

TALKING TRASH

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Trash Update

Groveland’s Trash & Recycling Committee meets every last Monday of the month to seek ways to decrease the financial burden on the town and citizens, as well as reduce our trash burden on the planet.

Remember: each household is limited to one 64 gal or two 32 gal trash barrels. Overflow trash bags may be purchased at Nicole’s, Gerry’s, Market Basket, Aubuchon, and the Board of Health. Recycling is unlimited, single stream, and mandatory.

Did you know

Recycling loads are discarded if inappropriate items are “wish-cycled”. When in doubt, look it up --check the Recyclopedia at recyclesmartma.org!

Market Basket

Did you know you can recycle plastic bags and plastic films at Market Basket? Look for the bin by the bottle and can machines!

Examples: Newspaper bags, bread bags, produce bags, toilet paper and paper towel wraps, plastic retail bags, grocery bags, cereal box liners, Tyvek (labels removed), shipping envelopes, bubble wrap and all clean and dry bags labeled #2 and #4.



Actual photo taken in Groveland, Jan 2024

Wait. There are people who don’t recycle?

It’s true. Look around on trash day. So here’s why it’s important to reduce the trash that the truck has to pick up:

Massachusetts is running out of landfill space. Already our trash is trucked to New Hampshire. There are not infinite places to put trash.

Our tax burden is going up exponentially every year. In FY2024, Groveland taxpayers will spend \$735,000 on trash pickup. In FY2025 that will jump to \$820,480. Included in this insert are links to our trash contract and many helpful resources for all of us to reduce our trash impact. Reducing our total trash will save on both landfill space AND tax bills. We can do this by reducing the amount of packaging we buy (one example: reusable water bottles), rethinking what we buy, reusing and repairing when possible, recycling everything that can be, and composting.



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Don't throw out those worn out linens, clothes & shoes

We have 5 textile recycling bins!

- 183 Main Street (Town Hall)
- 282 Main Street (Phoenix Printing)
- 23 School Street (Water & Sewer Dept)
- 253 School Street (Bagnall School)
- 107 Washington Street (Washington Park)

Products collected at these Town Donation Dropboxes are repurposed back into the local community. The Town receives a small payment per pound of clothing donated at the locations on School Street and Washington Park, the COA receives a small payment per pound at Town Hall, and the Langley-Adams Library also gets a small payment per pound from the location at Phoenix Printing. WIN WIN! Bag your old clean and dry clothes, shoes, stuffed animals, linens and make sure they stay dry when you put them in the Dropbox.

Spring clean your medicine cabinet!

Did you know the Groveland Police Department has a drug take back location that is available 24/7 to drop off unwanted, unused, or unneeded prescription medications? Take them in to the station lobby to be safely disposed of and out of our waterways.

Share your tips and win a prize!

Be part of the solution by sending your recycling tips to the Trash & Recycling Committee. **You could win** a snazzy 64 gallon recycling cart! Send a paragraph of your ideas to us at sbartelt@grovelandma.com, and don't forget your email or phone number so we can reach you.

Do you have hazardous waste cluttering your life?

Get rid of it! Hazardous Waste Day is happening on **September 21, 2024**. Co-sponsored by Newburyport, West Newbury and Groveland at the Newburyport DPW, 16A Perry Way.

Learn more here:

grovelandma.com/trash-recycling/ 📄 trash contract and more

recyclesmartma.org 📄 the Recyclopeda + great information

myplasticfreelife.com 📄 helpful tips for reducing plastic use

mass.gov/info-details/how-where-to-recycle 📄 state resources

Check out <https://www.staples.com/stores/recycling> for more awesome recycling options like: lithium and other batteries, printer cartridges, crayons, old used pens and markers, phones and tablets. Home Depot and Aubuchon take fluorescent tubes and CFL bulbs!

Reduce even more by composting in your backyard. Can't compost? Here are options!

<https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home> 📄 how to start

Two local companies who serve Groveland:

<https://bootstrapcompost.com/residential-service/>

<https://blackearthcompost.com/residential-curbside-compost-pickup/>

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