A municipal trash & recycling program in Uxbridge would:
* Provide more comprehensive and balanced services
* Reduce cost for many residents
* Cut down on the number of trucks driving in town
* Coordinate pickup days for neighborhoods.

According to a survey done early this year, over 80% of residents would be interested in participating in such a municipal trash and recycling program. The RSC welcomes comments and questions, please contact us via email or Facebook. This will be a voluntary program and residents will have the ability to opt out.

The following haulers are currently permitted to pick up trash & recycling in the town of Uxbridge:

- Berkowitz 508-234-2920 www.tomberkowitztruckinginc.com
- Waste Management 800-545-4560 www.wm.com
- Pratt 598-987-1187 www.pratttrucking.com
- Casella 508-860-2113 www.casella.com
- Republic Services 508-832-9001 www.republicservices.com
- EL Harvey 508-476-2343 www.elharvey.com
- Valley/Lakeview 508-883-2980

As of April 1, 2018, all of these haulers are required to offer recycling services with their trash pick-up. Please contact the BOH if a hauler is not complying with this requirement (see front for contact info).

Together, we can help reduce waste and keep our town (and planet) greener, cleaner and healthier!
Recycling Resources

Leaf/Brush Disposal & Metal Recycling
147 Hecla St Uxbridge MA
508-278-8616
Open select Tues, Sat & Sun (see website for dates)
Permit fees: Residents $20, Commercial $50 (plus additional fees per load for commercial)
Accepts: Leaves and grass trimmings (loosely or bio bagged only-NO PLASTIC), Brush (less than 6” diameter and 8’ length only). Appliances, Air Conditioners, Lawn mowers & Snow blowers (gas/oil removed) NO PROpane TANKS, BATtery, TVs, Microwaves, COMPUTERS or TIRES.

Medications & Medical Waste
Household sharps: accepted at the BOH office. Must be in approved sharps containers, sealed/locked and clearly labeled. Please see the town website for hours and availability.
Prescription drugs/medications: accepted 24/7 via drop box in lobby at the Uxbridge Police Station.

Plastic bag and wrap drop off
Available at most grocery & retail stores
Accepts: Retail, carryout, produce, newspaper, bread, and dry cleaning bags, Zip-top food storage bags, Plastic shipping envelopes, bubble wrap and air pillows (deflate), Product wrap on cases of water/soda bottles, paper towels, napkins, disposable cups, bathroom tissue, diapers, and female sanitary products, Furniture and electronic wrap, Plastic cereal box liners (unless it tears like clothes hangers), Any plastic packaging or bag that has the How2Recycle Label. (Clean, dry and free of receipts, labels and clothes hangers)

Terracycle.com
Offers free & fee-based recycling for hard to recycle items. Uxbridge RSC will have collections posted on the Facebook page.

Best Buy Stores
www.bestbuy.com -> Services ->Recycle your old products
All U.S. stores accept a variety of electronics, batteries, ink/toner, appliances and accessories. Please see the website for a comprehensive list, including some items accepted for a fee.

Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Centers
Permit fees: Residents $30 (plus list item fees) 14 Chestnut St Blackstone MA 508-476-5129 www.townofblackstone.org
Open Tues, Thu and Sat from 9AM to 3PM
Swap/Share Shed for a limited amount of gently used, unwanted household items.*
Accepts: Motor Oil/Filters, Anti-Freeze, Yard Waste/Brush, Christmas Trees, Cell Phones, Mercury Thermostats/Thermometers, Paint (oil based only), Dry Cell Batteries, Clothes/Shoes/Rags, Plastic Plant Pots (P1-7), Cardboard/Paper, Eye Glasses. Other items, including bulky and hazardous waste, please see website for a list of fees.

193 Main St (accessed via Water St) Northbridge MA 508-883-1500 x129 www.northbridgemass.org/recycling-center
Open Sat from 9 AM to 2PM. CLOSED in Jan & Feb
Accepts: Motor Oil/Filters, Anti-Freeze, Cell Phones, Mercury Thermostats/Thermometers, Dry Cell Batteries, Clothes/Shoes/Rags, Plastic Plant Pots (P1-7), Cardboard/Paper, Eye Glasses. Other items, including bulky and hazardous waste, please see website for a list of fees.

NEDT Household Hazardous Products Collection Center
83 Gilmore Dr Sutton MA 866-769-1621 www.nedt.org
Open Tues & Thur from 9AM to 4PM
Accepts: Latex & Oil-based Paints, Fertilizers, Automotive Fluids, Carpet Cleaner, Fluorescent Lamps, Computers and Electronics, Solvents/Thinners, Gasoline, Antifreeze, Furniture Cleaners/Polish, Pool Chemicals, Monitors and Televisions, Pesticides and Herbicides, Motor Oil, Corrosive Cleaners, Glue and adhesives, Driveway sealers, Batteries, Mercury/Mercury containing devices. This center charges fees for all items, please see website for fee list.

RecycleNation.com
A website that can help you locate a facility or other resource for recycling this, that, or the other thing!

It’s not enough just to recycle. It’s also important to recycle right. Putting unacceptable items into your recycle bin can cause delays and add expense to the recycling process. Please contact your hauler for specific guidelines, but here are some general rules to follow.

Metal: Steel & aluminum cans and lids (if still attached), pie plates and aluminum trays. Rinse clean, labels are OK. No foil. No paint cans, aerosol cans or propane tanks. Can be flattened or nested to save space.

Glass: Bottles & jars and lids (if still attached) - all colors and sizes. Rinse clean, labels are OK. No light bulbs, window glass, pyrex, ceramics, mirrors, drinking glasses or vases. DO NOT BREAK GLASS.

Plastic: Containers marked with recycling symbol #1-7, necks, caps and lids are OK (if still attached). Rinse clean, labels are OK. NO PLASTIC BAGS, PLANT POTS OR STYROFOAM.

Paper: Newspapers with inserts, junk mail, envelopes, magazines, catalogs, phonebooks, loose paper. No plastic coated paper or boxes, carbon paper, napkins, paper cups or plates. Shredded paper should be closed inside a paper bag. DO NOT TIE WITH STRING.

Cardboard: Boxes & corrugated panels. No wax coated, food residue or soiled pizza boxes. Cut or flatten into 2’x2’ size (or smaller). DO NOT TIE WITH STRING.

NEVER GO IN THE BIN: Hoses, diapers, straws, plastic utensils, paper towels, bags, of any kind, medical waste, food waste, Styrofoam, bubble wrap, tarps, or plastic pools.

REDUCE: Buy in bulk if possible, choose quality over quantity, opt out of receipts, unsubscribe from junk mail, compost, use rain barrels for watering garden/lawn, switch to LED’s.

North American bottled water companies use 1.39 liters of water to make a single 1 liter bottle of water, and over 25 billion Styrofoam cups are thrown away in the United States each year.

REUSE - Choose things that you can reuse, such as cloth towels & napkins, glass jars/containers, grocery bags, snack wraps, coffee cups, stainless steel straws, real utensils, water bottles, reusable gift wrapping.

A plastic bag from the grocery store takes between 500 and 1,000 years to decompose.

RECYCLE - Make sure you recycle each and every item that can be recycled, and ask for recycling bins at your workplace or businesses that you visit.

The EPA estimates that 75% of the American waste stream is recyclable, but we only recycle about 30% of it.

Increase recycling from homes and businesses, and reduce, re-use, recycle!