

Town of Middleborough Department of Public Works New Automated Trash and Recycling Program

Q. How do I identify my carts?

A. Your carts are assigned to your address using a serial number imprinted on the cart. Record these numbers as this will help you identify your carts in the case of a windstorm or if your carts are stolen or misplaced.

Q. Where and how do I store my recycling carts?

A. Store your carts in the backyard, garage, or any other convenient, safe location where they are not visible except on scheduled collection days. Do not store your carts near a furnace, grill, or any other heat source.

Q. Is my recycling day changing?

A. **NO** — your trash and recycling day will remain the same. Please have your recyclables out at 7:00 a.m. on your day of collection.

Q. Can I use another container?

A. **NO** — only the carts issued by the Town can be used. Trash and Recyclables left outside the carts will not be collected. Carts that are blocked or turned the wrong way cannot be emptied.

Q. Does cardboard have to be bundled and tied?

A. Cardboard does **NOT** have to be bundled and tied. To prevent cardboard from being jammed too tightly, we ask that you cut or flatten the cardboard so that the container can be easily emptied.

Q. How full should my trash and recycling carts be when I set it out?

A. It is the most efficient and economical for our trucks to make stops for full or nearly full carts. Also, it improves air quality when trucks don't have to make unnecessary stops. If your cart is not full and you feel you can wait until the next collection cycle, please do not put your cart out.

Q. My Cart is dirty. Can I get a replacement?

A. The housekeeping and maintenance of the carts is the responsibility of the homeowner. If you bag all your trash, maintenance will be minor. An occasional washing with water and a little ammonia or disinfecting cleaner will help eliminate odors.

Q. What can I put in my cart for recycling?

A. Single stream recycling items must be placed in the 96 gallon cart with the green lid. The items include cardboard, paper, newspaper, plastic bottles, cans, aluminum cans, and any product with a recycling number 1-5 and 7. Recycling #6 is Styrofoam cups and packages that are currently not recycled in Massachusetts.

Q. Where can I get a trash or recycling cart?

A. The town will provide both a trash and recycling cart at no cost. They will be delivered to each household the last week of June 2015.