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Fellow residents!

Since we began curbside recycling, our recycling rate has steadily been on the rise! Recycling not only creates jobs but it saves our city money in trash disposal fees while protecting our environment. It's clear to see why recycling is so important. Keep up the good work and thank you for your efforts!

Your Mayor,  
Jim Fiorentini

Residential Customer  
Haverhill, MA



**2013 Curbside Recycling Calendar inside!**

# All together now

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

# What should be recycled at curbside?



## 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.

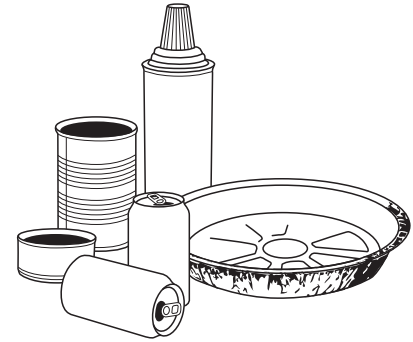
- ✔ Rinse clean. Labels are OK.
- ✘ No dishes, windows, or ceramics



## Plastic

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

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



## 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

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.

# 2013 Curbside Recycling Calendar

- Blue Week
- Red Week
- Holiday<sup>1</sup>
- Electronics Recycling<sup>2</sup>
- ☀ Annual Curbside Leaf Pickup<sup>3</sup>

Recycling is collected at the curbside **every other week on your regular trash day**. Blue and red weeks are indicated at right. 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** for a list of street assignments.

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

<sup>2</sup> At 500 Primrose St., 8AM - 1PM

<sup>3</sup> Residents must put LEAVES ONLY in biodegradable paper bags or open containers and place them at curbside by 6AM. Leaves in plastic bags will not be accepted.

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**PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT PERMITTED.**

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](http://www.ci.haverhill.ma.us/departments/health/recycling.htm).

# Frequently asked questions

## Is this program mandatory?

Yes, state and local regulations prohibit the disposal of recyclables including paper, bottles, plastics and cans with household trash.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING LITTER, GARBAGE & 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 containers. OSHA rules do not allow our trash hauler to pick up any barrel larger than 35 gals. or heavier than 50 lbs.

## 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. Plastic bags will jam the machinery.

## What is the city doing to improve participation?

Throughout 2013, the Mandatory Recycling Enforcement 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 regulations, warning notices will be sent to 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.

Research conducted in November 2012 by Haverhill's Mandatory Recycling Enforcement Coordinator(s), a position made possible through a Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection grant program, found that the participation rate has increased from 58% to 72% in just over one year. The improved participation has significantly reduced the amount the city pays for trash disposal. The Recycling Department is grateful to the city's many residents who participate in our curbside single stream program and/or bring their recyclables to the Recycling Center on 500 Primrose St.

## How can I get more information?

Contact the Haverhill Recycling Department at **978-420-3817** or email the Recycling Coordinator at [fcordano@cityofhaverhill.com](mailto:fcordano@cityofhaverhill.com) with any questions.

You can also find informative articles, interesting facts, local stories, and much more online at

**[ci.haverhill.ma.us/departments/health/recycling.htm](http://ci.haverhill.ma.us/departments/health/recycling.htm)**



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 [www.ci.haverhill.ma.us/departments/health/recycling.htm](http://www.ci.haverhill.ma.us/departments/health/recycling.htm).