

Recycling / Garbage / Yard Waste Department

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Residents are advised that shredded documents are no longer permitted in plastic bags. Shredded documents are to be placed directly in your mixed paper recycling bin for collection by the hauler. As previously advised, paper or commingled recycling, that is placed at the curb in plastic bags will no longer be collected by the Borough contractor.

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Borough of Madison residents are advised that effective immediately, paper or commingled recycling, that is placed at the curb in plastic bags will no longer be collected by the Borough contractor. This new requirement was imposed by the disposal recycling facility. Acceptable containers are plastic bins, which cannot exceed 40 pounds and are clearly labeled for the respective recycling (commingled recycling or paper recycling). Stickers are available for pickup at the Department of Public Works on John Avenue or the Clerk's Office at Hartley Dodge Memorial.

Our hauler will not pick up recyclables in plastic bags. The plastic bags and its contents will be left at the curb. If you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works at (973) 593-3088.

We thank you for working to keep Madison green! For tips on 'what goes where', please see below.

Now available for Madison Residents

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recycle coach

With it's easy-to-use calendar you'll be able to find your **recycling/garbage/yard waste collection schedules**, use it's simple **'What Goes Where?'** feature to **check and see what is accepted for recycling**, and will allow the Borough to **push notifications out regarding holiday or weather schedule changes**.

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Trash & Recycling Information

English

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What Goes Where?

Not sure how to dispose of this old tv, furniture, or batteries? We've got an answer!

What do you want to recycle?



My Schedule

View your downloadable collection and event schedule, personalized just for you!

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Okay Google, ask **Recycle Coach** if I can recycle this chip bag?



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What Type of Recycler Are You?

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Collection Requirements

Learn how to prepare for your collection day.



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Ways to Dispose of Your Garbage

The borough offers 3 ways for residents to dispose of their garbage:

1. Free Regular Curbside Pickup: Twice a week curbside pickup from May 16 - September 15, 2018, once a week pickup the rest of the year.
2. Traditional Rear Yard Pickup: Residents can contract to have their garbage taken from behind or along the side of their home for an annual fee of \$120.
3. New Enhanced Rear Yard Pickup: Year round, twice a week pickup from behind or along the side of a residence for an annual fee of \$200. The pickups will occur on your regular, twice a week schedule,

4 Ways to Make Your Yard Waste Greener



Spring is in full swing, and for those who have it, yard waste collection season is, too. When it comes to yard waste, or green waste, as some call it, most of us just bag it, bin it, or bundle it up for curbside collection. But not every city offers yard waste collection services. And even if yours does, there are other ways to make use of those extra grass clippings, twigs, leaves, and plants.

Each year we produce [32.9](#) million tons of green waste. Though most is recycled through municipal composting programs, 11.7 million tons of it get incinerated. Or worse, deposited in landfills where it takes up valuable space. Thankfully, reducing yard waste is easy. And by doing so, your yard will be the envy of the town.



Grasscycling

Grasscycling is perhaps the easiest way to reduce your green waste output. Instead of tossing grass clippings out, simply leave them on your lawn when mowing. They only take a couple weeks to break down, and they're great as fertilizer. By weight, grass makes up [50%](#) of the yard waste we produce. Grasscycling is an effective way to decrease that number. Plus, it'll make your lawn look better than ever.



Home Composting

Home composting doesn't just apply to food waste, it's also perfect for [grass clippings](#), shrub and plant trimmings, leaves, etc. To get the basics of household composting down pat, [check out](#) our post on the topic. Keep in mind, if you're looking at composting pine needles, they take longer than other materials to decompose. They'll also acidify your soil, so be sure to limit how much you include.



Mulching

For this, you might need a mulcher. If you don't have one, that's okay. They can be rented. Some lawnmowers also offer a mulching option for leaves and plant clippings. A thin coat of mulch is a healthy addition to any garden. It improves soil moisture, fertility, and limits the growth of weeds. It also adds aesthetic value. Leaves, [grass clippings](#), and moss are all suitable. Items like branches, bark, and twigs can be woodchipped.

Xeriscaping

Xeriscaping is a method of landscaping that was developed for arid regions. That said, it can be implemented anywhere. With its emphasis on drought-resistant plants, it's a great way to conserve water resources. More than that, xeriscapes actually require less maintenance than a normal garden. That means less trimming and pruning, which also means less yard waste.

Though yard waste is organic, it's still waste. With these four tips, you can make your green waste greener and reap the benefits of a healthier yard.

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Air Fresheners: Cartridges, plugs, packaging and plastic triggers—*YMCA* TerraCycle bin.

Aluminum foil: Put in with plastic recycling. You do not need to clean first.

Backpacks: American Birding Association, americanbirding.org.

Batteries (button cell, lithium, rechargeable): *PC Problems*, back doorstep.

Bear Naked packaging: Power packs, trial mix bags, energy bars & granola bags—*YMCA* TerraCycle bin.

Bikes: *Central Avenue School*'s swap and sale is held every spring. Or Pedals for Progress, p4p.org.

Books: Donate to AUW's June book which supports scholarships.

Bubble wrap + packing materials: Take to *UPS* on Main Street or *Mail Boxes Etc.* in Staples mall.

Cameras, Car GPS, Video Games: Take to *Best Buy*, along with cables and connectors.

Cereal boxes and food packaging: Put in paper recycling with newspapers.

Coffee Capsules: *YMCA* TerraCycle bin.

Corks: Recycle at *Whole Foods*.

Cosmetic packaging: Mascara tubes, lipstick, lip balm, blush, foundation, moisturizer containers—*YMCA* TerraCycle bin.

Deodorant containers & caps: *YMCA* TerraCycle bin.

Drink pouches: Aluminum or plastic, with straws or spouts—*YMCA* TerraCycle bin.

Electronics: *PC Problems* on Main St. accepts computers, VCRs, TVs stereos, faxes, copy machines, stereo equipment, cell phones, wireless devices, printers, speakers, keyboards & peripherals. *Best Buy* recycles the above along with alarm clocks, amps, chargers, e-Readers, iPods, personal recorders. *Staples* recycles batteries and select electronic items.

Energy bar wrappers: Any foil-lined wrapper—*YMCA* TerraCycle bin.

Eye glasses: Drop at the *Madison Public Library* in New Eyes for the Needy box or take to *Lenscrafters*.

Fans: Take to *Best Buy*.

Floss containers: *YMCA* TerraCycle bin.

Food scraps: Compost fruits, grains and vegetables.

Glass & Metal: Recycle at your curb.

Grass: Cut it and leave it.

Hazardous Materials/Chemical Cleaners: Bring to *Morris County Hazardous Waste*, mcmua.com

Ink and toner cartridges: Take to *Best Buy* or *Staples*.

Light bulbs and Christmas lights: *Home Depot* recycles CFLs (which contain mercury), rechargeable batteries and strings of incandescent lights.

Mailing envelopes lined with bubble wrap: Recycle with your paper at the curb.

Medicines: Police station dropbox or *Madison Pharmacy*.

Milk and beverage cartons: Rinse out and recycle with your paper at the curb.

Paper: Madison recycles newspapers, magazines, cardboard, telephone books, junk mail, rinsed milk and beverage cartons. Do not place in plastic bags.