

NOTICE

In order to comply with State Law regulating solid waste, The Whitman Department of Public Works Board of Commissioners recently voted to implement mandatory recycling.

What this means to residents is the trash collector will be instructed not to pick up any trash unless there is recyclable materials in an accepted container next to their regular non-recyclable trash.

This policy is intended to keep out illegal items and to increase the Town's recycle tonnage, with the hope of reducing the Town's solid waste cost and at the same time helping the environment.

This policy will take effect on JULY 1, 2011.

Please use the enclosed sheet to guide you thru our single stream recycling program and if you have any questions please call or visit the Dept. of Public Works office at 100 Essex St. (781) 447-7630

Recycle •Little Effort •BIG difference	USING MANDATORY RECYCLING TO REDUCE DISPOSAL COSTS Benefits of Mandatory Recycling
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Massachusetts communities pay some of the highest disposal fees in the country. Averaging between \$ 60-\$ 80 a ton, Whitman currently pays \$ 95, communities are literally throwing away millions of dollars annually to dispose of materials that should be recycled.

Communities across the state are realizing the potential savings from enforcing local waste bans.

- In one year, the Town of North Andover saved \$ 180,000 on disposal costs and has saved \$ 250,000 to date.
- In the first year of the program, the Town of Chelmsford saved over \$99,000 in disposal fees and is recycling considerably more and throwing less in the trash.
- Saugus has saved more than \$ 60,000 in disposal costs since the inception of its' program in FY'06
- Tyngsborough found that 85% of previously non-recycling household were recycling after the onset of mandatory recycling.

WHITMAN RECYCLES!

MIX THE FOLLOWING RECYCLABLES IN HERE:



Glass jars & bottles



Aluminum cans



Tin or steel cans



Cereal boxes and other paperboard boxes.



Cardboard
(place inside or next to cart)



Books (hard or paperback)



Junk mail



Plastic bottles



Magazines & catalogs



Newspaper & inserts



Office paper & file folders



Paper bags

PLEASE:

- **NO** styrofoam
- **NO** electronics
- **NO** ceramics or dishes
- **NO** food waste
- **NO** plastic grocery bags
- **NO** motor oil containers
- **NO** household hazardous waste
- **NO** light bulbs, mirrors or window glass

NO TRASH OR YARD WASTE

**FOR MORE
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PLEASE CALL**
The Department of
Public Works @
(781) 447-7630