

TOWN OF SWANSEA

IMPORTANT INFORMATION INSIDE
about your trash and recycling services.



Trash and Recycling Collection Services



Dear Swansea Residents,

We look forward to servicing the residents of Swansea and helping your community be as clean and green as possible. Capitol Waste Services is pleased to provide you with detailed information about your curbside solid waste and recycling services.

If you have any questions, need to report a missed collection or if you require cart repair please call Capitol Waste Services at (855) 533-3400 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. After 4:30 p.m. residents are able to leave a message and the next morning our customer service team will be able to listen to those messages and return everyone's call.

Sincerely,

Capitol Waste Service, Inc.

Schedule

Trash and recycling is collected once a week at the curb for program subscribers. All materials should be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day, but no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the night before.

Trash

- All household trash must be placed in Town of Swansea official trash bags. Individual bags cannot exceed 30lbs.
- If needed, official Town trash bags can be placed in barrels labeled as **TRASH**
- Barrels should not exceed 65 gallons capacity or weigh more than 50 pounds
- Noncommercial construction debris shall be limited to a maximum of one bag per residence per week.

Recycling

- Single stream recycling collection is weekly on the same day as your trash collection.
- All acceptable recycling material must be placed in your designated recycling cart (65 or 96 gallon cart).

Yard Waste

- Weekly collection begins mid April, running a total of 35 weeks, through early December each year.
- Leaves, grass and yard trimming shall be placed loose in unlined barrels labeled as **YARD WASTE** or biodegradable paper bags.
- Brush will be collected curbside as long as it is no more than 3 inches in diameter, tied in bundles, no more than 4 feet in length and weighs less than 60 pounds per bundle.
- Yard waste pick up will be limited to 10 bags per week.

White Goods (Scrap Metal and Appliances) and Electronics

- Lawn mowers (gas tanks removed and oil drained), barbecue grills, metal bed springs, sofa metal frames, bicycles, and other primary metal items.
- Refrigerators, stoves, microwaves, hot water heaters, dishwashers, humidifiers, air conditioners.
- Electronics includes: televisions, computer monitors, laptops, keyboards, VCRs, DVD players, and miscellaneous electronic equipment.
- Not accepted: cast iron, automobile parts, and propane tanks.
- Collected every 2nd and 4th week, call (855) 533-3400 to schedule pick up.
- White Goods and/or Electronics limited to two items per household per pick up.
- Special GREEN tag must be affixed to each item. \$35.00 tags are available at bag & tag outlets listed below marked with an asterisk.

Bulky Items

- Includes items that won't fit into an official trash bag: furniture, couches (not sleeper sofas), sinks (not porcelain), carpet (4ft length, rolled, tied, and no more than 50lbs, 2 rolls per week), wood construction materials.
- One item per week, collected with bagged trash.
- Special GREEN tag must be affixed to each item. \$35.00 tags are available at bag & tag outlets listed below marked with an asterisk.

Bag & Tag Outlets

Swansea trash bags are available in two sizes and may be purchased in packages of seven (7) at local grocery and convenience stores. At the time of printing this notice, participating vendors include:

Town of Swansea

- Save on Gas
- *Buffington Mini Mart
- *Cumberland Farms North
- *Cumberland Farms South
- Joe's Qwick Mart
- Season Corner Market
- *Swansea Mart
- Mobil
- *Highway Department –

TAGS ONLY

Town of Somerset

- Auclair's Market
- Correia & Sons Market
- Stop & Shop

Town of Seekonk

- Stop & Shop

(*) tags available for purchase

Holiday Schedule

When an observed holiday falls on a normal collection day, collections will be delayed by one day for the rest of the week.

The following holidays will result in delayed collections.

New Years Day	Patriots Day	Independence Day	Veterans Day
Martin Luther King Day	Memorial Day	Labor Day	Thanksgiving Day
Presidents Day	Juneteenth	Columbus Day	Christmas Day



Have you ever heard the phrase “one bad apple spoils the bunch?” The same is true for recycling, where one non-recycling item can spoil an entire batch of otherwise good materials. It may seem like a small detail – a wrong item in the recycling bin – but it represents a global problem that’s preventing thousands of tons of material from ever seeing a second life and we need your help!

- Place only the acceptable recyclables pictured below in the recycling cart.
- Plastic bags are NOT acceptable in the recycling cart.
- Please empty all loose recyclables directly into the cart.



NO!



No Batteries or Needles in the Recycling or Trash

- Batteries and needles pose a safety risk for our employees. Check for local drop-off programs for proper disposal: <https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/>

No Loose Plastic Bags, Film or Bagged Recyclables

- Empty recyclables directly into your cart

To learn more on where to recycle items NOT in Swansea's program visit: <https://recyclesmartma.org/>

Care and placement of the carts:

- Always keep the lid closed to keep rain, snow and animals out.
- Clean the cart periodically
- Since automated waste collection requires clearance for the vehicle's lifting mechanism any cars parked at the curb should be at least 5 feet from the trash cart.



The placement of the cart is very important as the collection vehicle's lifting arm requires clearance of at least 3 feet on both sides of the cart and 12 feet overhead. Carts should be no more than 3 feet away from the roads edge, with the arrow facing the road and the handles facing the house.

The MassDEP has a new website that features a "Smart Recycling Guide" that will address all of your recycling questions. Find it fast online at <https://recyclesmartma.org/>



For additional recycling and reuse resources please visit the town website at:
https://www.swanseama.gov/how_do_i/view/frequently_asked_questions.php