

Why Recycle?

It saves money and helps the economy

- MA employs 19,000 people in recycling related jobs with an annual payroll of over \$500 million and \$3.5 billion in sales receipts.
- MA law requires recycling as well as mandatory shredding of confidential materials for many businesses.
- MA throws away 1.5 million tons of paper annually. If 50% of that were recycled, it would save over \$50 million of disposal costs.
- Nationally almost 50% of aluminum cans end up in landfills, wasting a scrap value of \$600 million.

It fights climate change

- Recycling in MA saved over 85 trillion BTU's of energy last year, enough to power over 800,000 homes for one year.
- Recycling in MA saved 17 million trees, which help take carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere.
- Recycling helps MA residents reduce the equivalent of 2 million metric tons of carbon dioxide annually—equivalent to taking 1.6 million passenger cars off the road.

It makes your customers happy

- 76% of Americans believe recycling can reduce their contribution to global warming.
- Out of those Americans, 91% in the northeast support mandatory recycling.

Recycling Questions?

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How to Recycle

Even if you don't have city trash pick-up, you may be eligible for free recycling pick-up

- If your business is in downtown Salem, put the bin out on the day your street's residential trash is picked up.
- Bins are available for \$6.00 at Crosby's Marketplace, Winer Bros Hardware, or the DPS building (5 Jefferson Avenue).
- Contact Mark George at Northside Carting, 978-479-2619 to confirm if pickup is available at your location.

How to organize your recycling bin

- Cardboard must be cut or folded in 3 by 3 ft pieces and bundled (preferably using twine).
- **The following paper items can be recycled in a bundle, paper bag, or separate bin:** corrugated and paperboard flattened boxes (no waxed boxes), clean pizza boxes, brochures, junk mail, catalogs, paper, envelopes, tissue rolls, file folders, junk mail, magazines, newspaper, paper bags, phone books, paperback books, writing tablets, contained shredded paper, etc.
- **The following items can be recycled in a bin (separate from paper and cardboard):** All glass bottles and jars, Cans (aluminum, tin and steel), Aluminum (clean foil and pie plates), Tin (clean cookie tins and pie plates), Metal jar lids, any plastic food or household container with a recycling triangle and any number 1-7.
- **NO:** plastic bags (bring to grocery store), Styrofoam (even with symbol), window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, dishes, vases, paint or oil cans, cans with metal bottoms and paper sides (unless separated), hazardous materials.

Free paper shredding is available to Salem residents and businesses at North Shore Recycled Fibers, 53 Jefferson Avenue 978-744-4330.

