

Recycling is now much easier!

You no longer have to separate paper & cardboard from glass, plastics and metal. Instead, you may mix all recyclable materials together in one or more containers for collection at your curb.

Recycling is also mandatory

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts regulations prohibits the disposal of recyclables including paper, cardboard, bottles, plastics and cans with household trash. Additionally, the City of Haverhill Board of Health regulations require recycling.

RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING LITTER, GARBAGE, AND REFUSE

Section 5: Residential dwelling units

I. Residents shall separate their recyclable materials for bi-weekly curbside collection. Residents can place their recyclables out for collection in open containers, boxes, or paper bags clearly marked recycling.

Section 10: Penalties

A. Any person(s) who fails to comply with this regulation shall be fined not less than fifty (\$50.00) nor more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each offense. Each day's failure to comply with this regulation shall constitute a separate offense.

YOU CAN RECYCLE AS MUCH AS YOU WANT — THERE IS NO LIMIT! However, there is a limit on trash disposal. Each residential unit shall not exceed three (3) thirty five (35) gallon trash bags/containers. Please do not purchase any barrel larger than 35 gallons. OSHA rules do not allow our trash hauler to pick up any barrel larger than 35 gals. or heavier than 50 lbs.

For complete Rules and Regulations, please visit www.ci.haverhill.ma.us/departments/health/regulations/litter_garbage.htm

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3.

Todos los residentes están obligados a separar su basura de sus materiales reciclables. Cualquier persona(s) que no cumpla con esta reglamentación será multado con no menos de cincuenta (\$50.00) ni mayor de trescientos dólares (\$300.00) por cada infracción.



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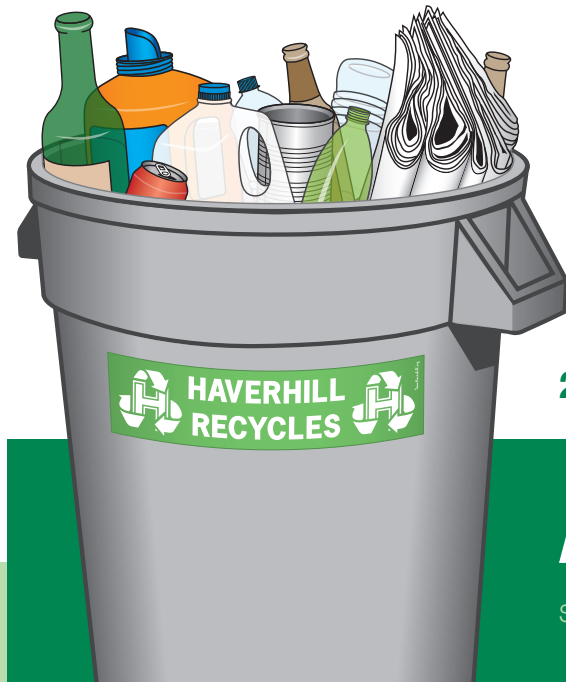
Fellow residents!

Thus far, the mandatory recycling program we started last year saved our city \$125,000.

With your help, we can do even better and save you more money!

Your Mayor,

Jim Fiorentini



Residential Customer Haverhill, MA

2012 Curbside Recycling Schedule inside!

All together now

Su guía al **programa obligatorio del reciclaje** de la ciudad de Haverhill. ¡Reciclaje calendario adentro!

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Frequently asked questions

Is this program mandatory?

Yes, Massachusetts prohibits the disposal of recyclables including paper, bottles, plastics and cans with household trash.

Do I need to clean items before putting them in my bin?

Your recyclables should be rinsed and clean of any food. Items with food residue or grease cannot be recycled because of contamination.

Why aren't plastic bags accepted at curbside?

The materials recovery facility uses an automated system to sort and package the recyclables. Some items, such as plastic bags, will jam the machinery. However, plastic bags of all types can be recycled at most supermarkets, in a container often located near the entry/exit. Reusable tote bags are a great way to avoid plastic bags entirely.

Will the Recycling Center remain open?

Yes, The Haverhill Recycling Center at 500 Primrose Street accepts single-stream recyclables Wed. and Sat., 8AM - 1PM. Tires, scrap metal and appliances are accepted for a fee. Other items, such as yard waste, electronics, fluorescent light bulbs, some batteries and used motor oil are accepted at certain times. Please call for details.

What is the city doing to improve participation?

Through the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program, a grant given to selected municipalities to help increase recycling participation, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection assisted the city in hiring two Mandatory Recycling Enforcement Coordinators—Franco Cordano and Karin Devlin of Haverhill. Within the goal of increasing participation and tonnage collected, their responsibilities include educating the community about the benefits of recycling, as well as tracking actual participation rates. Their initial research, conducted during Fall 2011 using GPS tablet technology, showed that 58% of Haverhill's households were participating in single-stream curbside recycling. While this is a great start, it leaves much room for improvement. Such improved participation would significantly reduce the amount the city must pay for trash disposal.

