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Recycle More New Bedford!

Blue bin program expanded to include
junk mail, office paper and all plastic containers

New Bedford - New Bedford residents and businesses can now recycle all clean plastic containers numbered 1 through 7 (except Styrofoam) as well as office paper and junk mail. Place these items in your blue bin(s) and set everything out on your regular trash day.

Examples of plastic containers include yogurt cups, shampoo bottles, plastic bags and margarine tubs. However this does not include any type of Styrofoam – such as cups, take-out containers, “peanuts”, egg cartons, or insulation -- nor plastic wrap, 5-gallon buckets, plastic toys or laundry baskets. Additional types of paper include junk mail, copy and printer paper, brown paper bags, file cards and stationary. No pizza boxes, please.

This program is part of the Recycle More New Bedford! campaign to increase recycling in the City. Last winter, New Bedford was awarded a \$15,000 grant by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to deliver blue bins to households identified as not recycling. The campaign resulted in a 20% increase in the amount of recyclables set out in blue bins.

“This is a significant step to increasing the amount of recycled materials that would otherwise be thrown away,” said Recycling Coordinator Marissa Perez-Dormitzer. “As a result, our landfill will last longer. We hope residents take advantage of the opportunity to make New Bedford a greener place.”

For a free blue bin, call Marissa at (508) 979-1493.