

MANDATORY RECYCLING

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DEAR AMESBURY RESIDENT, PROPERTY and BUSINESS OWNER:

## RECYCLING IS MANDATORY IN AMESBURY

Call DPW 978-388-8116 for questions. Helpful guidelines:



**CARDBOARD** - must be broken down into 3'x3' pieces.



**PIZZA BOXES** - can be recycled, heavily soiled part cannot.



**MILK/JUICE CARTONS** - can include caps on carton.



**PLASTIC CONTAINERS**

**PLASTIC BOTTLES**



**GLASS**



**CANS**



**PAPER**



**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**  
Amesbury Household Hazardous  
Waste Annual Collection Day.

June 2015



Water based  
paint, dry out  
and put with  
curbside trash.

Oil paint is HHW.



One-Use disposable  
bag. **DO NOT** recycle  
in cart. Return to  
grocery store.

## YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WASTE YOU GENERATE!

On June 10, 2014, City Administrators and Municipal Council passed an Ordinance to add monetary penalties to enforce the **MANDATORY RECYCLING** Bylaw, established in 1993.

In 1990, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) introduced its first bans on landfilling, combustion of easy-to-recycle and toxic materials. Go to <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/recycle/solid/massachusetts-waste-disposal-bans.html> or [www.amesburyma.gov/public-works](http://www.amesburyma.gov/public-works) or visit Amesbury's Department of Public Works office for more information.

### MassDEP Waste Ban Regulations: 310MR 19.017

Prohibited in Trash: recyclable materials, glass, plastic containers, paper, cardboard, leaf and yard waste, asphalt pavement, brick, concrete, clean gypsum wallboard, wood and metal.

City of Amesbury MANDATORY RECYCLING with RECYCLING ENFORCEMENT, VIOLATIONS & PENALTIES BILL No. 2014-067 - establishes penalties for waste generators in the City who do not recycle, as follows: First Offense - Written Warning to the owner on record. Second Offense - Fine of \$100.00. Third Offense - Fine of \$250.00. Fourth Offense - Fine of \$500.00 and a Criminal Complaint., passed June 10, 2014.

Waste Reduction and Recycling Agents for the City through the Department of Public Works, will be on the streets educating and assisting RESIDENTS, PROPERTY AND BUSINESS OWNERS, alike, about **MANDATORY RECYCLING**. Enforcement will officially begin January 1, 2015. The City Administrators' and Municipal Council's intent is "to encourage reuse and/or recycling of certain waste materials, conserve disposal capacity and reduce adverse environmental impacts from waste materials containing toxic substances" (MassDEP Fact Sheet - Your Municipality and Waste Ban Compliance, 2014).

For Amesbury's **MANDATORY RECYCLING** Ordinance go to <http://amesburyma.gov/public-works> or email [wasteinfo@amesburyma.gov](mailto:wasteinfo@amesburyma.gov) or visit the Department of Public Works.

**FREE**



## **ANNUAL RECYCLING COLLECTION EVENT, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014**

**FREE**

Styrofoam, Paper shredding, prescriptions, textiles, shoes, eye and sun glasses, hearing aids, cell phones, printer ink, fluorescent bulbs and mercury. Location: Public Works parking lot at 39 South Hunt Road, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Call 978-388-8116 for more information.



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**STOP!**

**PLEASE READ**

Changes that will affect  
you, your family  
and/or business  
are inside



**RECYCLE**  
**BY NUMBER!**

**IT'S EASY and IT'S THE LAW.**