

Gorham Department of Public Works Frequently Asked Questions

Does the Town pick up my trash?

If you are a resident of the Town of Gorham, through renting, lease, or direct ownership then your trash can be collected. The Town contracts this service through the private company R.W. Herrick. For more information, please go to our [trash and recycling page](#).

The Town of Gorham does not contract for the collection of trash and recycling for private businesses.

My Trash/Recycle did not get picked up? What do I do?

We ask that your trash and recycling bins be placed at your collection site BEFORE 7:00am on your specified day. Trash must be in the maroon Gorham Trash Bags and recycling in approved bins for pickup.

If all of the above instructions were followed and your trash was still not collected please feel free to contact Public Works at 892-9062.

For additional information please check our [trash and recycling page](#).

I need more space for my recyclables!

An additional recycling bin may be purchased at the Gorham Public Works Department for \$8. For more information please contact Public Works at 892-9062.

How much do the Gorham Trash Bags cost?

There are two sizes of trash bags: 15-gallon trash bags are sold in a package of 10 bags for a cost of \$10 and 33-gallon trash bags are sold in a package of 5 bags for a cost of \$10.

Where can I buy Gorham Trash Bags?

The Gorham Trash Bags can be purchased at Hannaford stores in Gorham and Standish, Cook's Hardware, Hansen's Farm Market in South Gorham, Rite Aid, Sawyer's Market in Little Falls, Nicely's Market on Route 25, Community Pharmacy, Baxter Memorial Library, Phinney Lumber on Route 114, Lampron's Little Mart, Route 25 in West Gorham, Friendly Village office, and Little Falls Mini Mart at the Roundabout. The Town plans to add additional stores to this network in the near future.

Does Gorham Public Works operate a bulky waste disposal site?

Gorham Public Works no longer operates a bulky waste disposal site. Large items may be disposed of at Plan-It Recycling & Transfer Inc., Located at 18 Gorham Industrial Parkway, (off of Route 25) Open Monday thru Sat. 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Telephone (207) 854-5353

My road is in need of repair...

For problems with public roads please call Gorham Public Works at 892-9062 or visit our [Report a Problem to Public Works page](#).

There is a sign on my road that is missing or needs repair.

Please call Public Works at 892-9062 or visit our [Report a Problem to Public Works page](#) to report a missing or damaged street sign.

The Public Works Department is in the process of upgrading certain signs in Gorham with those of a high reflectivity prismatic grade. Reporting problems helps the Department facilitate quicker upgrades to the entire network.

My road has not been plowed yet, why?

During a major snow event Gorham Public Works has a minimum of 14 units clearing roads around the clock. First priority is given to major arterial roads then to smaller town roads. Although every attempt is made to clear roadways in a timely fashion, it is always possible that a road can be missed. If you feel your road needs to be plowed please contact Gorham Public Works at 892-9062.

Can I get winter sand for my driveway?

Yes. Winter sand is available at the Gorham Public Works Facility at 80 Huston Road. Please limit the sand you take to two, five gallon buckets per storm. For directions please contact Gorham Public Works at 892-9062 or visit our [Directions to Gorham Public Works page](#).

A plow truck damaged my mailbox during the last snowstorm, what can I do?

Public Works drivers make every attempt to avoid damages to mailboxes. Generally speaking, the Town is not responsible for any type of damage to any item, including mailboxes, located in the Town's right of way. The right of way area on most town roads extends 6 to 10 feet beyond the edge of pavement.

For tips on mailboxes please visit our [mailbox suggestion page](#).

To report a mailbox issue please contact Public Works at 892-9062 or visit our [Report a Problem to Public Works page](#).

There is a dead animal on the road, could you please clean it up?

For a dead animal on the roadway please contact Gorham Public Works at 892-9062.