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Street Cleaning & Yard Waste Pickup to Resume, Compost Collection to Begin *City services to begin April 2nd*

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – March 23, 2018 – As the 2018 spring season approaches, several Public Works services are scheduled to resume and/or begin in Cambridge.

Street Cleaning:

Public Works mechanically sweeps each street in Cambridge once per month, April through December (weather permitting). Signs are posted on each residential street indicating the schedule. In order to ensure that streets are properly cleaned, cars must move off the side of the street being swept to avoid being ticketed and towed. Citywide street sweeping includes twice yearly vacuum sweeping to improve storm water quality.

Yard Waste Collection:

Separate yard waste collection begins April 2, 2018 and continues through December 14, 2018. Set yard waste out by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day, or after 6 p.m. the night before.

Yard waste is not accepted in plastic bags by recycling or trash crews. Place yard waste in barrels marked with City-issued stickers facing the street, or in lawn refuse bags sold in most hardware stores. Barrels and bags must be set on the curb apart from the trash. Do not staple or tape bags. Bundle small twigs and branches with string. Please call Public Works at 617-349-4800 to request Yard Waste stickers.

Curbside Compost Collection:

Starting April 2, 2018, the City will begin collecting food scraps and compostable items from all residents of 1 to 12 unit buildings. Green curbside carts and kitchen bins will be delivered the week of March 26, followed by door-to-door visits to make sure residents have everything they need to get started. Compost will be collected on the same day as trash and recycling.

As always, if your yard waste, compost, trash, or recycling were not picked up and were properly prepared/set out, report it by 12 p.m. the following day using the Commonwealth Connect app or at www.CambridgeMA.gov/CommonwealthConnect.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day:

The City of Cambridge holds four (4) Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Days in 2018. The first HHW Day of 2018 is scheduled for Saturday, March 31, from 9 a.m. - 1p.m., in the Field Street Parking Lot at Danehy Park.

Proper disposal of materials helps protect public health and the environment. A list of accepted items can be found at www.CambridgeMA.gov/HazardousWaste.

Service Schedules and Notifications:

Residents can find their curbside collections and street cleaning schedules by entering their address in the “My Cambridge Schedule” tool at www.CambridgeMA.gov/theworks.

Notifications are now available by text message, email, or app notifications by downloading the “Zero Waste Cambridge” app for iPhone/Android. Those previously signed up for reminders through ELine should re-subscribe using the scheduling tool or by downloading the app.

The screenshot shows the 'MY CAMBRIDGE SCHEDULE' web tool interface. At the top is a green header with the title 'MY CAMBRIDGE SCHEDULE' and a 'Share' button with a dropdown arrow. Below the header is a row of five icons with corresponding text: 'My Cambridge Schedule' (calendar icon), 'Cambridge, Get Rid of It Right' (magnifying glass over a recycling symbol), 'Waste Sorting Game' (game controller icon), 'Street Sweeping Schedule' (calendar icon), and 'Need help?' (question mark icon). Below this row is a section with the text 'Please type your home address:' followed by a text input field and a 'Search' button. An example address 'Example: 147 Hampshire St, Cambridge' is shown below the input field. At the bottom right of the main content area is a link for 'Terms of Service'. Below the main content area, there are two links: 'List of Materials' on the left and 'Powered by ReCollect' on the right.

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Residents are also encouraged to visit www.CambridgeMA.gov/theworks and use the “Get Rid of It Right” tool to search how to properly dispose of items.

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