

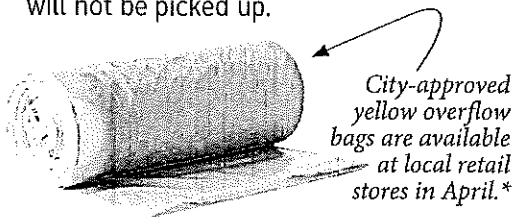
Are you ready?

Chicopee's new

TRASH REDUCTION PROGRAM

Highlights of the New Program:

- One free 35-gallon cart for each residential unit.
- Additional waste must be disposed of in City-approved yellow overflow bags.
- Bags available at local retail stores in April.*
- Household trash delivered to landfill must be in these yellow overflow bags.
- Excess trash not in City-approved bags will not be picked up.

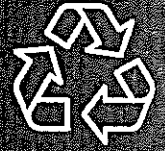


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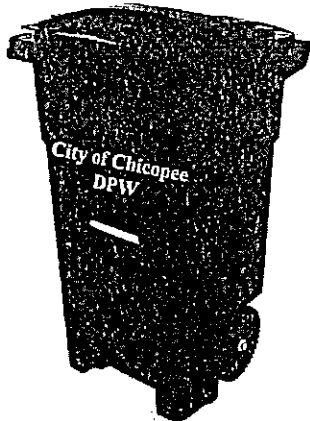
*For information call DPW 413-594-3566 or go to www.chicopeema.gov

Please Recycle!



- Recycle all cans, bottles, paper, cardboard in green recycling carts
- Recycling will continue to be picked up every other week same day as trash
- Recycling saves you \$\$\$ by reducing your trash and using less overflow bags
- Place yard waste in your own 32-gallon barrels or paper lawn/leaf bags
- TRASH ONLY in City-provided black trash carts

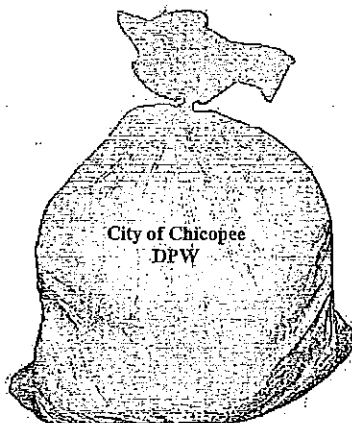
CURBSIDE TRASH REDUCTION PROGRAM



Starting May 1st, TRASH must be placed in 35-gallon cart for pick-up every week.



Lid must be closed for pick-up. Trash cannot be piled up over top edge of cart or on top of cart.



Use official Chicopee yellow overflow trash bag for excess trash not fitting in 35-gallon cart.



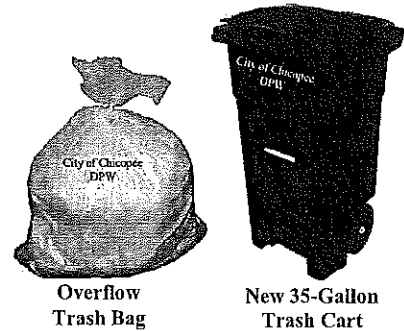
Place overflow trash bag next to cart for weekly pick-up.



Official yellow trash bags available for purchase at local stores

City of Chicopee Trash Reduction Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Overflow
Trash Bag

New 35-Gallon
Trash Cart

Q: What is the Trash Reduction Program all about?

A: The Trash Reduction Program is about decreasing trash, increasing recycling and reducing costs. It provides an incentive to reduce curbside trash and increase recycling, and is a more equitable system for sharing costs.

Q: Why did the City of Chicopee adopt this new Trash Reduction Program?

A: The Chicopee landfill is scheduled to close in the near future. The landfill closure forces our city to change the way we handle and fund our solid waste program. For many years, the City has enjoyed significantly reduced disposal costs for all of the trash generated in Chicopee because of a host benefit agreement with Waste Management. Once the landfill closes, our disposal fee will approximately double and the City will no longer receive a host benefit stipend. The result will be a net loss of about 2 million dollars each year. This new trash reduction program will help to reduce the amount of trash and cut disposal costs in order to offset a portion of those cost increases.

Q: How does the Trash Reduction Program actually reduce trash?

A: The Chicopee Trash Reduction Program offers each household currently receiving curbside service, one 35-gallon wheeled cart for weekly trash collection at no direct cost to residents. The 95-gallon single-stream recycling cart will remain the same with every other week collection. Residents producing excess weekly trash--or more trash than can fit into the 35-gallon cart--must put that extra trash in special, City of Chicopee yellow overflow trash bags for curbside pickup. By simply reducing, recycling, reusing and rethinking, folks can and will reduce trash, increase recycling and save the City money on disposal. Data from the 140 communities in Massachusetts that have similar programs demonstrate time and time again that towns with trash reduction programs reduce their waste by 15-30 %. This amount of waste reduction is possible in Chicopee.

Q: When will the Trash Reduction Program begin?

A: Chicopee's new curbside Trash Reduction Program will begin on May 1, 2017. The overflow bags will be available in local retail stores in April.

Q: What will remain the same for curbside collections?

A: The curbside collection schedule will remain the same. Trash will still be collected weekly. Recycling and yard waste collections will continue to be collected on the same day of the week as trash according to the published bi-weekly schedule.

Q: What changes will be made in the curbside program?

A: The only thing that will change is on May 1, 2017 all trash must be placed in the new 35-gallon carts. The lid on the 35-gallon cart must be closed in order to be picked up. Trash cannot be piled up over the top edge of the cart. Excess weekly trash not fitting in the 35-gallon cart must be contained in City of Chicopee yellow overflow trash bags in order to be picked up.

Q: What about bulky waste items?

A: For calendar year 2017, there are no changes to Chicopee's bulk waste disposal rules. Chicopee residents will still be allowed to dispose of bulk items at the New Lombard Road landfill drop-off area at no charge with a proper permit. Residents must still pre-register and obtain a permit from the DPW to use the landfill drop-off site. More information about bulk waste disposal options for 2018 will be available in the fall of 2017.

Q: Will I still be able to bring household trash to the landfill drop-off?

A: After May 1, 2017, all regular household trash brought to the landfill drop-off site must be in official Chicopee yellow overflow trash bags.