

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF READING

To the Inhabitants of the
Town of Reading:

Please take notice that the
Board of Selectmen of the Town
of Reading will hold the follow-
ing public hearings on Tuesday,
October 5, 2010 in the
Selectmen's Meeting Room, 16
Lowell Street, Reading,
Massachusetts:

Causeway Road Betterment
8:00 p.m.

A-Frame Sign Regulations
8:45 p.m.

Amendment to Recycling
and Rubbish Rules and
Regulations 9:00 p.m.

Liquor License Fees – 2011-
2013 9:30 p.m.

Copies of relevant docu-
ments regarding these topics
are available in the Town
Manager's Office, 16 Lowell
Street, Reading, MA from 7:30
am-5:30 pm, M-W-Thurs and
Tues 7:30 am-7:00 pm and
these documents are attached
to the hearing notice on the
website at www.readingma.gov

All interested parties are
invited to attend the hearing, or
may submit their comments in
writing or by email prior to 6:00
p.m. on October 5, 2010 to
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By order of
Peter I. Hechenbleikner
Town Manager

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Section 4.6 – Solid Waste Recycling, Collection and Disposal Rules and Regulations

(**Bold** indicates new language; ~~cross-out~~ indicates language to be deleted)

The Town of Reading manages a comprehensive program for **recycling, rubbish collection, and disposal** of residential solid waste consistent with State and Federal law and regulations. The **recycling**, collection and disposal pursuant to these regulations is only from single-family detached residences, two and three-family attached residences, and condominium complexes in the Town. No **recycling, rubbish collection, or disposal** will be made from stores, businesses, rooming or boarding houses, apartment houses of more than 3 residences, manufacturing plants, professional buildings or other commercial enterprises.

The Town's solid waste and recycling program includes:

- recyclable materials
- household rubbish
- yard waste
- **scrap metals**
- **paper shredding**
- bulk waste
- appliances
- hazardous waste
- electronics

4.6.1 – Definitions

Appliances include refrigerators, stoves, washers, air conditioners, dryers, freezers, dishwashers, trash compactors, or other similar appliances.

Bulk waste items are defined as any item that is not considered as household rubbish, is not hazardous waste, and is not recyclable. Bulk waste items are of such size or weight (over 80 pounds) that one person cannot readily handle it and/or that falls into the following categories **which may be picked up as indicated below**.

1. Auto parts such as generators, starters, air cleaners, auto seats, wheel rims, small pieces of body metal, etc.
2. Furniture such as couches, chairs, mattresses, box springs, swing sets (dismantled with concrete footings removed), bicycles and other similar items ~~are bulk items, which may be picked up as indicated below.~~

Construction debris is defined as asphalt, brick, concrete, metal, earth, stones, tree trunks, wood over 3 feet in length and greater than 60 lb in weight, and like materials as **may from time to time be defined by the Director of Public Works DPW**

Electronics are defined as televisions (including LCD Televisions, and plasma televisions), computer monitors (CRT's), microwave ovens, and other like items as **may from time to time be defined by the Director of Public Works DPW**

Hazardous waste is defined as gasoline, motor oil, explosives, compressed gases, explosive chemicals, corrosive chemicals, fluorescent bulbs, compact fluorescent lights (CFL's), tires, automotive and household batteries, and other hazardous materials as defined by the DEP and EPA and other materials that the Director of Public Works may **from time to time** deem hazardous.

Household rubbish is defined as household refuse, cold ashes, ceramics, light bulbs, plate glass, wood in bundles less than 3 feet in length and weighing not more than 60 lb., and garbage, except as defined elsewhere in these regulations

Recyclable materials are defined as:

1. All glass containers, unbroken and excluding ceramics, light bulbs, and plate glass. All glass containers must be rinsed.
2. Aluminum cans, rinsed.
3. Steel or tin cans, rinsed.
4. Newspapers, magazines, paperboard, catalogs, telephone books and 3rd class ("junk") mail, bagged in a Kraft paper bag or tied in bundles
5. Plastics, plastic food containers, rinsed, and marked with Code 1 thru Code 7
6. Corrugated cardboard, flattened or tied – no larger than 3' by 3' 4" X 4"

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7. Paperboard (cereal boxes etc.) - remove plastic liners
8. Other materials as defined **from time to time** by the **Director of Public Works DPW**.

