

**AUGUSTA PUBLIC WORKS  
RUBBLISH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Public Works Office Hours:** Monday through Friday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, closed weekends and all legal holidays.

**Location and Phone Number:** 55 North Street, Augusta, ME 04330 207-626-2435

**To look us up on the web [www.augustamaine.gov](http://www.augustamaine.gov), go to City Departments, City Services, Public Works**

**WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED?**

*Service is provided to single family residences and multi-family apartments of 4 units or less. Curbside collection provides recycling one week of the month with rubbish collection provided on all other weeks. Additionally, a 3 week Spring Clean Up of bulky items and a Spring Leaf Collection are offered as a “fee-for-service”. A special five (5) week Fall Leaf Collection, free of charge, is offered on five Mondays in the fall. A rubbish/recycling calendar is provided that shows the recycling week in your area and highlights other special events. Residents can also take rubbish and recycling to Hatch Hill and pay the posted fee. More detailed information is listed below.*



**WHAT CAN BE PLACED CURBSIDE FOR RUBBLISH COLLECTION**

Regular household rubbish - the things you would normally throw in your household rubbish containers. No bulky items or construction/demolition waste. No Universal waste (TV's, computer monitors, fluorescent bulbs, rechargeable batteries and other items containing mercury). No household hazardous wastes or liquid wastes. Unacceptable items that are hidden in a garbage container will not be picked up.

- Items may be placed at the curb after 4:00 p.m. the day before your collection day but must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled pick-up day. Containers need to be removed from the curbside by 9:00 p.m. the day of collection.
- Rubbish needs to be in whole plastic bags that are tied with a minimum of four (4) cubic feet capacity. Plastic bags may be placed at the curb or in metal or plastic garbage cans. The city is not responsible for damage or lost metal or plastic containers or for loose rubbish that falls out of torn plastic bags. Weight limit for a container or bag is 100 pounds.

# WHAT CAN BE PLACED CURBSIDE FOR RECYCLING COLLECTION?

## **CURBSIDE RECYCLING MATERIALS PREPARATION**

### **METAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE CANS:**

Rinse cans and remove labels. Flattening is preferred.

NO aerosol spray cans, paint cans, aluminum foil, coat hangers, pots and pans or other metals!



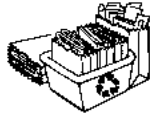
### **CLEAR GLASS BOTTLES & JARS:**

Rinse containers and remove caps. Labels are o.k.

NO colored glass, drinking glasses, cookware, coffeepots, lightbulbs, windowpanes, mirrors or ceramics!



### **NEWSPAPER/MAGAZINE/CATALOG MIX (including telephone books)**



Clean, dry and bundled. NO unwanted mail, hardcover books, or boxes.

### **#2 HDPE "CLEAR" PLASTIC CONTAINERS**



Rinse containers, remove caps and neck rings, and flatten. Look for recycling symbol on bottom. Milk containers are considered clear.

NO colored or white #2 HDPE or other plastics!

### **UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

***Please Note: Residential corrugated cardboard is not picked up at the curb. It may be recycled at the recycling drop-off at Augusta Public Works***

### **IS THERE A DROP-OFF FOR RECYCLABLES?**

For Augusta Residents ONLY, no business and/or commercial use. The drop-off is located at Public Works. The drop-off is for the items listed above and also clean and dry Corrugated Cardboard (NO PAPERBOARD (the flat kind) i.e. pizza/cereal boxes).

## **HOW DO I KNOW WHEN MY RUBBISH OR RECYCLING IS COLLECTED?**

- In June, Rubbish/Recycling calendars are hand-delivered to single family homes and apartment complexes up to 4 units. You should find your schedule in a doorway, not in your mailbox.
- If you live in an apartment complex with more than 4 units that receives curbside collection service by the City, someone needs to come to Public Works to pick them up.
- There are eight different collection runs for the City. Because of this it is not possible to post the collection routes on the City's web page.

## **HOW DO I GET A SET OF RECYCLING BUCKETS?**

- We provide a set of 2 green recycling buckets to single family homes and apartment complexes up to 4 units. If you move into a home and cannot locate the recycling buckets, stop by Public Works and you will be given a set of buckets and a current rubbish/recycling calendar.
- If you need additional buckets, they can be purchased for a small fee or you can use any type of durable reusable container, maximum size is 20 gallons or 50 pound limit.
- If your apartment complex is larger than 4 units and receives curbside collection by the City, you or your landlord are responsible to provide reusable containers.

## **CAN MY RUBBISH GET PICKED UP ON MY RECYCLING DAY?**

Yes, you need to purchase Paid Rubbish Stickers. The cost is \$1.00 for up to a 30-gallon bag. These stickers can be picked up at the City of Augusta, Treasurer's Office, Monday through Friday 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you are a first time user of this program, please contact Public Works (626-2435) to let them know that you will be utilizing this service.

## **WHAT DO WE DO WITH LEAVES OR GRASS CLIPPINGS?**

These items are composted and will not be picked up with your regular rubbish. The City offers a free curbside leaf collection on five Mondays in the fall. Your collection calendar lists the dates for this collection.

Bagged grass clippings or bagged leaves may also be dropped off at Public Works during regular hours, free of charge, 5-bag limit per visit. They may also be dropped off at the Hatch Hill Solid Waste Disposal Facility, Tuesday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., free of charge.

## **HOW DO I GET RID OF BULKY ITEMS I.E. WOOD, DRYERS, AND OLD FURNITURE?**

There are 3 options:

- 1) Participate in the yearly Cleanup Weeks that the City offers in the spring for a fee. Refer to your Rubbish/Recycling Calendar for dates. Detailed information is published in mid-April.

- 2) Items can be brought to the Hatch Hill Solid Waste Disposal Facility. A residential Pass or Permit is required and a fee is assessed based on the material you have and how much it weighs. *For more detailed information go to the Solid Waste Bureau on the City website.*
- 3) Hire a company that does hauling and debris removal to haul the items to Hatch Hill. For a list of companies look under “Garbage Removal” in the Yellow Pages.

### **WHAT AND WHERE IS HATCH HILL?**

The City of Augusta owns and operates the Hatch Hill Solid Waste and Recycling Facility. For detailed information on using Hatch Hill please look under the Solid Waste Bureau section of the City website.

### **HOW DO I RECYCLE BATTERIES AND UNIVERSAL WASTE (TV'S, COMPUTER MONITORS AND ITEMS CONTAINING MERCURY?)**

Please look under the Solid Waste Bureau section of the City website.