

SPRING/SUMMER 2022

MASS DEP WASTE BANS

InfoLetter

City of Quincy

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The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) introduced its first bans on landfilling and combustion of easy-to-recycle and toxic materials in 1990. Additional “waste bans” have been phased in over time. In November 2022 two new items (Textiles & Mattresses) will be added to the list. Please see the list here of materials currently banned.



**NO
MATTRESSES**



**NO
TEXTILES**

MATERIALS CURRENTLY BANNED OR TO BE BANNED FROM DISPOSAL IN MASSACHUSETTS

- Asphalt pavement, brick and concrete
- Cathode ray tubes
- Clean gypsum wallboard
- Ferrous and non-ferrous metals
- Glass and metal containers
- Lead acid batteries
- Leaves and yard waste
- Mattresses (effective November 1, 2022)
- Recyclable paper, cardboard and paperboard
- Single-resin narrow-necked plastic containers
- Textiles (effective November 1, 2022)
- Treated and untreated wood and wood waste
- White goods (large appliances)
- Whole tires

The City of Quincy continues to explore new infrastructure to collect banned items and to divert them from disposal to reuse and recycling.



Visit quincyma.gov for more details.

Keep this Newsletter for Yard Waste & Street Sweeping Schedule

HELP THE ENVIRONMENT!

The compost bin not only helps reduce landfill waste but provides rich organic matter for our raised garden beds, reducing the need for chemical fertilizer.

The rain barrel keeps our garden and bedding plants watered with fresh clean rainwater all season long.

COMPOSTER

The Earth Machine

Composter is available for \$25 utilizing a grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection. Pay by check or credit card at the DPW Commissioner's Office, 55 Sea Street, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



RAIN BARREL

The Great American Rain Barrel Company

is available for \$79 utilizing a grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection. Pay by check or credit card at the DPW Commissioner's Office, 55 Sea Street, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



PPES ARE NOT RECYCLABLE.

Place PPEs in TRASH.



SAVE OUR PIPES DON'T FLUSH YOUR WIPES

WIPES GO IN THE TRASH.

The Department of Public Works is asking residents **NOT TO FLUSH** disinfecting wipes down the toilet. Sewer lines can clog causing plumbing issues **IN YOUR HOME**. This includes paper towels and baby wipes. Even flushable wipes will clog pipes and interfere with sewage. Sanitizing is especially important because of coronavirus, but it is important to discard these items in the trash, not the toilet.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF DAY

June 11, 2022, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Saturday, June 11, is Household Hazardous Waste Dropoff Day at the DPW, **55 Sea St., from 8 am to 12 pm**. This event is for Quincy residents only. A MA Driver's License with a Quincy address is required. When gathering products for the event leave materials in original containers and tighten all caps and lids. Sort and pack items separately in sturdy upright boxes. **NEVER MIX CHEMICALS**. Do not smoke while handling hazardous material and do not bring children in the car with you. For a complete list of materials, accepted and unaccepted, visit the DPW home page at www.quincyma.gov. **Latex paint is not hazardous waste.**

GUIDELINES APPLY

- Do not exit vehicle.
- Clean Harbors will accept hazardous waste from pick-up beds, trunks and from the back of SUVs.
- Nothing will be accepted from the cab or nothing may be handed to the attendant.
- Clean Harbors will not return any containers.



SPRING STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

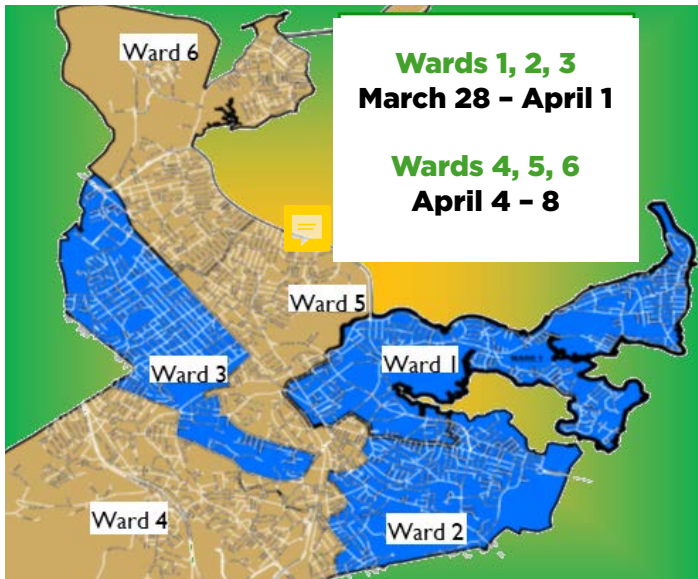
March 28 – April 1: Wards 1, 2, 3
 April 4 – 8: Wards 4, 5, 6

The department will concentrate all of its street sweeping equipment into just one Ward at a time. This allows for the deployment of Highway Operations and construction crews weeks earlier.

