



CITY OF MELROSE

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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IMPORTANT TRASH/RECYCLING NEWS

After a competitive bid process, the City of Melrose has selected JRM Hauling & Recycling to complete residential curbside collection of solid waste. This change will ensure city resources are being best utilized while maintaining our commitment to excellent customer service.

Beginning March 5, 2012, JRM will begin to pick up your trash on your regularly scheduled day of pick-up. Melrose Public Works staff will continue to provide curbside recycling services and yard waste collection. Curbside collection standards and restrictions will not change as part of this effort and residents will not notice any change in service.

The City is taking this opportunity to remind residents of our existing guidelines regarding residential curbside trash pickup. JRM and the City must comply with the MA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Waste Ban Regulation #310CMR 19-017. The DEP enforces this ban at the transfer station and fines are imposed on the trash haulers. **This means no newspaper, cardboard, cans, bottles or other recyclables can be placed in the trash barrel or bag; and trash cannot be placed in the recycle bins.** Here is a list of the existing ordinances:

1. Trash barrels must be 45 gallon or less and weigh less than 45 pounds; no 60/80 gallon totters are accepted for trash.
2. Metal is not allowed in the trash – the City provides a separate metal pickup every other Tuesday for a \$15 fee per item –Please call Public Works at 781-665-0142 for additional information.
3. Computers or TV's are not allowed in the trash – these may be dropped off at the City Yard for \$7.00 (\$15.00 for TV's larger than 40") or picked up curbside every other Tuesday for a \$15 fee.
4. No paper, no cardboard, no bottles or cans or other recyclables in the trash – the City provides free curbside residential recycling pickup every other week or you can drop-off at the City Yard for free – THERE IS NO LIMIT FOR RECYCLING. Recycling includes glass jars, bottles, cans, paper, newspaper, magazines, cardboard, and #1-7 plastic. Recycling may be put in any container with a "Recycle" sticker. Please limit container weight to a maximum weight of 45 pounds. You can pick up Recycle and Yard Waste Stickers or additional "City of Melrose" bins at the Public Works Tremont Operations Facility.
5. Construction/demolition material is not allowed in the trash and will not be collected. Please find a private vendor for this material.
6. Yard Waste is not allowed in the trash – the City provides free seasonal Yard Waste pickup curbside or you may drop-off for free at the City Yard – there is no limit to drop-off at the City Yard.
7. One household bulky item per week will be picked up with the trash at no cost. You may schedule an appointment to pick up additional bulky items for household clean-outs or for additional trash by calling at 781-665-0142. Depending on the quantity of additional material, there may be a fee for pickup.
8. If JRM sees any of the above items in your trash, they may NOT pick up any of your items.

JRM is committed to exemplary customer service and to making this a seamless transition.

Got Questions or Issues? Continue to call the DPW Operations Facility (formerly the City Yard) on Tremont Street at 781-665-0142. More information on trash/recycling and a schedule of our upcoming monthly Saturday recycling events can be found on our website at www.cityofmelrose.org. All service requests can also now be completed on-line by going to our website and clicking on *DPW* then *e-gov service request*. This new feature allows residents to submit and track their requests on-line!