

# TAKE PRIDE IN LEW! TAKE PRIDE IN YOU!

We all have a responsibility to do our part to make Lewiston attractive, clean and inviting.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

(to make Lewiston beautiful)

- Follow the rules for Solid Waste (Trash), Recycling, and Yard (Property) Maintenance.
- Pick up trash or litter wherever you see it.
- Start a neighborhood clean-up group.
- Talk to your family, friends, and neighbors about how to make Lewiston beautiful.
- Plant flowers in baskets, planters and flower beds. Plant trees and shrubs in your yard.
- Contact Planning and Code Enforcement or Public Works to find out how you can partner with the City in making Lewiston beautiful.

## WANT TO SEE A CHANGE? START TODAY and DO YOUR PART!

### Helpful Links and Contact Information

**PUBLIC WORKS** – 103 Adams Avenue

Phone: 207•513•3147

E-mail: [PublicWorks@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:PublicWorks@lewistonmaine.gov)

**PLANNING & CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Phone: 207•513•3125

E-mail: [planningcode@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:planningcode@lewistonmaine.gov)

**SOLID WASTE FACILITY** – 424 River Road

Phone: 207•513•3006

E-mail: [PublicWorks@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:PublicWorks@lewistonmaine.gov)

**TRASH/SOLID WASTE RULES**

Website: [www.lewistonmaine.gov/solidwaste](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/solidwaste)

**REPORT A PROBLEM/CONCERN**

Website: [www.lewistonmaine.gov/reportconcern](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/reportconcern)

**TRASH COLLECTION DAY**

Website: [www.lewistonmaine.gov/trashcollectionday](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/trashcollectionday)

See

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for more information

## Q&A

### SOLID WASTE (TRASH) RECYCLING and YARD MAINTENANCE

#### WHEN DO I PUT MY TRASH OUT?

Know what day your trash is picked up. You can find out by looking at the City's website: [www.lewistonmaine.gov/trashcollectionday](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/trashcollectionday).

Put your containers curbside no earlier than 6 pm on the day before the regularly scheduled waste collection or no later than 7am on the day of waste collection.

#### DO I HAVE TO PUT MY TRASH AND RECYCLABLES IN A CONTAINER?

Yes! A suitable container means a plastic container that is covered, watertight and prevents attracting pests. The container must be no larger than 36 gallons. The maximum weight is 30 lbs. per container, when filled.

#### WHERE DO I PUT MY CONTAINERS?

Solid waste (trash) and recyclables need to be placed close to the curb to be picked up.

#### I LIVE IN AN APARTMENT, DO I NEED TO USE CONTAINERS?

Yes! Everyone must use suitable containers. Ask your landlord to provide them.

#### WHAT ABOUT RECYCLING?

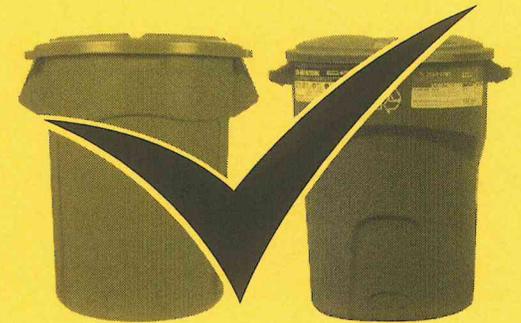
All residents should separate recyclable material from their rubbish. Recyclable material must be either transported to the City's Solid Waste Facility or be placed in a suitable container, which has a city-issued "RECYCLING" sticker available at Lewiston's City Hall, Public Library, Public Works and Solid Waste Facility.

#### DO I HAVE TO MAINTAIN MY YARD?

Yes! All properties must be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. All yards (except in the Rural Agricultural District) must be maintained free from weeds or plant growth taller than 12".

