

Frequently Asked Questions

These are Frequently Asked Questions regarding how you must **STORE** your trash (before collection) and how you must **PLACE YOUR TRASH FOR COLLECTION**. These questions pertain to **garbage, refuse, and trash** of all types. These requirements do not pertain to Recyclable materials that are placed in official City of Revere-issued Recycling Containers.

1. What type of trash barrel is acceptable for storage of garbage?

Containers must be watertight and rodent proof with tight fitting covers. Trash covers can be removed when the trash is placed out for collection.



2. What type of trash bag is acceptable for STORAGE of garbage?

The City of Revere requires the use of rodent-resistant trash bags for ANY trash of any type that is not placed in a Trash Container. (i.e. MintX Trash Bags is an acceptable brand and is readily available at local stores.)



3. Can I STORE my trash in non rodent proof trash bags?

Yes, BUT when STORING trash in regular household bags, the bags must be properly stored in rodent-proof containers.

4. Can I use non rodent-resistant trash bags when I PLACE THE TRASH ON THE SIDEWALK FOR COLLECTION?

No. All trash bags put on the ground must be rodent-resistant bags.

5. What is the earliest time I can PLACE MY TRASH OUT FOR COLLECTION?

All acceptable trash may be placed out for collection no earlier than 5 p.m. on the day before scheduled collection.

6. Where should my trash be STORED prior to collection?

Trash should be STORED on the exterior of the residence to the sides or rear of the residence out of view from the public street.

7. Not all of my trash fits in the barrel? What can I do?

Barrels cannot be filled above the top rim of the barrel. Placing trash on top of a barrel is a violation of city ordinance and regulations. You may place additional trash in rodent-resistant bags on the ground next to your barrel.

8. I have overgrown grass and weeds on my property? Is that a violation?

Yes. City ordinance prohibit overgrowth of grass and weeds as they constitute a potential health and safety hazard.

9. What happens if I have excess garbage and junk stored on my property?

Owners that allow for the accumulation of litter on their property will be subject to fines. The fine range is \$25.00 up to \$500.00 per day.

10. Am I responsible for my tenant's trash violations?

Yes. The property owner is ultimately responsible for any violations that occur at their property. Landlords should educate their tenants on the property obligations and draft or revise their leases accordingly.

11. How do I dispose of appliances, yard waste, specialty items, bulky items or other non-everyday household trash?

A. White Goods – The term “White Goods” refers to all major household appliances including but not limited to washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, air conditioners, dishwashers, etc. **A white good item will only be collected if it has an Inspectional Services sticker attached.** The stickers can be purchased at the Inspectional Services Department located at the American Legion Building, 249R Broadway. Senior citizen discounts are available.

- B. Yard Waste** – The term “Yard Waste” refers to grass clippings, weeds, hedges, shrubs, pruning, garden waste and brush, no longer than four feet long and up to three inches in diameter. Yard waste must be separated from regular solid waste material and placed in recyclable paper bags or open plastic barrels. It is picked up twice per month curbside from April through November. **The Yard Waste Collection schedule is available on-line at: <http://www.revere.org/docs/dpw/2015-Yard-Waste-Calendar.pdf>.**
- C. Specialty Items** – The following specialty items are accepted for **drop-off only**, upon payment of the designated fee per item, on the last Saturday of each month from 7 a.m. until 12 noon at the City yard: Televisions and computer monitors, propane tanks, paint cans (with original labels), Tires (without rims), waste oil, batteries and antifreeze, fluorescent light bulbs, nickel cadmium batteries, mercury thermometers and thermostats. **NONE of these items will be accepted for curbside pickup.**
- D. Bulky Items** – The following specialty items are accepted for **drop-off only**, upon payment of the designated disposal fee, on the last Saturday of each month from 7 a.m. until 12 noon at the City yard: tables, chairs, sofas, love seats, bureaus, shelving, coffee tables, end tables, entertainment centers, mirrors, beds, box springs, mattresses, bicycles, lawn furniture, gas grills, rugs, carpeting, microwave ovens and similarly sized items. **Limit of THREE (3) items per month can be dropped off at the City yard. NONE of these items will be accepted for curbside pickup.**
- E. Construction Debris** – The term “construction debris” refers to, but not be limited to, sheet rock, blue board, lumber, sinks, toilets, cabinets, paneling, storm doors, storm windows, doors, wood, sliding doors, power equipment, hand held equipment, rugs and carpeting. **These items will not be accepted for curbside pickup and cannot be disposed of at the City yard.** The homeowner must arrange for separate disposal of these items with their contractor or otherwise.