

# Refuse Sticker & Tote Guidelines for the City of Watertown

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Refuse Collection day is on a weekly basis every

Between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**Collection location: All bags/totes must be placed in front of residence, in margin area for curbside pick up by 7:00 a.m.**

**Collectables:** (What the city will pick up)

Refuse pick up consists mainly of all non-recyclable household items and food. **GARBAGE/REFUSE WILL BE REJECTED IF IT INCLUDES/CONTAINS RECYCLABLE ITEMS.**

## **Blue Sticker Refuse Pick Up**

The sticker program allows you to participate with the city refuse collection on an "as needed, pay as you throw" basis. The proper stickers are blue and have "CITY OF WATERTOWN" inscribed on them. Each \$3.25 sticker covers the collection and disposal costs for a single unit garbage bag with a 40 lb. maximum weight limit and a maximum size of 32 gallons.

## **Trash Tote Pick Up Rules**

**(Pre-paid on a quarterly basis)**

1. The trash tote shall be left at the curb by 7 a.m. on the day of scheduled service.
2. All trash in tote must be in plastic bags.
3. The tote must be placed at the curb with its top open no more than six (6) inches. Any bag(s) in excess of this guideline should be set next to the tote with a City blue sticker attached (1 sticker per bag) or the extra bag(s) will not be picked up.
4. No water shall be in the trash tote.
5. No hazardous or dangerous materials shall be placed in the tote.
6. If the customer cancels service, refunds will be prorated to the last week of service.
7. Additional rules may be added or changed at the discretion of the City Manager to be valid upon notification to the customer.

## **Pick up of Non-Baggable Items**

In some cases, we will pick up smaller items for disposal that may not fit inside your trash bag/tote.

1. It must be of a disposable nature, one that can be disposed of at the regional landfill. Example: car tire/battery cannot be picked up.
2. A blue City sticker must be attached to the item.
3. Said item cannot exceed 40lbs.

4. Item must be able to fit in the hopper of a refuse collection vehicle; even if it meets the weight limits, if it is too long or wide, we cannot pick it up.
5. Pick up of such items is at the department's discretion. If you are unsure, please call the DPW at 315-785-7842 or 315-782-2320.

Refuse stickers cost \$3.25 each and can be purchased at:

- ◆ Byrne Dairy, 1003 Coffeen St.
- ◆ City Comptroller's Office, 245 Washington St.
- ◆ Fastrac, 20852 State Rt. 3, Outer Arsenal St.
- ◆ Fastrac, 1709 State St.
- ◆ General Store, 816 Bradley St.
- ◆ Gold Star Deli, 343 Arsenal St
- ◆ Hannaford, 2210 State Rt. 3, Outer Arsenal St.
- ◆ Kinney Drugs, 1328 Washington St.
- ◆ Kinney Drugs, 905 Coffeen St.
- ◆ Kinney Drugs, Seaway Plaza, Rt. 11
- ◆ Kinney Drugs, 1729 State St.
- ◆ Noble Ace Hardware, 531 State St.
- ◆ Stewart's, Mill St.
- ◆ TOPS Market, Seaway Plaza, Rt. 11
- ◆ TOPS Market, 1330 Washington St.



Department of Public Works  
Room 206, City Hall  
245 Washington Street  
Watertown, NY 13601

(315) 785-7770

10/11/2018



**OR**



# CITY of WATERTOWN TRASH SERVICE

## TOTE SYSTEM

Tote service  
available  
in three sizes

**OR**

## STICKER SYSTEM

Buy stickers  
\$3.25 per bag  
40 lb. max.

**TOTE  
SYSTEM**

32 GALLON  
\$48.10  
*per quarter*  
\$3.70  
*per week*

64 GALLON  
\$72.15  
*per quarter*  
\$5.55  
*per week*

96 GALLON  
\$96.20  
*per quarter*  
\$7.40  
*per week*

**CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
785-7770  
TO ARRANGE FOR THIS SERVICE**

Effective 7/1/17

# Recycling Guidelines for the City of Watertown

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## **Recycle Collection Day** is

Between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Collection frequency: Every other week.  
Next recyclable day in your area is:

and then on:

Collection location: **All containers must be placed in front of residence, near margins for curbside pick up by 7 am.**

### Suitable Recycling Containers

Any durable, weather proof, container, can, pail, basket or bucket capable of holding separated recyclables that does not exceed 20-gallon capacity.

