

Solid Waste Collection / Facility Schedule / Collection Container Information

Date: September 15, 2020

Solid Waste Facility
424 River Road, Lewiston
OPEN
Weekdays: 7:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon
(Gates Close on Saturday at 11:50 a.m.)

October 12, 2020 – Indigenous Peoples Day Holiday

This holiday falls on **Monday, October 12, 2020**; therefore, the Solid Waste Facility will be closed. **Trash & recyclables will be collected as usual on that day** and need to be curbside by 7:00 AM. The Solid Waste Facility will re-open on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 7:15 AM.

Leaf Collection Program

As we did last year, waste leaves will be collected from residents along with their household trash! Please place waste leaves in heavy duty plastic bags, curbside, along with your regular household trash, on your regular trash collection day. The City's contractor for trash collection will be collecting the bagged leaves, along with your household trash, for disposal. **There is no special schedule for this service. Waste leaves can be placed curbside at your convenience.** If you so desire, leaves can also be dropped off at the Lewiston Solid Waste Facility during normal business hours.

Note: Residents who elect to bring waste leaves to the Solid Waste Facility for disposal will be charged as they would for disposal of "Household Trash" either as a deduction from their ePass account or by paying the current tip fee of \$100 / ton.

Veterans Day – Holiday – November 11, 2020

The Veteran's Day holiday will be celebrated on **Wednesday, November 11, 2020**. Therefore, the Solid Waste Facility will be closed on that day. **Trash & recyclables will be collected as usual on that day** and need to be curbside by 7:00 AM. The Solid Waste Facility will re-open on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 7:15 AM.

November 26 & 27, 2020 – Thanksgiving Holiday

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, trash normally collected **Thursday, November 26, 2020, will not be collected until Friday, November 27, 2020**. Trash will be collected one (1) day late for the remainder of the week, with Friday's trash being collected on Saturday, November 28, 2020. All trash must be curbside by 7:00 AM. **The Solid Waste**

Facility will be closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, 2020. The facility will re-open on Saturday, November 28, 2020, at 8:00 AM.

December 24 & 25, 2020 – Christmas Holiday

The Christmas Day holiday will be celebrated on a **Friday** this year. **Therefore, trash normally collected Friday, December 25, 2020, will be collected on Saturday, December 26, 2020.** All trash must be curbside by 7:00 AM. **The Solid Waste Facility will be closed from 11:00 AM Thursday, December 24, 2020 through Friday, December 25, 2020. The Solid Waste Facility will re-open on Saturday, December 26, 2020 at 8:00 AM.**

January 1, 2021 – New Year’s Day

The New Year’s Day holiday will be celebrated on a **Friday** this year. Therefore, trash normally collected Friday, January 1, 2021, **will be collected on Saturday, January 2, 2021.** All trash must be curbside by 7:00 AM. **The Solid Waste Facility will be closed Friday, January 1, 2021. and will re-open on Saturday, January 2, 2021 at 8:00 AM.**

Christmas Tree Collection / Disposal

As was done last year, the City **will not** provide curbside collection of waste Christmas trees. **Please do not place waste Christmas trees curbside; they WILL NOT be collected by waste collection staff.**

Waste Christmas trees may be brought to the following locations for disposal:

- Public Works Yard
103 Adams Avenue, Lewiston
Open 24 hours / day
- The City’s Solid Waste Facility
424 River Road, Lewiston
Open 7:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., Weekdays; 8:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m., Saturdays



Selecting A Good Quality Trash/Recyclable Waste Collection Container

The Lewiston Public Works Department is taking this opportunity to provide suggestions for the purchase of new or replacement containers for your household trash & recyclable waste.

- 1) Select a container **NO LARGER** than **36** gallons. Larger containers tend to be overloaded and weigh more than 30 pounds. This makes trash removal from the container difficult/awkward. In addition, the larger containers typically have wheels, which aren’t meant to be used as handles for emptying waste into the truck hopper. As such,



please avoid trash containers with wheels. Correct weight and no wheels help prevent residual waste remaining in the base of a container and wheel damage.

Select a container which is made of a heavy gauge plastic (**see above photo**). The size (36 gallon) & style of the container pictured can be purchased at various retail outlets.

Given the heavy gauge of this container's plastic, it is less likely to:

- Blow away due to windy conditions or truck traffic on busy roads (i.e., Lisbon, Sabattus and/or Main Streets) when the container is returned to curbside in an upside down position.
- Be damaged during trash collection, particularly during the winter season when lighter plastic tends to become brittle and is susceptible to breaking.
- Have handles that break away from the container during trash collection operations.

A **fitted lid** is recommended for the container. This reduces the chance of litter issues from birds and other animals. It also reduces the chances of trash/recyclable waste freezing in the base of the container during the winter season.

- 2) **PLEASE REMEMBER:** The City does not provide containers for recyclable waste material.
- 3) The above-pictured container is suitable for collection of recyclables as well as trash.
- 4) We recommend placing 3 – 4 **“ZERO SORT RECYCLING”** labels on the container when used for collecting recyclable waste.
- 5) These labels are free of charge and can be obtained at:
 - Lewiston City Hall, 27 Pine Street, 2nd Floor
 - Lewiston Public Works, 103 Adams Avenue
 - Solid Waste Facility, 424 River Road, Lewiston
 - Lewiston Public Library, 200 Lisbon Street (**When It Re-opens**)

To connect with staff about trash/recyclable containers, residents may reach out to either Deputy Public Works Director Megan Bates mbates@lewistonmaine.gov or Solid Waste Superintendent Rob Stalford rstalford@lewistonmaine.gov