Yard Waste is defined as leaves, grass clippings, branches, brush, Christmas trees wreaths and similar holiday decorations, and other yard waste as defined by the **Director of public Works DPW**.

4.6.2- Collection Schedule

Recyclable, household rubbish and bulk waste Items that are eligible for curbside collection will be collected in accordance with the chart attached, and in accordance with a schedule to be published and posted electronically.

1. Items will be collected when set at the edge of the traveled way in approved containers by 6:30 A.M. on regular collection days. Rubbish Collection personnel are prohibited from entering onto or trespassing on any private property during their collection. If **recyclable items, household rubbish, and bulk waste items** are not placed on the edge of the traveled way by 6:30 A.M. on regular collection days, and the rubbish collector has already driven by the residence, the **recyclable items, household rubbish, and bulk waste items** will not be picked up that week and the resident will be responsible for removing the **recyclable items, household rubbish, and bulk waste items** from the edge of the roadway no later than the end of that day.
2. **If there is no recycling at curbside weekly, then rubbish will not be collected that week.**
3. No collection will be made on days that the following legal holidays are celebrated: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Patriots Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Collections will be one day late during the balance of the week in which the holiday falls. If a holiday falls on a weekday, the fifth day of collection will be Saturday. (As an example, if a holiday falls on Monday, Monday's collection will be made on Tuesday, Tuesday's on Wednesday, etc.)

4.6.3- Approved Rubbish Containers

Household rubbish must be placed in an approved container. Approved containers are:

- "wet strength" 2-ply 50-pound Kraft paper sacks of 30 gallon capacity;
- 1.5-mil thickness plastic bags of 30-gallon capacity; or
- **30 gallon or 45-gallon** capacity non-metal barrels with handles. Residents using barrels are cautioned that subzero temperatures and icing will result in the barrel having to be banged on the steel hopper of the truck, which may damage the barrels.

~~The Town will supply each household subject to these regulations 2 plastic bins for recyclable materials. Additional bins may be available upon request to the DPW.~~

Other types of barrels or other unapproved containers will be treated as a bulk item and disposed of as such.

The Town discourages the use of cardboard barrels or cardboard boxes since once they become wet they lose much of their strength. The Town of Reading and the contractor will not be responsible for any damage to the cardboard barrels.

If any rubbish or recycling container falls apart during collection, any rubbish left will not be picked up by the contractor, and the resident will be responsible for cleaning up all the rubbish.

Unlimited Not more than (4) 30 gallon rubbish bags or barrels, not more than (3) 45 gallon rubbish bags or barrels approved rubbish containers will be picked up each week. Any container that because of size, shape, weight (over 80 pounds), or condition of the container cannot be handled by one person will not be collected and will be left curbside. It will be the owner's responsibility to remove the container from the edge of the roadway no later than the end of the day of the regular pickup when containers are left curbside for the above reasons.

4.6.4- Approved Recycling Containers

At no cost to the homeowner, the Town will supply each household subject to these regulations **with 2** plastic bins for recyclable materials. Additional bins may be available upon request to the DPW.

Additionally the Town will supply upon request a sticker or stickers to be placed on 45 gallon or smaller capacity non-metal barrels with handles. These containers may then be used for either paper recycling, or commingled non paper recyclables.

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4.6.5 - Appliances

Homeowners may arrange directly with the Town's recycling and rubbish contractor for curbside collection of used appliances. Contact information for the contractor will be supplied to residents by the Town. Collection will be on a weekly schedule, with deadlines for notice of collection determined by the contractor and approved by the Director of Public Works. The cost will be \$20 per appliance.