Sign up for Quincy Alerts to be notified of sudden changes in schedule. Visit www.quincyma.gov/govt/depts/emergency_management/alert_quincy/default.htm



Please remove your vehicles from the street during the week it will be swept. Electronic signs will be posted prior to sweeping.



5 WAYS TO ADJUST YOUR RECYCLING HABITS

Wishful recycling actually harms the entire recycling process. Here are five ways you can help reduce the cost of contaminated recycling:

1. Only place empty, clean, dry, loose items in your bin.
2. These five items should never be placed in your recycling bin:
 1. Plastic bags
 2. Shredded paper
 3. Tanglers (hoses/hangers/cords)
 4. Styrofoam containers
 5. Food and Liquids
3. Purchase products made with high recycled content
4. When in doubt, throw it out
5. Make an effort to reduce the amount of waste you create — reuse what you can

BATTERY DISPOSAL

Alkaline Batteries A, AA, AAA, B, C and D batteries currently manufactured in the United States do not contain mercury and can be put in the trash.

Do NOT trash Rechargeable Batteries (including Li-Ion, Ni-Cd, Ni-MH, Ni-ZN and SS/LA/Pb), Button Batteries and Lithium Batteries. Bring these types of batteries to the DPW rear yard



YARD WASTE SCHEDULE

Yard waste is collected on your regular trash day during the highlighted weeks of this calendar. Place leaves, grass clippings and twigs into paper bags or in barrels marked with YARD WASTE stickers. Do not use PLASTIC BAGS.

Free yard waste stickers are available at the DPW, City Hall and the Kennedy Senior Center and are required on yard waste barrels. Branches must be cut into 3-foot lengths and cannot be thicker than 2.5 inches. You may drop-off yard waste and recyclables at the DPW yard M-F, 7:30 am to 3 pm, year-round weather permitting, and on Saturdays, April 3 through December 4, from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm, weather permitting. December 3rd is the last Saturday the rear yard is open for 2022.

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Yard Waste Collection Day

○ Holiday

◇ Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day

Rear Yard Open on Saturdays thru December 3 from 7:30 am - 2:30 pm



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For curbside collection of appliances, TVs and monitors call 617-376-7556 at least one full business day before your regular trash day.



Please have your trash out by 7am on your regular trash day. Pick-up times are subject to change without notice.

POSTAL CUSTOMER



Dear Friends,

The winter months certainly offered a hearty amount of snow, but fortunately better weather is on the horizon.

Throughout 2021, much was accomplished on our roadways, utility work and seawall project. The D.P.W. reconstructed 7.7 miles of roadway and replaced over 15 miles of curbing and sidewalks. The City reconstructed The Strand Pump Station and over 3.8 miles of water mains and 7.2 miles of sewer pipes were replaced. Phase One of the Adams Shore and Hough's Neck seawall project was complete including the new 6,900-foot-long seawall, new access stairways and installation drainage improvements. In 2022, we plan to pave over 9.9 miles of roadway, replace over 6 miles of water main and 9.4 miles of sewer replacement and lining across the City.

I wish you all that joy that spring has to offer. Keep this newsletter handy for yard waste and street sweeping schedules. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions at 617 376-1990 if I may be of assistance in any matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Thomas P. Koch

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Important Numbers

- 24-hr Emergency617-376-1910
- Commissioner
- Al Grazioso617-376-1959
- Engineering617-376-1950
- Water/Sewer/Drain617-376-1910
- Water Billing 617-376-1918
- Street Sweeping 617-376-1957
- Pot Hole Hotline617-376-1914
- Capitol Waste..... 617-376-7556
- Business Manager
- Neil McCole 617-376-1371
- Operations Manager
- Michael Norton 617-376-1258
- Waste & Recycling Manager
- Thomas Henry617-376-1954
- Recycling Coordinator
- Mitchell McGowan 617-376-1953