**DO NOT USE: plastic bags, paper bags, cardboard boxes or containers with multiple compartments. One separated group per container.**

### Collectables: (what the City picks up)

Tin and aluminum cans  
Plastic bottles, containers and tubs  
Glass bottles and jars  
Corrugated cardboard  
Newspapers/mixed paper/magazines  
Lightweight cardboard and pressboard

(Please see "**Guide for preparing recyclable materials for the City of Watertown**" on the next page)

## **Yard Waste Collection**

Seasonal, bi-weekly collection service of brush, yard and green waste coincides with your recycling schedule during the months of April through November.

**COMPOSTABLES** - Leaves and grass clippings should be bagged or in a hard sided container. AS OF JULY 1, 2019, ONLY PAPER BAGS WILL BE ACCEPTED. (No plastic) Do not put anything in bag other than leaves/ grass or bag will be rejected. If bags exceed 40 lbs, are split or broke open, they will be rejected.

**BRUSH** - Must be placed in **small piles** about 3 feet high, no longer than 5 feet, and each branch cannot

exceed 4 inches in diameter. Keep material so that it can be picked up by one man and thrown into a truck. Try to place smaller twigs and branches in a trash can, not to exceed 32 gallons in capacity.

**This program is to assist in yard maintenance only.** It is not intended for land clearing, tree/hedge removal provided by a Contractor. Contractor must take branches and dispose of them for you.

## **Holiday Collection**

Regular Trash & Recycling dates, which either coincide with, or follow an observed holiday will be picked up one day later than normal within the same week.

### THE ONLY OBSERVED HOLIDAYS ARE:

New Years Day  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day

## **Medical/Physical Concerns**

If you have a condition that inhibits your ability to place materials curbside for pick up, obtain a statement from your physician containing the following information:

- Your name and address.
- Description of condition or ailment, which prohibits you from carrying containers to the curb.
- Physician's name and address.

Send this information to: Department of Public Works, 245 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601 or FAX to 315-785-7752. This will allow us to pick up trash and recyclables without your needing to take them curbside.

\*Please keep in mind that the information we are furnishing you with is always subject to change. In some cases the City has to follow changes and updates mandated by other levels. This reflects our most current and accurate information.

### QUESTIONS – PROBLEMS – COMPLAINTS

315-785-7842 or 315-782-2320

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

04/08/2019


# Guide for preparing recyclable materials for the City of Watertown

"No recycling services will be provided to any City resident who does not participate in the municipal refuse collection services as provided at § 161-22 of the City of Watertown Code [Added 3-18-2002 by L.L. No. 5-2002]"



## **Suitable Recycling Containers**

Any durable, weather proof, container, can, pail, basket, or bucket capable of holding separated recyclables that does not exceed 20-gallons in capacity. **One separated group per container.** Containers must be placed in front of residence, near margins for curbside pickup by 7 a.m. **DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS, paper bags, cardboard boxes or containers with multiple compartments.** Questions? Call 315-785-7842

<b>Newspaper, Magazines and Mixed Paper</b>	
<p><b>Recyclable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office &amp; copier paper</li> <li>• Junk mail &amp; envelopes</li> <li>• Newspaper, magazines &amp; catalogs</li> <li>• Shredded Paper, brown paper bags</li> <li>• Telephone Books</li> <li>• Paperback Books (No hardcover books)</li> </ul>	<p><b>DO NOT INCLUDE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper cups, paper plates, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper</li> <li>• Diapers</li> <li>• Hard covered books (unless covers have been torn off)</li> <li>• Wax paper, freezer wrap</li> <li>• <b>NO PLASTIC BAGS</b></li> </ul>
<b>Corrugated Cardboard</b>	
<p><b>Recyclable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corrugated cardboard – must be clean and dry</li> <li>• Remove shipping labels, tape and staples. Must be broken down FLAT, no larger than 3' x 3' and stack neatly to the curb</li> <li>• Pizza Boxes</li> </ul>	<p><b>DO NOT INCLUDE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wax, plastic, Styrofoam or metal coatings</li> <li>• Milk or juice cartons</li> <li>• <b>NO PLASTIC BAGS</b></li> </ul>
<b>Plastic Bottles</b>	
<p><b>Recyclable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plastic Bottles, Containers &amp; Tubs</li> </ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empty and rinsed clean. Labels and caps can stay on</li> </ul>	<p><b>DO NOT INCLUDE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS</b>, toys, hangers, tableware, Plexiglas, plastic wraps, prescription bottles</li> <li>• Automotive Oil containers</li> <li>• Styrofoam (even with symbol)</li> </ul>
<b>Tin and Aluminum</b>	
<p><b>Recyclable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tin, aluminum and beverage cans</li> <li>• Aluminum pans and foil</li> <li>• Metal lids from jars</li> <li>• Rinse clean, flatten if possible</li> <li>• Empty Aerosol cans</li> </ul>	<p><b>DO NOT INCLUDE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silverware, hangers, paint cans, batteries, scrap metal</li> <li>• Combined paperboard/metal containers: examples include frozen juice concentrate and powdered drink mix containers</li> <li>• <b>NO PLASTIC BAGS</b></li> </ul>
<b>Glass</b>	
<p><b>Recyclable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glass bottles and jars only</li> <li>• Remove and discard caps and lids (metal lids may be included with the Tin and Aluminum)</li> <li>• Rinse clean, labels can stay on</li> <li>• Clear and colored may be mixed</li> </ul>	<p><b>DO NOT INCLUDE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windows, plate glass and mirrors</li> <li>• Dishes, drinking glasses, glassware and cookware</li> <li>• Ceramic dishes and clay pots</li> <li>• Light bulbs</li> <li>• <b>NO PLASTIC BAGS</b></li> </ul>
<b>Lightweight Cardboard (Pressboard)</b>	
<p><b>Recyclable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food, cereal, beer or soda type boxes, paper egg cartons</li> </ul>	<p><b>DO NOT INCLUDE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NO PLASTIC BAGS</b></li> </ul>