Appliances may be placed at curbside on the date designated by the DPW and in the same location as scheduled rubbish collection, in accordance the following regulations:

Appliances will be picked up by the Town provided two (2) stickers, available from the Department of Public Works at a cost of \$10.00/each (total cost of \$20.00), are affixed to every such item to be collected. When the stickers are picked up at the DPW office, the resident will be informed of the scheduled date for pick-up. Items must be placed at curbside with the 2 stickers no later than 6:30 am on the designated date of pick-up. Items that do not have 2 \$10.00 stickers attached will not be picked up, and it will be the owner's responsibility to remove the appliance from the edge of the roadway no later than the end of the day of the regular pickup. The resident will need to contact the DPW to arrange for an alternate date of pick-up.

4.6.6 - Bulk Waste Collection

At no cost to the homeowner, one item of bulk waste must may be placed for collection weekly at curbside on the same day and in the same location as scheduled recycling and rubbish collection, in accordance the following regulations:

Approved bulk waste will be picked up provided a sticker available from the Department of Public Works at a cost of \$10.00 is affixed to every such item to be collected as scheduled. Items that do not have a sticker, and items that do not meet the definition of bulk waste, will not be picked up, and it will be the owner's responsibility to remove the bulk waste from the curb no later than the end of the day of the regular pickup.

1. Auto parts such as generators, starters, air cleaners, auto seats, wheel rims, small pieces of body metal, etc. These items will be picked up in accordance with Section 4.6.5 of these regulations except that if in the opinion of the Department of Public Works the quantity of these parts at any one household is unusually great, they will not be collected.
2. Furniture such as couches, chairs, mattresses, box springs, swing sets (dismantled with concrete footings removed), bicycles and other similar items are bulk items, which may be picked up as indicated below.
3. Auto parts such as engine blocks or large pieces of body metal, will **not** be collected.
4. For appliances including refrigerators, stoves, air conditioners, washers, trash compactors, dryers and freezers, see section 4.6.5 of these regulations.
5. Construction and Demolition material such as asphalt, brick, concrete, metal, earth, stones, and tree trunks, will **not** be collected. Wood longer than three (3) feet in length and heavier than 60 pounds will **not** be collected. Wood under 3 feet in length must be bundled and tied in bundles less than 60lb in order to be collected as part of regular weekly household recycling and rubbish collection.
6. Tires and batteries will **not** be collected, and may be taken to the twice yearly household hazardous waste collection.
7. Scrap metals will be separately collected curbside once per year on a schedule determined by the Town.

4.6.7 - Electronics

Homeowners may arrange directly with the Town's recycling and rubbish contractor for curbside collection of used electronics. Contact information for the contractor will be supplied to residents by the Town. Collection will be on a weekly schedule, with deadlines for notice of collection determined by the contractor and approved by the DPW Director. The cost will be \$10 per electronic item.

The Department of Public Works operates drop-off recycling at its facility on New Crossing Road at a cost of \$10 per item for electronics as defined in these policies. The required \$10 sticker must be purchased at the DPW Office at Town Hall. Hours of operation will be published and posted electronically.

Alternatively electronics will be picked up curbside provided that 2 stickers available from the Department of Public Works at a cost of \$10.00 each are affixed to every such item. When the stickers are picked up the DPW will inform the resident of the scheduled date for pick-up of the electronics. Items that do not have the stickers will not be picked up, and it will be the owner's responsibility to remove the electronics from the curb no later than the end of the day of the regular pickup.

4.6.7 – Hazardous Materials

All hazardous materials as herein defined shall not be collected with the Town's rubbish collection. The Department of Public Works operates free drop-off recycling at its facility on New Crossing Road, during hours to be published and posted electronically for:

- used motor oil
- fluorescent bulbs
- compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs.

In cooperation with the Town of Wakefield, the Town also provides two days per year for household hazardous waste drop-off, at which all other household hazardous waste items as defined will be collected. The schedule of these Household Hazardous Waste Collection days will be published and posted electronically.

4.6.8 – Recycling

Every household for which rubbish collection is provided is required to place in designated bin(s) or containers all recyclable materials. Recycling is collected on an every other-week schedule, on the same day of the week as the rubbish collection.

