Important Notice – Trash/Recycling Collection Service Updates

TOWN OF FREETOWN RESIDENTS

Updated information is provided below for the Town's Trash and Recycling Collection Program.

Trash Collection Services:

- **Effective July 1, 2016 Republic Services will provide weekly service to all residents based on the collection day schedule set by the Town of Freetown. There will be no change to each resident's current trash collection day.**
- **Trash must be set out curbside within five feet to the roadway & visible prior to 7:00 AM on your regularly scheduled pick up day.**
- **All trash must be contained in Freetown green Town Bags available from local retailers throughout the town.**
- **Any trash that is not in a Town of Freetown bag; including trash in barrels not in town bags; cannot be taken.**
- **There is no limit to the number of Freetown Town Bags for weekly trash pickup. Non-compliant, excessively heavy (50lbs or over), or torn bags will not be picked up and a violation sticker will be left behind.**
- **During Holiday weeks, services will be on "one day delay" schedule – see Town schedule for all recognized holidays.**

Single Stream Recycling Collection Services:

- **Effective July 1, 2016 your recycling collection will be WEEKLY on your normal trash collection day.**
- **Freetown residents no longer need to remember which week to set out their recyclables – recyclables can now be set out for collection EVERY WEEK prior to 7:00 AM on your regularly scheduled trash collection day.**
- **Single stream is a system in which all paper, plastics, glass bottles, tin cans, cardboard and junk mail are collected together, instead of being sorted into separate bins. Your recyclable commodities are then taken to a recycling processing facility that has equipment to sort the materials properly.**
- **Cardboard boxes for recycling must be broken down, each piece no larger than 2'x 2'.**
- **Republic Services will use a specially equipped Single Operator Split Body Vehicle that is made to collect both trash and recycling in one truck with one Driver that has containment for both trash and recyclables in one vehicle.**
- **Every pound of recyclables collected is kept from being dumped at the landfill and saves the Town dollars not spent on trash disposal – recycling is good for the environment and reduces the Town's disposal expenses.**

Split Body Vehicle Collection Information:

In order to provide the most efficient and cost effective service available to the Town and to keep costs as low as possible, Republic Services will begin using a Single Operator Split Body Collection vehicle to service the Town effective July 1, 2016. The Split Body Collection Truck allows for only 1 truck and 1 Driver to drive to each home and pick up both the trash and recycling at the same time. This truck has two separate hoppers and body compartments that require our Driver to throw the Town's Green PAYT trash bags in one hopper and the recycling in the other hopper. This enables Republic to efficiently collect all materials in one pass, thus providing the Town with cost efficiencies and reducing carbon emissions and wear and tear on Town roads. When the day's stops are done we dispose of the trash and recycling separately at two different end sites. Photos of our Split Body vehicle at work are shown below:

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Additional Collection Information:

- **For safety purposes Republic's collection truck will collect both trash and recycling from the right side of the truck only; this means that one side of a street may be picked up later than the other side of the street.**
- **All recyclable material must be placed in a Recycling Barrel. Please use a barrel or similarly sized container that makes it easy for you to recycle; however, the size of the barrel /container cannot exceed 40 gallons. The Town has a "Freetown Recycling" sticker available for you to place on the container or barrel you choose to use. "Freetown Recycling" Stickers are available at the Freetown Town Hall (3 North Main St), at the Transfer Station (49 Howland Road) in Assonet, and at Foster's Hardware (175 County Road) in East Freetown.**
- **The purpose for this Recycling sticker is so our Driver can determine what is in the barrel / container. Due to DEP Waste Ban requirements we cannot mix trash with recyclables and this sticker will help us to determine the contents of the barrel / container you set out with recyclables.**
- **Use paper bags for shredded paper or newspaper; set out with your recyclables in your Recycling Barrel.**
- **The following items are prohibited from being set out with your recyclables:**
  Plastic Bags Dirty Paper Towels Food Waste Styrofoam Packaging, Cups, or Plates Straws
  Dryer Lint Aluminum Foil Dry Cleaning Plastic Bags
- **Please do not place recyclables in a plastic bag or a trash bag; plastic bags contaminate the recyclables as they cannot be processed by the conveyors at the recycling facility that processes the Town's recycling loads.**
- **The Town could incur contamination charges for their recycling loads if the prohibited items above are collected with recyclables or if recyclables are set out in plastic bags.**

Disposal of Special Items:

- **Residents have the option to bring Bulk Items, Yard Waste, and Recyclables to the Town's Transfer Station.**
- **Or Residents can call Republic Services to have curbside pickup of Bulk Items or Container Rentals for clean outs, move ins, and construction projects; call Republic for a price quote for these services.**
- **Diabetic Needles and Sharps must be taken to the Fire Department for proper disposal and cannot be set out curbside with your trash.**

THANK YOU for providing Republic Services the opportunity to be the Town's waste and recycling collection service provider! Please feel free to call the Town of Freetown Health Agent or Republic Services Customer Service Department with any questions or concerns.

Important contact information

Phone Numbers

Town of Freetown Health Agent - 508-644-2202 Ext # 1303

Republic Services - 800-825-3260 (Customer Service)

Websites

http://www.republicservicesfallriver.com — **Republic Services**

www.freetownma.gov — **Town of Freetown**