



Town of Stoughton Disposal of Household Wastes Rules and Regulations

Rubbish Collection

1. Curbside rubbish collection is provided once a week to each residential address in town with 3 or fewer family units. **All rubbish must be at curbside by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.** Rubbish that is not at curbside when the truck reaches that location will not be collected later.
2. If a holiday¹ falls on your collection day, rubbish will be picked up on the next working day. Changes in schedule (holidays, etc.) will be advertised locally or on the DPW website: www.stoughton-ma.gov/DPW/
3. Rugs/carpet must be cut into widths of no more than 4' and tied into rolls of no more than 12" in diameter for collection at curbside. Same with lumber/wood.
4. Bags & boxes torn, broken, or water-soaked due to weather, will be the responsibility of the homeowner. Same with plastic containers that are broken or damaged.
5. Mattresses. Twin & full: mattress & boxspring may be left at curbside together. Queen & king: only one piece (mattress or boxspring) may be left at curbside per week.
6. **Large household metal appliances** must be called in to the Public Works Dept. for an appointment to be picked up, or can be brought to the Recycling Center.²
7. No barrel over 30-gallon size will be emptied.

Recyclables Collection

1. Curbside recycling collection is provided twice per month. Contact DPW for schedule.
2. **Acceptable Co-mingles:** Rigid plastics with symbols ♻️ through ♻️ on the bottom, glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans and foils. (Caps and lids do not have to be removed.) All containers (jars, bottles, cartons, etc.) must be rinsed and free of contaminants. **Plastic bags and Styrofoam are not accepted.**
3. **Acceptable Mixed Paper (must be in separate container):** Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, paper bags, phone books, junk mail, inserts, printer paper, etc. Thin cardboard such as cereal boxes, pasta boxes, frozen food boxes, and soda or beer packaging are also acceptable. Corrugated cardboard is acceptable and should be cut and flattened.
4. **No food waste in recycle bins.**

TIP: The Stoughton DPW has free "RECYCLABLES" stickers to place on any size container, up to 30 gallons, for Curbside Recyclables pick-up. In addition, free small bins are available (one per household), ideal for paper collection.

Non-Acceptable Materials

| Items Not Acceptable for Curbside Pickup | | Items can be disposed of at Hazardous Waste Day* |
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| Home construction, repair or demolition materials, sheet rock, shingles, lumber, fences, etc. | Motor oil may be disposed of at the oil tank next to the Police Station on Rose St. | Medical waste: Needles, syringes, lancets and other sharp objects, old prescription drugs |
| Logs, stumps, brush and branches | Porcelain materials (toilets, sinks, tubs) | Hazardous waste, acids, ammunition, car batteries, pesticides |
| Rocks, dirt, concrete, asphalt, sand, gravel, etc. | Animal excrement | Flammable materials or chemicals: oils, paints, gas, etc. |
| Pallets and skids | 50- or 55-gallon drums | Aerosol cans, fluorescent light bulbs |
| Hot coals/embers | Car parts | Lawn chemicals, tires |
| Tires | | Mercury thermometers / thermostats |
| * Contact the DPW for more information | | |

¹ **Observed Holiday Schedule:** New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Washington's Birthday, Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

² The Town of Stoughton has a Recycling Center located next to BJ's Wholesale, off Page Street on Reebok Drive, for additional recycling needs. **Hours of operation: 8:00 am-5:00 pm Saturdays only, with seasonal hour extentions.**