The recycling bin(s) must be placed at curbside along with other rubbish on the designated collection day and will be collected by the contractor. **If there is no recycling at curbside weekly, then rubbish will not be collected that week.** If material placed in the bin is not recyclable, it will be left in the bin. Replacement bins are available from the Department of Public Works.

~~“Stickers” are available at a cost of \$10 each from the DPW office at Town Hall, 16 Lowell Street~~
Annual Community Access (C.A.) sticker is required for use of the Compost Center, and is available 24/7 at the Reading Police Station, 15 Union Street

Homeowners are required to separate paper for recycling into a separate bin or container from all other materials being recycled. Paper for recycling includes newspapers, magazines, paperboard, catalogs, telephone books and 3rd class (“junk”) mail, bagged in a Kraft paper bag or tied in bundles. Additionally paper includes paperboard (cereal boxes etc. - remove plastic liners). Corrugated cardboard is also considered paper for recycling purposes and may be included in paper recycling bins or containers or may be flattened or tied – no larger than 4' by 4'.

4.6.9 - Yard Waste

Leaves and other yard waste (i.e. grass clippings, branches, brush) will not be picked up curbside, except that the Town may **will** provide seasonal curbside pick-up of yard waste **5 times a year on a schedule to be determined by the Director of Public Works**, subject to availability of funds.

The Town will operate a compost center available to Town residents only, from April 1 through December 1 at times and on a schedule to be published and posted electronically. Leaves and other yard waste may be taken to the compost center in any container; the container must be removed unless it is a biodegradable Kraft paper bag. Tree trimmings may be a maximum of 8 feet in length and 8 inches in diameter.

The Town may establish a system of charging for the use of the Compost Center. The Compost Center is available only for use by residents, and commercial vehicles (**other than those under contract to or owned by the Town**) and commercial landscapers are not eligible to utilize the Compost Center.

The Town makes available to residents at a subsidized rate, home composting bins constructed of recycled materials. Residents may contact the DPW by phone or through the web site for information about availability and cost.

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4.6.10 – Enforcement

These rules and regulations are enforceable by the **Director** of Public Works. Enforcement may consist of refusal to collect rubbish, bulk waste, or other materials that are not disposed of in accordance with these rules and regulations. These rules and regulations are also enforceable in accordance with Section 5 of the General Bylaws providing for a fine of up to \$300 for each offense.

Adopted: 6/5/90, Revised 12-13-94, Revised 5/99, Revised 1-4-05, revised 1-22-08; Revised 03-25-08 Revise --/--/10.

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Item (see regulations for detailed definitions)	Curbside Recycling – no cost	Curbside Recycling – with “sticker”	Curbside Rubbish Collection – no cost	Compost Center –C.A. sticker. required	Recycle at DPW or other program	Household Hazardous Waste 2X per Year
Newspaper/Inserts	X					
Magazines/catalogs	X					
Phone Books/Junk Mail	X					
Office Paper	X					
Confidential documents					Annual paper shredding program – no cost	
Paperboard	X					
Cardboard	X					
Brown Paper Bags	X					
Glass bottles, jars	X					
Aluminum, steel, tin cans and lids	X					
Plastics # 1-7	X					
Plate glass, Pyrex, dishes, ceramics			X			
aluminum foil			X			
Other Scrap metal					Annual curbside collection – no cost	
Appliances – Refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers		2 stickers \$20 – arrange directly with contractor				
Electronics – TV's Computer CPU, microwaves		1 stickers \$10 – arrange directly with contractor			1-sticker	
Leaves, grass, brush 8' in length				X		
Christmas trees	X or			X		
Latex Paint - dry paint out first			X			
Motor Oil					X	
Fluorescent light bulbs; CFL's					X	
Cans/bottles containing paint or Haz waste						X

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Household hazardous waste						X
Tires, Propane tanks						X
Bulk Waste – chair, table couch, etc.		1 sticker item per week – no charge				
Construction debris	Not taken as municipal waste – hire a dumpster & get a dumpster permit from the Health Division at Town Hall					

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