

Rules

In order for refuse to be collected on a weekly schedule by the City of Pawtucket Department of Public Works, the following rules shall apply:

- A. Loose garbage will not be collected. All residential solid waste containers, recycling bins or bags shall be placed at the curb, in front of said residence, not before 4:00 p.m. the day before collection. All reusable containers shall be removed from the curb no longer than eight hours after collection. No containers shall be placed in or on the street.
- B. All refuse receptacles must be watertight. Receptacles must be free from jagged or sharp edges.
- C. No container may be over 32 gallons in capacity or 75 lbs. in weight when filled. Oil drums are prohibited.
- D. Wood must be no longer than 3' long and tied in small bundles. The wood must be free of nails and screws. Wood must be scheduled for pickup through the Sanitation Department.
- E. Yard waste will be collected on trash collection day. It must be separate from the regular trash. Yard waste consists of grass, tree limbs, leaves and plants. Tree limbs must be no larger than three (3) inches in diameter and no longer than three (3) feet in length, and tied in small bundles. Yard waste must be placed in composting bags or in barrels only. NO PLASTIC BAGS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Yard waste will be picked up from April until October only.
- F. Cardboard must be separated from the trash to be recycled. Trash placed in cardboard will not be accepted.
- G. Rugs must be cut into sections of no longer than 4 ft. lengths, and tied and bundled.
- H. No sand, dirt, sod, rocks, demolition lumber, broken concrete, asphalt, plaster, tile, brick or other construction material will be collected.
- I. No automobile or motorcycle parts.
- J. If refuse is of such size and nature that it cannot be placed in containers, then it shall be so arranged next to the container that it may be picked up by the collector; otherwise, the collector may properly refuse to take same.
- K. No frozen containers or containers with warm ashes.
- L. No uncooked animal carcass or parts.
- M. Metal items must be scheduled for pickup by the owner of the property through the Sanitation Department before putting them on the curbside.
- N. There is a \$16.00 charge for refrigerators, freezers, mattresses, and box springs. There is no charge for stoves, washers, dryers, air conditioners, water coolers, or televisions. Propane tanks must be dropped off at the Public Works Department, located at 250 Armistice Boulevard. All of these items (except propane tanks) must be scheduled for pickup by the owner of the property before putting them on the curbside.
- O. Furniture must be scheduled for pickup by the owner of the property. There is no charge for furniture pickup. Pick up shall be limited to four (4) pieces per appointment.
- P. No full paint cans. Latex paint cans should be placed with the cover off in the regular trash after the paint has dried. Oil paint can be disposed of by calling the Eco Depot at 942-1430. Call for the location of drop-off sites.
- Q. Computers and all computer equipment shall not be put out with the trash.
- R. All dogs must be leashed, restrained or fenced in on the day of collection.

- S. Pending collection, all refuse shall be stored in receptacles as provided in subsection C above.
- T. Receptacles so stored shall be screened by fencing or shrubbery if visible from the street.
- U. Properties managed by private companies shall be responsible for all bulky waste pick up and disposal from that property.
- V. The City hereby incorporates by reference the Rules of the RI Resource Recovery Corporation and future amendments thereof. Bulky waste pickups by the City of Pawtucket will be free of charge unless they exceed the limits. The following are the limits for items and the charges for pickups over the allowable limit

If you have any questions please call: (401) 728-0500, ext. 282

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to use barrels for my trash? A: Yes, all trash should be placed in plastic bags and placed inside trash barrels. No loose trash should be placed on the curb.

Q: Will the City pick up wood? A: Yes, wood will be picked up by appointment. Wood must be cut in lengths 4' or less and less than 3" in diameter bundled and tied.

Q: Does the City pick up yard waste? A: Yes, yard waste will be picked up on your regular trash collection day. It must be separate from your trash and placed in composting bags or loose in barrels. Yard waste consists of grass, tree limbs, leaves and plants. Tree limbs must be no longer than 3' in length or 3" in diameter, tied and bundled. Yard waste will be picked up from April until October only.

Q: Does the City pick up leaves? A: Yes, the leaf pickup program begins in October and ends in November. During this time, leaves must be separated from other yard waste and put in compost bags or loose in barrels. No Plastic Bags are allowed.

Q: When does the City sell leaf bags? A: The City begins selling leaf bags usually the second week of October and ends the day before Thanksgiving. The bags cost 25 cents each. They are on sale at the Transfer Station on Grotto Avenue and in Slater Park.

Q: Does the City pick up cardboard? A: Yes, the City recycles cardboard. Cardboard should be flattened and less than 3' long. Cardboard should be placed with your green recycling bin. If there is an abundance of cardboard, the City has a special truck that picks up just cardboard. Do not use cardboard to dispose of trash.

Q: Does the City pick up rugs? A: Yes, the City will pick up rugs with your regular trash. Rugs must be cut 4' and under, rolled and tied.

Q: Does the City pick up automobile parts? A: No, the City will not pick up any automobile parts. Tires and oil may be taken to the Transfer Station on Grotto Avenue.

Q: Does the City pick up metal? A: Yes, the City will pick up metal by appointment. There is no charge for the pickups.

Q: Does the City pick up furniture? A: Yes, the City will pick up furniture by appointment. There is no charge for the pickup.

Q: How do I dispose of paint and hazardous materials? A: Latex paint will be picked up with your trash. Open the can and let the air dry the paint, leave the cover off and place the can with your trash. Oil base paints and hazardous materials must be taken to the Eco-Depot in Johnston. Call (401) 942-1430, ext. 241.

Q: How do I dispose of computers? A: The City does not pick up computers. Computers and all computer equipment may be taken to the Transfer Station on Grotto Avenue. There is no charge for the disposal.

Q: What can I do with items that the Sanitation Department doesn't pick up? A: The City has a Transfer Station on Grotto Avenue. To use the Transfer Station, first you must get a sticker for your vehicle at the Public Works Office at 250 Armistice Blvd. For further information you may call the Public Works Office at (401) 728-0500, ext. 236 or the Transfer Station at (401) 728-0500, ext. 499.