



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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Rules and Regulations for the Collection of Rubbish and Recycling

The following are rules and regulations for the automated collection of rubbish and recycling in the Town of Rockland. Trash will be serviced weekly and recycling will be serviced bi-weekly.

Residents must have rubbish and recycling curbside by 7:00 a.m.

Rubbish:

Only acceptable waste will be accepted under the curbside automated collection program. Acceptable waste shall mean rubbish, trash, garbage generated from a residential household.

For the purposes of the automated curbside collection of rubbish, only the 64-gallon totes provided by the Town of Rockland will be serviced. All rubbish must be bagged and fit inside the provided tote with no overflow. Items left curbside that are not in totes will not be serviced. Totes must be spaced 3 feet apart. Totes that are placed out of reach of the Automated truck or too close to a telephone pole, mailboxes, basketball hoops, vehicles etc. **will not** be serviced.

Extra trash totes are available upon request and paid service fee. Please contact the Board of Health for additional information.

Waste that will not be collected through the automated curbside collection program includes, but not limited to televisions, computer monitors, motor oil, car batteries, fluorescent bulbs, white goods, automobile parts and motors, tires scrap metal items, construction and demolition debris, hazardous waste, furniture, bedding and mattresses, etc.

Most materials not accepted under the automated curbside program are accepted at the Beech Street Recycling Center for a fee.

Recycling:

Recycling is mandatory in the Town of Rockland. Residents must use the 96-gallon tote provided by the Town of Rockland. All recycling materials must fit inside the provided totes with no overflow. Items left curbside that are not in totes will not be serviced. Totes must be spaced 3 feet apart. Totes that are placed out of reach of the Automated truck or too close to a telephone pole, mailboxes, basketball hoops, vehicles etc. **will not** be serviced.

Acceptable recyclables collected through the automated curbside collection program include mixed paper, containers made of glass, metal and plastics marked #1 - #7, drink boxes and milk cartons. Food containers contaminated with grease, oil or other food wastes and plastic grocery bags are not acceptable. Cardboard must be broken down no larger than 2ft x 2ft.

Mixed papers include, but is not limited to, newspaper, magazines and catalogues, flattened corrugated cardboard, discarded mail, paperboard, phone books, office and computer paper, paper bags and paperback books.

Yard Waste:

The Town of Rockland does not provide curbside pickup of any yard waste.

Any yard waste such as leaves, grass clippings, and brush less than 4” in diameter may be brought to the Beech Street Recycling facility at no charge. Materials must be either loose in barrels or in biodegradable paper bags. Plastic bags are not acceptable.

Medical Waste:

Prescription and over the counter medications may be dropped off at the kiosk in the Rockland Police Station located at 490 Market Street.

Sharps, such as syringes or diabetic lancets can be brought to the Recycling Center located at 1000 Beech St. Sharps must be in a sharps container which can be purchased at any area pharmacy. Sharps cannot be accepted in laundry detergent containers.

Holidays:

In the event of a holiday observed during the work week, the collection will be one day later. Currently, the following are holidays recognized by the Town of Rockland:

New Year’s Day	Veterans Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Day
Independence Day	Christmas Day
Labor Day	

Beech Street Recycling Center:

The Beech Street Recycling Center hours of operation are Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.