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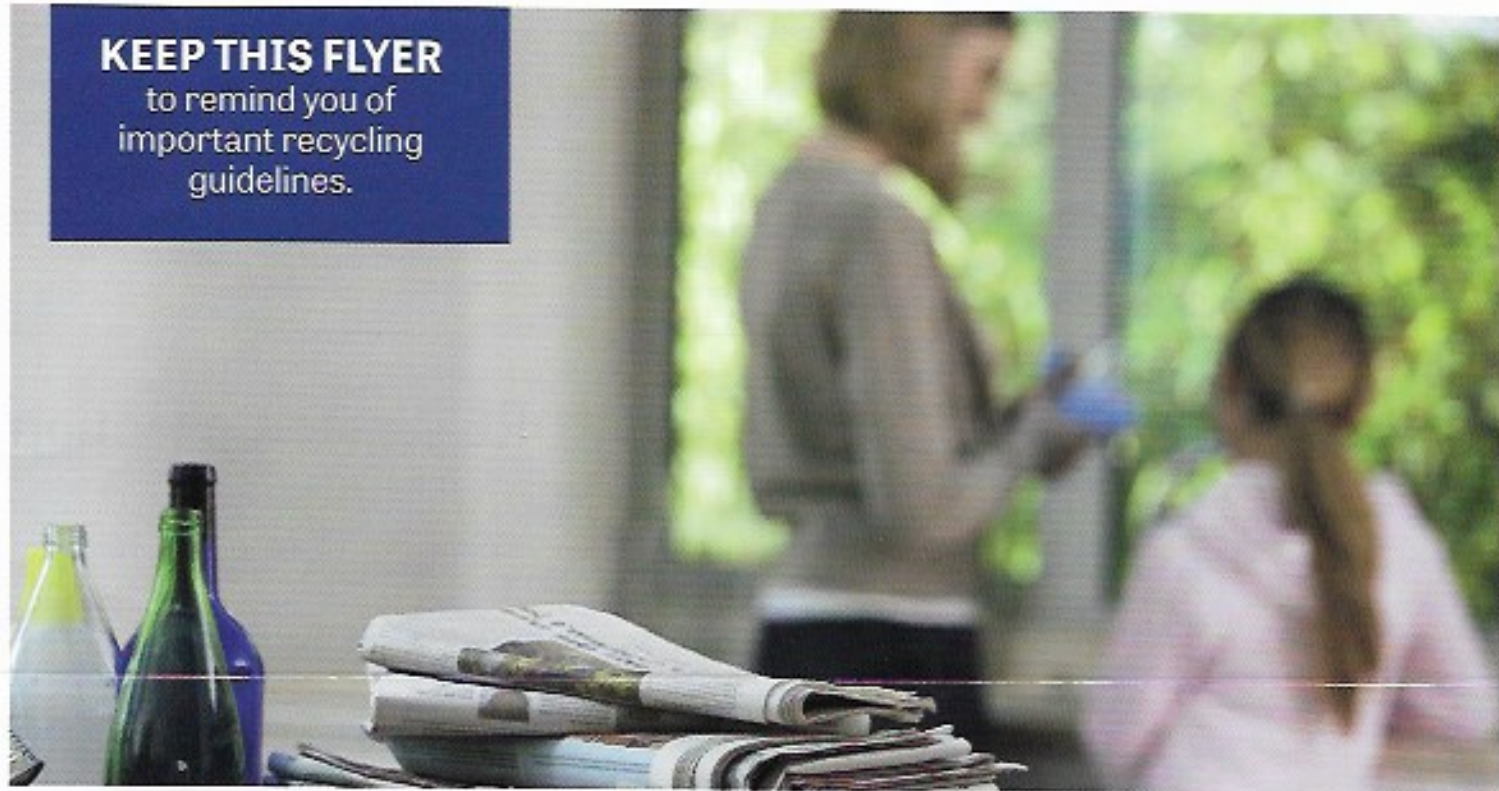


# RECYCLING in Quincy

## Special Edition InfoLetter

### KEEP THIS FLYER

to remind you of  
important recycling  
guidelines.



