



# RECYCLING CART PRACTICES

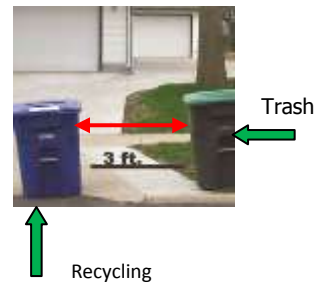


Each 64-gallon cart has attached wheels to make moving it easier, and an attached lid to contain recyclables and provide for a cleaner process.

**Carts should be placed curbside, to the right of the driveway, if applicable, and with lid opening facing the street. Place recycling carts with metal bar facing the road for easy automated pick-up.**

If the recycling cart is placed properly at the curb, an automated arm on the right hand side of the truck comes down and lifts the cart, dumps its contents into the hopper and returns the cart to the ground. This process helps reduce worker injuries and keeps the cost of collection services down.

There are a few things residents can do to make the recycling collection go smoothly.



**1)** Place recycling containers on one side of the driveway and trash on the opposite side of the driveway in clear site from the road.



**2)** Leave 6 to 10 inches between each recycling cart so that the arm can fit around the cart to empty

**3)** Whenever possible remove cars from the street on the day of collection.

**4)** Make sure basketball hoops, bikes or other items are not on public property, so the recycling truck can get by. Make sure your recycling container is at the curb and not on private property.

**5)** If you know the recycling truck backs down your road, place recycling carts on the right side of the road enabling collection with the automated arm.





**6)** If you find your cart on the opposite side of the street after it has been emptied, that is where the recycling truck driver would like the cart to be, in order to collect it by the automated arm.

**7)** If you use bins or other containers, the driver must get out of the truck and physically pick-up and empty each

*Right, employees at a recycling facility sorting material that has been collected curbside. Items will get sorted further down the conveyor belt.*

**8)** Recycling carts found to have other items inside them that are not recyclable materials, cannot be collected. **UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS IN RECYCLING CARTS:** furniture, diapers, wood, drywall, food, dog waste, garden hoses, video cassettes, rope, car parts, tissue and paper towels!!!

**9) Do NOT put plastic bags in your recycling cart!** If you collect recyclable material in a plastic bag, empty the bag into your cart and throw away the plastic bag. Plastic bags are taken off of the recycling conveyor belt that sorts recycling and are thrown in the trash. This is a major problem at recycling facilities.



*The picture on the left is of **PLASTIC BAGS** that are put in curbside recycling carts, collected and then delivered to the recycling facility. There, these bags and its contents are pulled off the conveyor belt and put in the trash.*

*The picture on the right shows how plastic bags get caught up in the teeth sorting the recycling material. When this happens, the machines are shut down and cleaned out costing time and money!*



**10)** If you have additional recycling to be collected and have a trash container you no longer use for trash, the DPW Office has RECYCLE stickers that can be placed on the container to clearly mark it as recycling, so the container will not be taken mistakenly. THEY ARE FREE! Stop by the DPW office anytime to get a sticker.

**Residential recycling in Amesbury is collected every other week on your trash day. Carts must be placed curbside by 6:30 a.m. for collection. Trucks will not come back if carts are not placed out on time.**

If you have any questions or need assistance.  
please call the Department of Public Works at 978-388-8116.



***Amesbury Recycles!***

