (with the exception of Marathon Monday, 4/15/13). Be sure to have contained yard waste at the curb no later than 7AM, the morning of collection. Yard waste will only be picked up if placed in the brown paper yard waste bags or trash barrels clearly labeled as **“YARD WASTE”**.

Christmas trees will be picked up on **MONDAY, 1/7/13** and **MONDAY, 1/14/13** and must be free of decorations and left loose, **NOT BAGGED OR WRAPPED IN NETTING**.

ELECTRONICS

An electronics recycling drop-off collection is held at the DPW Yard on the 1st Saturday of April, June, August and October from 9AM to 12 Noon and is for Ashland residents only. This is for disposal of TVs, monitors/computer equipment, microwaves, window air conditioners and other household electronics. If unsure of the acceptance of an item, please call the DPW for clarification. The fees are as follows and are subject to change:

- TVs & computer monitors (up to 20” screen, measured diagonally): \$10.00 each
- DVD/CD players; printers; CPUs; receivers; misc. household electronics: \$10.00 each
- TVs & computer monitors (over 20” screen, measured diagonally): \$20.00 each
- Window A/C units, dehumidifiers & microwaves: \$20.00 each
- Refrigerators (small dorm size): \$25.00 each
- Refrigerators (full size): \$45.00 each

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Town of Ashland hosts an Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, which will be held on May 11th, 2013 from 9AM to 1PM. This provides the residents of the town an opportunity to dispose of items such as cleaning chemicals, pesticides, garage chemicals, herbicides, etc. A flyer will be posted at www.ashlandmass.com Proof of residency is required.

In addition to the annual HHW Day, the DPW hosts a collection for used motor-oil, oil-based paints, contained Mercury (thermometers, thermostats and smoke detectors), fluorescent light bulbs and Ni-Cad batteries (used in cell phones and camcorders). This collection is held at the DPW Yard on the 1st Saturday of each month from 9 AM – 12 Noon. This collection is for Ashland residents only, businesses are not permitted. **NO LATEX PAINT WILL BE ACCEPTED. Latex paint is not hazardous. Dry out paint with Quick-Dry, CLEAN kitty litter, sand or shredded newspapers. When dry, place the opened can of paint at the curb beside your orange bags on your regularly scheduled rubbish/recycling day. DO NOT put paint cans in your trash bags.**