Throughout 2012, the recycling coordinators will be visiting neighborhoods to monitor recycling and distribute educational materials. Information will also be posted on the City's website and public access channels. To ensure compliance with the state and local recycling regulations, warning notices will be sent to those residents who are not recycling. Eventually, failure to comply with these regulations may result in a fine of \$50.00 being issued to the property owner.

How can I get more information about recycling?

Contact the Haverhill Recycling Department at **978-420-3817**, email either fcordano@cityofhaverhill.com or kdevlin@cityofhaverhill.com with any questions, or visit www.ci.haverhill.ma.us/departments/health/recycling.htm, where you'll find informative articles, interesting facts, local stories, and much more.



James J. Fiorentini, Mayor

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Las bolsas plásticas no pueden colocarse en el contenedor de reciclaje. La mayoría de supermercados reciclan las bolsas plásticas. Para obtener más información, llame al 978-420-3817. También nos pueden contactar por <http://www.ci.haverhill.ma.us/departments/health/recycling.htm>.

1. LABEL

a container with a Haverhill Recycles sticker.

Recycle more, trash less

When you recycle more, you'll have less trash and won't need as many trash cans.

Convert one of your trash cans into a recycling container by labeling it with the Haverhill Recycles sticker. Recycling stickers are available at Haverhill City Hall and the Haverhill Recycling Center at 500 Primrose Street.

No sticker? No problem. Just clearly mark the outside of your container so it can easily be identified as a recycling container. You may also continue to use your small green bin.

Most households will find it helpful to keep a smaller recycling container handy in or near the kitchen for daily use, then empty that bin into the larger, outdoor recycling container as needed. Then simply place your container(s) at the curb for collection every other week, according to your street's scheduled assignment.

Remember, unlike trash, there is no limit to how much recycling material you can place at the curb for collection. Provided that each container is no larger than 35 gallons, you can place as many containers at the curb as you wish.



2. FILL

your recycling container with the materials described below.



Paper & Cardboard

White & colored paper, newspaper, catalogs, soft-cover books, mail, boxboard packaging; corrugated cardboard & paper bags.

- ✔ If it tears, it's recyclable!
- ✔ Staples, tape and labels are OK.
- ✔ Shredded paper is OK
- ✘ No paper plates, cups or napkins

Glass

Clear and colored glass bottles & jars, food and beverage containers.

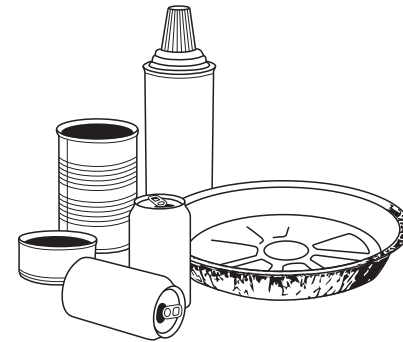
- ✔ Rinse clean. Labels are OK.
- ✘ No dishes, windows, or ceramics



Plastic

Containers made from plastics #1 through #7, including bottles, jugs, blisterpaks, etc.

- ✔ Rinse clean. Labels are OK.
- ✘ No filmy plastic bags or wrappers.
- ✘ No household items or toys.
- ✘ No styrofoam, even if marked as ♻️



Metal

Aluminum, steel, and tin cans and foil packaging.

- ✔ Rinse clean. Labels are OK.
- ✔ Aluminum trays, plates, and foil OK.
- ✔ Empty aerosol cans are OK.
- ✘ No scrap metal

2012 Curbside Recycling Schedule

- Blue Week
- Red Week
- Holiday¹
- ▲ Household Hazardous Waste²
- Electronics Recycling³

Recycling is collected at the curbside **every other week on your regular trash day**. Blue and red weeks⁴ are indicated at right.

¹ When a scheduled collection falls on a holiday, all collections for that week will be delayed one day.

² At Wastewater Treatment Plant

³ At 500 Primrose St., 8AM - 1PM

⁴ If you're not sure if your address is in a red zone or blue zone, contact the City of Haverhill's Recycling Department at **978-420-3817** or visit www.ci.haverhill.ma.us/departments/health/rubbish_curbside/streets.htm for a list of street assignments.

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Ponga una etiqueta en su contenedor que lea "Haverhill Recycles." Las etiquetas están disponibles en el Ayuntamiento de Haverhill y en el Centro de Reciclaje ubicado en el 500 de la calle Primrose. Si no tiene etiqueta, simplemente haga una y colóquela en el contenedor.

Coloque los materiales reciclables en el contenedor de reciclaje. Los materiales reciclables incluyen papel, cartón, envases plásticos, latas, y botellas. Los materiales reciclables deben de ser enjuaguados antes de ser colocados en el contenedor de reciclaje.

Cada dos semanas, coloque el contenedor de reciclaje en la acera el día de recolección de basura regular de acuerdo con el calendario anterior. Si no está seguro si su dirección se encuentra en una zona azul o una zona roja, visite www.ci.haverhill.ma.us/departments/health/recycling.htm.