

August 30, 2019

ANNUAL REPORT - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2018 – 2019

The Sanitation Division of the Highway Department collected 2,895 tons of refuse, which reflects an increase of 83 tons from the previous year.

The Recycling Division of the Highway Department collected recyclable material, and since January 2013 we went to single stream recycling and now we do not have totals for tonnage collected.

SANITATION AND RECYCLABLE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Sanitation:

On July 5, 2016 the Sanitation Collection was changed to a five (5) day a week pickup (Monday thru Friday). The City is divided into five (5) sections with each section collected one day per week. Trash will not be collected on City Holidays. Please see **Trash and Recycling Schedule for Holidays** below.

Trash is to be placed in covered metal or heavy plastic containers, not larger than thirty-five (35) gallons or weighing when filled, more than seventy-five (75) pounds. Toters may also be used if pre-approved by the Public Works Department. The City of Groton Sanitation Dept. does sell 96-Gallon Toters that can be used for Trash or Recycling.

Recycling:

On July 5, 2016 the Recycling Collection Schedule was changed to a four (4) day a week pickup (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday). The City is divided into four (4) sections with each section collected one day per week. Recycling will not be collected on City Holidays. Please see **Trash and Recycling Schedule for Holidays** below.

The City of Groton uses Single Stream (also known as “fully commingled”) recycling. This refers to a collection system that mixes all recyclable paper fibers and containers together in a bin at the curb and in the collection truck. With Single Stream recycling, you no longer have to sort glass, plastic, paper and cans, place them all in the same recycling bin. Just mix all your recyclables together – they will be sorted once they’re delivered to the recycling center.

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RECYCLABLES –Plastic Bags and Styrofoam packing peanuts are **NOT** allowed with recycling, please dispose of them with your trash. Recyclables consist of:

- Bottles, Cans and #1 through #7 Plastics (please flatten all your plastic milk cartons);
- Newspapers and Magazines (please bundle up and tie or put in brown paper bags), we also take hard and soft cover books;
- Cardboard (should be cut into 2' x 3' sections, flattened and bundled).

Note: The Highway Dept. no longer gives out the orange recycling containers; you may purchase a container at a local store.

If you have any questions on pickup day, etc. please call the Highway Department at 446-4127.

TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR HOLIDAYS FOLLOWS:

- If a holiday falls on a Monday, and this is your pickup day, it will be picked up on Tuesday morning
- If a holiday falls on a Tuesday, and this is your pickup day, it will be picked up on Wednesday morning
- If a holiday falls on a Wednesday, and this is your pickup day, it will be picked up on Thursday morning
- If a holiday falls on a Thursday, and this is your pickup day, it will be picked up on Friday morning.*
- If a holiday falls on a Friday, and this is your pickup day, it will be picked up on Thursday morning.*

***PLEASE NOTE:** For Thanksgiving Day and the Day after Thanksgiving, if these are your pickup days, Thursday Thanksgiving Day will be picked up on Wednesday morning and Friday the Day-After Thanksgiving Day will be picked up on the following Monday morning.

LEAF COLLECTION - Is scheduled for the spring and fall. Only those leaves placed in biodegradable paper bags, cardboard boxes or trashcans not larger than thirty-five (35) gallons or weighing when filled more than seventy-five (75) pounds will be collected. Plastic bags are **not** accepted at the landfill. Therefore, leaves placed in plastic bags will **not** be picked up.

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******Reminder******

Please do not sweep your leaves into the street or road. Leaves accumulate into the catch basins and clog them up creating drainage problems. Pick the leaves up and put them out in the proper container. Your help with this situation will be greatly appreciated. Together we can all keep our City Clean and Beautiful!

LEAVES WILL NOT BE COLLECTED IF PLACED IN PLASTIC BAGS

NOTE: GRASS CLIPPINGS - are **NOT** acceptable at the transfer station or incinerator - compost or mulch on lawn. We cannot take grass clippings with the leaf pickup or trash collections.

Please do not sweep or blow your grass clippings into the street or road. Grass clippings accumulate into the catch basins and clog them up creating drainage problems.

GRASS Clippings WILL NOT BE COLLECTED under any circumstances

BULKY WASTE COLLECTION - The City started Bulky Waste Collection on November 1, 2004. On July 1, 2016 **New Bulky Waste Fees** went into effect. There are fees charged for all bulky waste items. Bulky waste items are picked up on Wednesdays. All Payments for Bulky Waste are Non-Refundable and must be paid one-week before pickup. **NOTE:** One-week notice required for all bulky waste pickups.

Call or stop by the Highway/Sanitation Office to schedule a bulky waste appointment, please call us at 860-446-4127.

Please Keep in Mind:

- Piles must be neatly stacked, all items separated into piles of the following: wood, brush, metal, furniture, and miscellaneous.
- Items must be away from trees, telephone poles, wires or other obstacles.
- No brush or lumber over five feet in length
- Bulky Waste is picked up by hand.

SUMMER HOURS SCHEDULE - Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, sanitation and recyclable collections begin at 6:00 a.m. The remainder of the year sanitation and recyclable collections begin at 7:00 a.m. To eliminate problems with not being picked up - Please have your sanitation and recycling out by the proper starting time.

RESIDENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE PRODUCTS - Any container know to contain or labeled: toxic, poison caustic, flammable or reactive should not be set out for collection.

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“HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS” - Are scheduled in the spring and allows residents to bring these materials for disposal. Further information concerning the dates and collection locations will be published in your local newspaper.

******Reminder******

Winter Reminder: All property owners or occupants of land adjacent to a sidewalk have the responsibility to remove snow and ice from sidewalks.

HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE

- ❑ Resurfaced Streets – Zero (0)
- ❑ Sidewalk Replacement (Concrete) – Six Hundred Nineteen Feet (619’)
- ❑ Sidewalk Replacement (Bituminous) – Zero (0)
- ❑ Catch Basin Repairs – Twelve (12)
- ❑ New Catch Basins – Zero (0)
- ❑ New Drainage Installation – Zero (0)
- ❑ Curbing Replaced (Bituminous) – Zero (0)
- ❑ Curbing Replaced (Concrete) – Seven Hundred Fifteen Feet (715’)
- ❑ Installation of ADA Handicap Ramps – Five (5)
- ❑ Manholes Repaired – Two (2)
- ❑ New Manholes – Zero (0)
- ❑ Mosquito control – Zero (0)
- ❑ Trees Planted – Zero (0)

INCLEMENT WEATHER RESPONSE

- ❑ Snow - Eleven (13)
- ❑ Icing - Fourteen (8)

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Dear Resident:

We thank you for allowing us to serve you, the City of Groton Residents. We devote our time repairing sidewalks, repaving roads, mowing grass, landscaping, cleaning storm drains, repairing traffic signs, line painting, repairing equipment, snow plowing, picking up sanitation, recycling, and bulky waste just to name a few of our many duties. We welcome your phone calls and we strive to handle all customer concerns as soon as possible. All of your calls are important to us and we look forward to hearing from you. Check out our website at www.Cityofgroton.com We hope you appreciate the work we do, as much as we enjoy working for you, the City of Groton Residents.

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