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING and YARD MAINTENANCE

The City of Lewiston wants everyone to know what the rules are for Solid Waste, Recycling and Yard Maintenance. We are providing information about these rules as well as links and contact information so we can all do our part to make Lewiston attractive, clean and inviting.



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# RECYCLING

Lewiston has a **ZERO-SORT** recycling program for those receiving city solid waste collection. While sorting is not required, only certain items can be recycled and they must be put into a suitable container. Please follow these important rules or your recyclables may end up in the regular trash!

## DO NOT put recyclables in bags:

**DO put these items in your recyclable container. They must be empty, clean and not contaminated with oil or food.**

1. Clean **PAPER** and **CARDBOARD** except:
  - No paper product containing food waste or liquids.
  - No hardback books.
  - No waxed paper or cardboard.
2. Clean **PLASTIC** bottles and containers except:
  - No plastic bags.
  - No toys.
  - No plastic wraps, films, or tarps.
3. Clean **METAL** cans, containers, pie plates except:
  - No scrap metal.
  - No electronics.
  - No batteries.
4. Clean **GLASS** bottles and jars except:
  - No ceramic or baking glass.

## DO NOT put the following items in your recyclable container.

- No wood waste or tires.
- No products like styrofoam, paper towels.
- No clothing or medical waste.
- No hazardous materials or explosives.
- No items smaller than 2".
- No unflattened cardboard.

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# LANDLORDS and TENANTS

## SOLID WASTE and RECYCLING

### LANDLORDS

- As the owner of a multi-unit apartment, you are responsible for the waste collected from your building and must ensure that all solid waste and recyclables are placed in suitable covered containers.
- Every unit must have a suitable covered container for solid waste and a suitable covered container for recycling. Have a set storage place for the containers.
- Multi-unit apartment owners using private collection must schedule pickup on the same day as City collection for your building's specific street.
- Make sure you and your tenants know what day trash pickup is and what the solid waste and recycling rules are.
- Inspect your property regularly! Don't let trash or litter build up.
- Do not put **BULKY/LARGE ITEMS** out for pickup: they will **NOT** be picked up and you will be subject to a fine plus the additional cost of removal.
- Work with your tenants on properly removing **BULKY/LARGE ITEMS**.
- Take pride in your property and building. Set an example for your tenants!

### TENANTS

- Make sure you know what day your pickup is and what the solid waste rules are.
- Make sure your landlord provides you with suitable containers no larger than 36 gallon; 1 for trash and 1 for recycling. Make sure your recycling container has the proper recycling sticker.
- Do not put **BULKY/LARGE ITEMS** out for pickup: they will **NOT** be picked up.
- Take pride in where you live. Set an example for your family and neighbors!

# ENFORCEMENT

The improper disposal of solid waste (trash) is a problem for everyone. Not following the rules makes our neighborhoods unsightly, unhealthy and contributes to a negative perception of Lewiston. It's very important that **EVERYONE** knows what the rules are and follows them. The City of Lewiston will strictly enforce these rules and offenders will be fined.

## VIOLATIONS and FINES

### SOLID WASTE CURBSIDE

- Bagged trash put out for curbside pickup not in a suitable container. **\$100\***
- Solid waste/trash put out on the wrong day. **\$100\***
- **BULKY/LARGE ITEMS** put out for curbside pickup. **\$100**  
plus removal costs

\* Subsequent violations may result in increased fines.

### PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

(On private property, not curbside)

- Solid waste, trash, debris, litter accumulating on private property not in a container. **\$110\***
- Abandoned vehicles - unregistered and/or uninspected. **\$110\***

\* Subsequent violations may result in increased fines.

### YARD MAINTENANCE

- Weeds, unmown grass taller than 12" and visible from the street. **\$110\***

\* Subsequent violations may result in increased fines.

### OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Remove unwanted saplings and vegetation near your building's foundation! Over time they will cause major structural damage!
- Pick up trash wherever you see it.
- Sweep your sidewalk.
- Clean up after your pet.