

Town of Gardner  
Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance  
Ordinance No. 01-2021

**Whereas** the Town of Gardner wishes to protect the environment from the disposal of solid waste, recyclable and environmentally harmful materials, and

**Whereas** the Town wishes to provide collection services to residents, for the responsible collection of such materials, and

**Whereas** the Town will contract for collection services with a licensed firm to provide such services on a schedule agreed upon by both parties, and

**Whereas** such services shall be administered by the Town in accordance with the following rules, and regulation:

1. Solid waste and recycling collections shall be provided to single family residential units and multi-family residential units of (4) or less.
2. Services will not be provided to businesses, industrial operations, bars, restaurants, hotels, motels, campgrounds, mobile home parks, schools, churches, or any non-residential use.
3. Collection of both solid waste and recycling will be completed with automated carts and collection equipment.
4. One solid waste cart and one recycling cart shall be provided to each property as outlined in item #1.
5. Carts shall remain with the property, and not sold or relocated upon moving. Carts are property of the Town of Gardner.
6. Replacement carts will be provided upon notification to the Town Clerk, at current cost and paid for by the property owner.
7. Carts damaged by accident, weather factors or vandalism will be repaired; which shall include wheels, axles, and lifting rods.
8. Only those materials and items placed in the carts will be collected. Additional waste or recyclables placed in cans, boxes, bags, or placed on top of the cart will be left for proper disposal in carts at the next collection date.
9. Carts should be placed near the end of driveways along public roads, set at least (3) feet apart, and oriented with the handle and wheels pointed away from the roadway.
10. Carts should be placed for collection by 6:00 a.m. on the day of service.

11. Collection services shall be on **Friday**, for eligible properties south of County Road C, and on **Monday**, for properties north of County Road C.
12. When a collection day falls on a national holiday, all collections for the week will be delayed by one day. Friday collections will be on Saturday and Monday collections will be on Tuesday. Collections impacted by holidays include: Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.
13. Yard waste, brush, vegetative materials, electronics, televisions, appliances, animal carcasses, and paint shall not be placed in carts for collection.
14. Garbage and recycling will be collected weekly, on the same day.
15. Special Seasonal Collection: For those roads listed in Schedule "A", collection will be provided on Mondays from May 2<sup>nd</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Should residents on any of these roads need collection service from November 1<sup>st</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>, carts must be placed at the nearest connecting Town or County road. This schedule change is made due to difficult winter access.
16. Recycling: Materials acceptable for recycling should be separated from solid waste and placed in the separate cart. Recyclable materials do not need to be segregated or bagged, and may be co-mingled in the cart. Items that are acceptable and those that are unacceptable are listed in schedule "B".

Approved and adopted by the Town of Gardner Board on 3-10, 2021.

Town Clerk Amy Scott

Town Chairman R. M. Scott

#### Schedule "A"

- South Road
- Middle Road
- North Road
- Osprey Drive
- Rutz Lane
- Claflin Park Road
- Circle Ridge Court
- Wells Lane
- DeBroux Court
- Pullman Point Place

## **Schedule "B"**

### **Acceptable Recycle Items:**

- Cardboard
- Paper; including newspaper, office paper, brown paper bags, mail, magazines, etc.
- Aluminum cans
- Bi-metal containers (rinsed)
- Tin cans (rinsed)
- Plastic bottles, jars, jugs, and containers (rinsed)
- Glass bottles and containers (rinsed)

### **Unacceptable Recycle Items:**

- Plastic bags
- Tangles (wire, holiday light strings, hoses, cords, etc.)
- Food wastes or liquids
- Batteries
- Sharps (needles, syringes, and blades)
- Styrofoam
- Take out containers
- Paper coffee cups
- Automotive parts and scrap metal
- Baby diapers (clean or soiled)
- Pizza boxes
- Wet paper
- Milk and juice cartons (wax coated)
- Aerosol cans
- Ceramics and pottery
- Shredded paper
- Household glass
- Paint, pesticides, automotive fluids, diesel fuel, gasoline, kerosene, and car batteries
- Hypodermic needles