

New Bedford Automated Trash & Recycling Program Begins June 23



New Bedford has partnered with ABC Disposal to implement a new curbside collection program for trash and recyclables designed to increase citywide recycling, reduce litter and decrease the amount of trash sent to the Crapo Hill landfill.

Beginning on June 23, 2014 throughout New Bedford, ABC Disposal will collect trash and recycling in wheeled carts. The carts will be emptied by automated trucks with mechanized arms. The new trucks will be fueled by compressed natural gas which is cleaner and more efficient than diesel.

Residents and businesses will no longer need to separate recyclable material into multiple bins. Customers will place all recyclable bottles, cans, paper and cardboard in a cart with an orange lid. All acceptable trash will be placed in a cart with a blue lid. Trash and recyclables left outside the carts will not be collected and may result in a fine.

A list of FAQ's is available here:
<http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/facilities-fleet-management/automated-collection-program/>