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New Bedford Is Recycling More!

How to Handle the Overflow.

New Bedford - A record number of residents and businesses in New Bedford are recycling. Here are some tips on how to handle the increased volume set at the curb.

- Ask for a special yellow recycling sticker to place on your 32-gallon barrel. Place all plastic, metal and glass containers in the barrel. Set it next to your blue bin.
- Ask for more blue bins. Placing paper and cardboard in one blue bin, and commingled metal, plastic and glass containers in another blue bin or barrel helps streamline the recycling collection process.
- Flatten and fold cardboard boxes to a size no larger than 2 feet by 3 feet. Stand them upright in the blue bin.
- Call (508) 979-1493 for FREE yellow stickers or FREE blue bins.

Below are some reminders on how to prepare your recyclables:

- Please clean all bottles and cans.
- Place shredded paper inside a paper bag or a clear plastic bag.

The following items cannot be recycled in the blue bins (unacceptable items will not be taken):

- Oil or antifreeze containers
- Five-gallon buckets
- Styrofoam of any type (egg cartons, meat trays, take-out containers)
- Waxed paper cartons – e.g. juice or milk
- Pizza boxes
- Pots, pans, plates, bowls
- Paint cans (dry out and throw in trash)
- Aerosol containers (take to Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station)
- Hardcover books (take to Transfer Station)
- Clothing (take to Transfer Station)
- Yard waste (set out the day after trash/recycling collection or take to Transfer Station)

For more information, call Marissa Perez-Dormitzer, District Recycling Coordinator at (508) 979-1493. THANKS for your participation.