

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS FROM THE KINGSTON SELECT BOARD

We need your help! Trash and Recycling can impact your property taxes!

BACKGROUND

Many of us have taken for granted that those totes that we put out for weekly pickup are picked up by the contractor, Waste Management Corporation and that is the end of our concern. We are aware of the need to recycle certain items and put other items into the trash. However, what most residents are not aware of is the increasing financial ramifications of all levels of trash disposal caused by international market.

Kingston is currently in the first year of a 5-year contract with Waste Management. The contract defines precisely what is recyclable and what is trash. Each time a tote is picked up by the truck, cameras in the truck view and record the serial number on the front of the tote along with the contents as they are dumped into the truck. The truck then takes its load contents to its sorting facility for processing. Once at the sorting facility, the contractor carefully examines and weighs everything that we have put in the totes. This is how the contractor determines our adherence to the town's contract. If we do not meet the criteria to the contract, fees and fines are assessed to the town.

What's important to all of us is that this directly impacts the town's financial waste budget allocation, and as a result, it is impacting what we will have to add to our property tax rates to cover recyclable item contamination charges which are defined by the contract.

CURRENT SITUATION

Recycle contamination is currently a major problem that we have to correct immediately as it is already impacting the town's budget allocation. The contractor defines contamination of the contents of a recyclable tote as any item in the tote that is not identified as a recyclable. The table on the next page is a guide to what is to be recycled and what is trash. If contamination is found, then the *entire truckload* is determined as unrecyclable and contractually increases the town's financial payment to the contractor.

WHAT WE CAN DO

To control this additional cost to the town's budget and therefore to our individual property tax bills, is a simple matter of understanding the identification of each recyclable item and being careful as to the appropriate tote into which you place your items. If all Kingston residents adhere to this simple requirement, there will be no additional impact from recycling on our tax rate.

With the help of each resident, we can help reduce the financial impact on our property taxes!

Your Select Board

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WHAT CAN I RECYCLE AND WHAT IS TRASH?

A GUIDE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF KINGSTON – MAY 2023

| Recycle | Trash |
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| Plastic Plastic that are labeled 1,2, and 5 place in recycle. Plastics that are not labeled or labeled 3,4,6, and 7 place in trash. Plastic film, bags or small pieces of plastic (<2 inches) are to be place in Trash. | |
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| Cardboard and Paper goods Cardboard should be broken down and placed in recycle. If there is food residue place in Trash. Shredded paper is to be placed in Trash. Waxed or foiled lined cardboard is considered Trash. | |
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| Cans and Foil Once food is removed it can all be recycled! | |
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| Glass | |
| Please do not place in recycling. We are working on a way to better dispose of glass. |  |
| Packing Materials | |
| Please do not place in recycling |  |
| Bio-contaminants – Diapers, Sanitary Products, Dog Waste | |
| Please do not place in recycling. This can contaminate an entire load. |  |

Questions? <https://www.kingstonnh.org/solid-waste-disposal> Contact trashtalkers@kingstonnh.org

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