### Recycling Center & Transfer Station

27138 New York State Route 12

Watertown, NY 13601

Phone: (315)785-9072



**Recycling Center Hours:** Monday - Friday...7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Saturday.....7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Transfer Station Hours:** Monday - Friday...7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Saturday.....7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
*(commercial and residential)*

- Jefferson County's transfer station is open to all residents of the County for the disposal of solid waste and recyclables. The transfer station is located at **27138 NYS Route 12**, 4 1/2 miles north of the City of Watertown.
- The County will accept bulky items, such as furniture, construction debris and junk, **at \$120 per ton**. Vehicles with bulky items will be weighed in and out on the County's certified truck scales. All sales transactions will be cash only.
- Bagged trash must be in County garbage bags, which are available at the transfer station for **\$3 per 33 gallon bag**. Bags are also available at the Nice & Easy Store on Bradley Street, Nice & Easy Store on Leray Street, and The General Store on Bradley Street.
- Recyclables and white goods (stoves, refrigerators, water heaters, etc.), will be accepted at no charge.
- Please see hours for the recycling center and transfer station listed above. The station is closed on major holidays.
- There is a narrow one-way road on the right-hand side as you approach the scale house (the first building). Residents that are bringing pre-paid bags or recyclables that do not to get weighed should use this road. It leads to the recyclable drop-off area and the garbage dumpsters.
- Residents who wish to use the station for the disposal of bulky items (too big to fit in bags), should drive onto the scales and ask for further instructions.
- Residents with scrap metal should inquire at the scales.
- Residents with bulky items and pre-paid bags or no-charge items should weigh in first, then unload the bulky items and weigh out and pay before unloading the other material.
- All vehicles are required by New York State permit conditions to unload by hand.



# CITY OF WATERTOWN

521 Newell St.  
Watertown, NY 13601



Place on curb by 7am.  
Yard waste collection is every other week, coinciding with recycle pick up.

## Rules and Regulations for Yard Waste pick-up

- 🍁 Leaves and grass clippings must be in PAPER BAGS or a hard sided container.
- 🍁 Do not put anything in bag other than leaves or grass or they will be rejected.
- 🍁 Bags should not exceed more than 40 lbs, be split or broke open, or they will be rejected.
- 🍁 This program is to assist in yard maintenance and is not intended for land clearing, or tree / hedge removal.

Thank you

Questions – Problems – Complaints  
785-7842 or 782-2320  
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



# CITY OF WATERTOWN

521 Newell St.  
Watertown, NY 13601  
315-785-7842



Place on curb by 7a.m.  
Brush collection is every other week and coincides with recycle pick up.

## Rules and Regulations for Brush pick-up

- ✿ Brush must be placed in bundles having a maximum diameter of 18" and no longer than 5' in length.
- ✿ Keep brush so that it can be picked up by one man and thrown onto a truck
- ✿ Each individual branch cannot exceed 4" in diameter
- ✿ Place smaller twigs and branches in a trash can (Not to exceed 32 gallons in capacity)

If vehicles are parked in front of brush pile  
it will **not** be picked up

**This program is to assist in yard maintenance by  
the home owner.**

**This program is NOT intended for land clearing or  
tree / hedge removal by a private contractor.  
Private contractor must take brush.**