## Waste and Recycling

Every week the City's waste collection vendor collects waste and recycling from more than 33,000 households. This number includes over 6,000 condominium units. The Quincy DPW recycling facility accepts material from an additional 11,000 households not eligible for curbside collection. The recycling facility at the DPW yard also accepts appliances, scrap metals, electronics, books, textiles and mercury items from all Quincy residents.

### COLLECTED ANNUALLY

**125** tons of textiles

Textile recycling bins are located in all Quincy Public School yards. Proceeds from the clothing, bedding and drapery collected go to that school's Parent/Teacher Organization.

**30,000** tons of household waste

**5,000** tons of recycling

**10,000** tons of yardwaste, brush, limbs and Christmas trees

## Waste Collection Helpful Hints

**7 a.m.**

Place your trash curbside no later than 7 a.m. on your regular trash day.

**HOLIDAY**

When your collection day falls on a holiday, that day's collection and all remaining collection days are delayed one day.

**TEXTILE  
RECYCLING BINS**

Bins are available 24/7 in every public school yard in Quincy and in the DPW parking lot. Donations earn cash for that school's Parent Teacher Organization.

**MOVE-OUTS,  
CLEAN-OUTS AND  
CONSTRUCTION**

These will not be collected curbside. Call Champion City Recovery, 138 Wilder St., Brockton, 508-941-6700 and Stoughton Recycling Technologies, 100 Page Blvd. Stoughton, 781-341-9920.

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Visit [QuincyMA.gov](http://QuincyMA.gov) for more details.

Visit [RECYCLESMA.ORG](http://RECYCLESMA.ORG) for more details.



# RESOURCE RECYCLING

## Rethinking Recycling

by Colin Steub, Resource Recycling, 1/8/19

...Environmental experts are increasingly calling for a sustainable materials management (SMM) approach to waste management. This approach promotes managing materials in a way that provides the best benefit from a life-cycle perspective.

...Jim Fish, CEO of Waste Management, said, "...recycling is ... about product transformation and reuse, and ... real environmental and resource conservation benefits."

To illustrate the importance of SMM considerations, Waste Management calculated that it avoided more than 32.5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO<sub>2e</sub>, a common emissions measurement) through its recycling activities alone. Further, the company found that 60 percent of its overall emissions reduction comes from its recycling activities.

Waste Management is the parent company of our material recovery facility in Avon, MA.



## Recycling Contamination

Just last year international recycling brokers were forced to restructure their entire list of recyclable materials. This caused much confusion in the industry especially amongst residential curbside recyclers. Even more significant, a .05% tolerance for contamination was instituted backed by severe penalties. Contamination is anything that is not recyclable including food and liquids. In a "spot check" performed recently, one Quincy recycling truck load was downgraded to 20% contamination.

Although a "spot check" is not an official audit resulting in fines, this type of finding in a week-long "official audit" could have cost taxpayers \$112,500 in contamination fees. The number one contaminant in Quincy continues to be plastic bags. (See photo above.) Do not use plastic to bag your recycling. Known as "entanglers," plastic bags wrap around gears that move materials along. This causes the entire operation to be shut down for disentanglement.

The other big contaminant in Quincy's recycling is food and liquids. Food and liquids diminish the quality of paper and cardboard reducing its value. No-value product is a loss for the vendor and ultimately the taxpayer.

Please carefully review the RECYCLING GUIDELINES on page 3 of this Special Edition InfoLetter. If you don't see it under RECYCLE it can't be recycled. For questions call 617-376-1953 or e-mail, [recyclequincy@quincyma.gov](mailto:recyclequincy@quincyma.gov).

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## MORE Waste Collection Helpful Hints

### TOILETS

Toilets are NOT collected curbside. Arrange for your plumber to cart your old toilet away.

### TVs AND APPLIANCES

These are collected curbside by calling Capitol Waste at 617-376-7556 at least one full business day in before your regular trash day.

