

Who is Public Works and how does Solid Waste and Recycling fit in?

Andover’s Solid Waste and Recycling program provides for oversight of services provided by private companies for weekly and bi-weekly collections, leaf collection and special collections. This team also works to provide education on the ever-changing landscape of solid waste disposal.

Andover DPW recognizes the importance of this service to the residents, municipal and school buildings in Town. We recently expanded our solid waste and recycling website presence to assist people in getting an answer to their questions or concerns, 24/7/365.

Try Out our New App!

The Solid Waste/Recycling Team recently launched a new online tool and smart phone app called [Andover MA Solid Waste](#). Included in this software is a look-up tool called the Waste Wizard which will help residents know where to dispose of items properly.

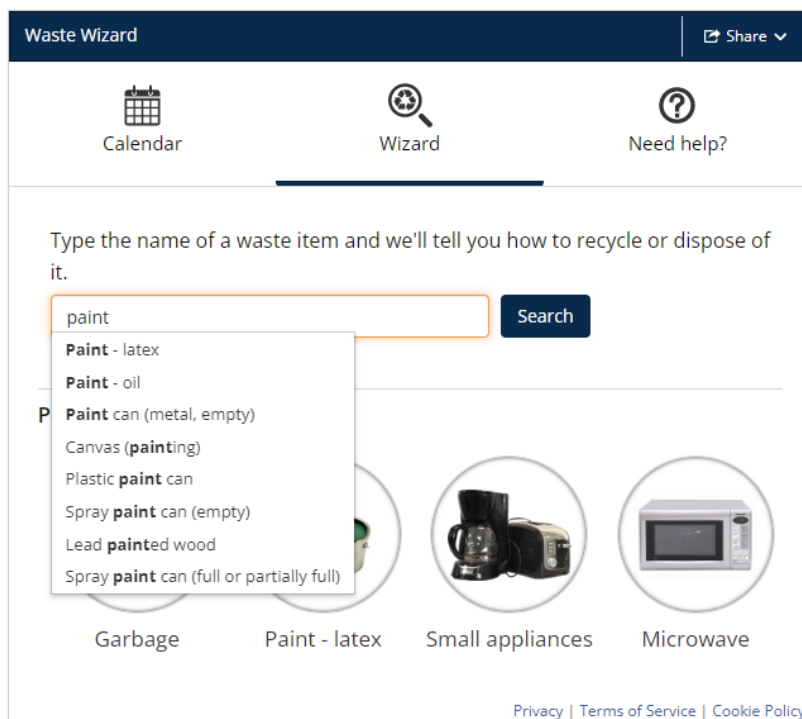
Calendar & Alerts

Sign up for waste collection reminders by email, phone call, or text message. You can also download your collection schedule into smart phone calendars. receive alerts related to weather delays, or other changes or notifications related to the trash and recycling routes.

Waste Wizard

Residents can search by numerous items using the “Wizard”. For example, people looking to dispose of anything related to “paint” can simply search for paint and items related to paint whether it be the paint itself or containers of paint will see a drop-down list to further detail their search.

Residents call also submit suggestions through this app if they cannot find the items they are looking for.



List of Materials

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Home Composting

The DPW has expanded its Home Composting page with valuable information on the basics and benefits of backyard composting.

Compost is organic material that can be added to soil to help plants grow. Food scraps and yard waste together currently make up more than 30 percent of what we throw away and could be composted instead. Composting is a convenient, beneficial, and inexpensive way to handle your organic waste and help the environment. Visit [Andoverma.gov/Compost](https://www.andoverma.gov/Compost) for more information.

Waste Bans

MassDEP is working towards Massachusetts communities reducing their trash and encouraging more recycling and is instituting an updated “Waste Ban” scheduled for November 1, 2022. Please visit their website on Mass.gov for the latest [news and updates](#).

More information on this division can be found at [Andoverma.gov/SolidWaste](https://www.andoverma.gov/SolidWaste)