Boston, MA Sanitation Schedule

Hauler: City of Boston Public Works Department | Support Phone: 617-635-4500

REGULAR TRASH

Days: Mon - Fri (by zone)

Frequency: weekly

Cart Out: By 6:00 AM

Container Placement:

- Curbside collection is provided ...
- Trash must be placed in clean, s...
- Set containers out after 5:00 p....

RECYCLING GUIDE

Days: Same day as trash

Stream: single stream

Accepted in Bins (Clean & Dry):

[OK] Cardboard (flattened shipping ...
[OK] Paper (office paper, newspaper...
[OK] Plastic bottles, jugs, tubs, a...

Never in Bins (No Bags/Batteries):

[X] Plastic bags and film wrap (do...
[X] Styrofoam and foam packaging m...

BULK & YARD WASTE

Bulk: Yes (10 items max)

Rule: Household furniture and bicycl...

Notice: call 617-635-4500

Curbside Yard Waste:

Days: Same day as trash

- Curbside leaf and yard waste co...

2026 OBSERVED HOLIDAY DELAY SCHEDULE

Delay Strategy: one day slide

HOLIDAY	2026 DATE	WEEKDAY	COLLECTION IMPACT & SERVICE SHIFT
New Year's Day	2026-01-01	Thursday	**Thu & Fri routes delayed 1 day**
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	2026-01-19	Monday	**Entire week delayed 1 day through Sat**
Presidents' Day	2026-02-16	Monday	**Entire week delayed 1 day through Sat**
Memorial Day	2026-05-25	Monday	**Entire week delayed 1 day through Sat**
Juneteenth	2026-06-19	Friday	**Friday routes delayed to Saturday**
Independence Day	2026-07-04	Saturday	**Weekend holiday; routes unchanged**
Labor Day	2026-09-07	Monday	**Entire week delayed 1 day through Sat**
Columbus Day	2026-10-12	Monday	**Entire week delayed 1 day through Sat**
Veterans Day	2026-11-11	Wednesday	**Wed, Thu & Fri delayed 1 day**
Thanksgiving Day	2026-11-26	Thursday	**Thu & Fri routes delayed 1 day**
Christmas Day	2026-12-25	Friday	**Friday routes delayed to Saturday**

CURBSIDE PLACEMENT & BEST PRACTICES:

- Space carts at least 3 to 5 feet apart from mailboxes, parked vehicles, and utility poles.
- Point cart handles toward your house and wheels against the curb or street pavement edge.
- Bag household trash to prevent windblown litter during automated side-loader truck collection.