### MERCURY CONTAINING ITEMS

Such as thermometers, thermostats, fluorescent light bulbs and swirly bulbs, are accepted year-round at the DPW rear yard.

## RECYCLE or TRASH?

**RECYCLE** Pizza Boxes





# NEW RECYCLING GUIDELINES

# 回收新指南

Help fight the rising costs of recycling by carefully adhering to the guidelines below and keeping it nearby as a handy reference.

## 回收 RECYCLE

Do not bag recyclables in plastic bags.

Continue to RECYCLE these items

METAL

金属



Aluminum Cans & Bottles, Tin Cans, Aluminum Foil, Foil Containers (trays, pie tins)

PLASTIC

塑料



Plastic bottles, jars, tubs and lids, Clamshell take-out containers, Clear plastic egg cartons, "Triangle Numbers" 1, 2 and 5 plastic

PAPER

纸张



Paper & Folders, Paper Bags, Newspaper, Phonebooks, Paperback Books, Magazines & Catalogues, Corrugated Cardboard, Boxboard (dry food boxes, cereal), Junk Mail & Envelopes, Paper Egg Cartons, Clean Pizza Box Covers

GLASS

玻璃



Food & Beverage Bottles & Jars

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## TRASH 垃圾

Put these NON-RECYCLABLES in your trash.



Aerosol Containers, Canisters (i.e. Pringles, nuts, raisins), Yogurt container foil tops, Coat Hangers



Plastic Bags, films & wraps, Plastic plates, cups, bowls & utensils, Styrofoam cups, containers & packing peanuts, Single-use coffee pods, Tupperware, Flower pots, Crates, Buckets, Prescription Vials, Nips



Milk and Juice Cartons, Paper cups, plates and bowls, Hot Cups (i.e. coffee), Shredded Paper, Ice Cream Containers, Tissue Paper/Napkins, Tyvek Envelopes, Plastic Padded Envelopes, Frozen Food Boxes,



Drinking Glasses, Ceramic Mugs, Dishes, Window Glass, Anything with Food or Liquids

TRASH

有关无法再循环的项目的完整列表, 请游览 [RecycleSmartMA.org](http://RecycleSmartMA.org)





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## Beyond the Bin

Recycling Directory for Massachusetts! Do you have stuff that doesn't belong in your household recycling bin? Don't throw them away. Find out where to recycle, reuse or repurpose them in Massachusetts. To visit the MA DEP sponsored site, go to: [RecycleSearch.com](http://RecycleSearch.com).



For curbside collection of appliances, TVs and monitors call 617-376-7556 at least one full business day before your regular trash day.

Please have your trash out by 7am on your regular trash day. Pick-up times are subject to change without notice.

POSTAL CUSTOMER

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Dear Friends,

Over the past year, recycling guidelines have been anything but stable due to International waste import restrictions. What was recyclable for decades is no longer acceptable and the current requirements of what is acceptable have been raised to a more stringent standard seeing the cost to market some materials has increased.

In response, the City of Quincy has been working with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to provide the public information while recycling facilities develop new markets for their material.

In this Special Edition InfoLetter you will find definitive guidelines for present day recycling. Please keep it handy and stay tuned to Quincy Access TV cable channels 8 and 9 for updates. As always, please do not hesitate to call me directly at 617-376-1990 if I may be of assistance in any matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Thomas P. Koch

## Important Numbers

24-hr Emergency .....	617-376-1910
Commissioner	
Al Grazioso .....	617-376-1959
Engineering .....	617-376-1950
Water/Sewer/Drain .....	617-376-1910
Water Billing .....	617-376-1918
Street Sweeping .....	617-376-1957
Pot Hole Hotline .....	617-376-1914
Capitol Waste .....	617-376-7556
Business Manager	
Paul Della Barba .....	617-376-1406
Operations Manager	
Michael Norton .....	617-376-1258
Waste & Recycling Manager	
John Sullivan .....	617-376-1953