



ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNER:



RECYCLING IS NOW MANDATORY IN NEW BEDFORD

City Ordinances: Chapter 16 Article IV

Recycling is now mandatory for everyone in the City of New Bedford – whether your trash is picked up by the City’s contractor (ABC Disposal), or by private arrangements.

In June 2015, City enforcement officers will start educating residents about and enforcing the mandatory recycling ordinance. This will ensure that trash does not contain recyclables and recyclables are not contaminated with trash.

WHY?

Keeping recyclables out of the trash conserves space in the Crapo Hill landfill where the City disposes of its solid waste. When the landfill becomes full, the City will have to look for other ways to dispose of trash and it will likely be more expensive. The Crapo Hill landfill must comply with Massachusetts Department of Environmental (MassDEP) regulations. These regulations don’t allow most recyclable material to be disposed of in the landfill. MassDEP has increased inspections to make sure Crapo Hill landfill complies with these regulations.

Keeping trash out of recyclables improves the quality of recyclables. Recyclable material that contains trash makes it difficult (or sometimes impossible) to recycle. It can also present safety concerns for workers that separate these materials at facilities which accept recyclables.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR ME?

City enforcement officers are inspecting both trash and recycling carts at every property to ensure proper recycling. A warning is issued to the property owner for the first violation. On the second violation a fine of \$25 will be issued. The fines increase after the second offense. Please call the Health Department at (508) 991-6199 with questions about enforcement.

To avoid fines, don’t place recyclables in the trash cart and don’t place unacceptable items in the recycling cart. See reverse side for recycling guidelines. Additional items can be recycled at the Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station, located at 1103 Shawmut Avenue. Please visit www.newbedfordrecycling.org and look for drop-off recycling information.

WHAT IF I OWN A MULTI-FAMILY BUILDING?

If you have a concern about complying with mandatory recycling, Refuse District staff are available to educate tenants in your building through visits and phone calls. For assistance, please call the Refuse District’s recycling office at (508) 979-1493.

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