

# Town of North Reading



## Recycling Information



Material	Examples	How to Prepare	Do Not Include
<b>Metals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food/beverage cans</li> <li>• Can lids</li> <li>• Aluminum foil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rinse clean and drain</li> <li>• Labels OK</li> <li>• Do not bag</li> </ul>	<p><b>No</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrap metal</li> <li>• Aerosol cans</li> <li>• Paint cans</li> <li>• Propane tanks</li> </ul>
<b>Glass</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bottles, jars</li> <li>• All colors/sizes</li> <li>• Food/beverage containers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rinse clean and drain</li> <li>• Labels, lids OK</li> <li>• Do not bag</li> </ul>	<p><b>No</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light bulbs</li> <li>• Broken glass</li> <li>• Window or auto glass</li> <li>• Pyrex</li> <li>• Ceramics</li> <li>• Mirrors</li> <li>• Drinking glasses</li> </ul>
<b>Plastics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Plastics (#1 - #7)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rinse clean and drain</li> <li>• Do not bag</li> </ul>	<p><b>No</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plastic wrap, bags</li> <li>• Styrofoam</li> <li>• Bottles used for hazardous materials (ex. Antifreeze, motor oil)</li> <li>• Unmarked plastics</li> </ul>
<b>Paper</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspapers w/ inserts</li> <li>• Magazines, catalogs</li> <li>• Office paper</li> <li>• Telephone books</li> <li>• Food boxes</li> <li>• Junk mail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place in separate bin or brown paper bag</li> <li>• Containers must weigh less than 50 lbs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>No</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plastic coated paper (e.g. milk &amp; OJ cartons)</li> <li>• Plastics</li> <li>• Carbon paper</li> <li>• Tissues/napkins</li> <li>• Paper cups/plates</li> </ul>
<b>Corrugated Cardboard</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pizza boxes (clean)</li> <li>• Shipping boxes</li> <li>• Beverage cases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be flattened</li> <li>• No larger than 3 ft x 3 ft</li> </ul>	<p><b>No</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waxed boxes</li> </ul>

**Place trash and recycling bins out by 6:30 a.m. on the day of trash pick up.**

**Recyclable materials must be separated from trash.**

**Place recyclables curbside with trash.**

Any questions, email the Recycling Committee at [recycle@northreadingma.gov](mailto:recycle@northreadingma.gov) or call 978-357-5260.

## Solid Waste/Recycling Guidelines

- **Recycling Bins:** Recycling bins and stickers are available at Town Hall in the DPW Office Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Friday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. Also, you may use a trash container for recycling glass, metal and plastics, as long as it is clearly marked with no cover. Use recycling bin, not trash barrel, for paper.
- **Disposal Limits:** Rubbish disposal is limited to **two** 35 gallon bags or barrels per household per week. Weekly recycling is unlimited for every household.
- **Bulky Waste/Large Items:** Mattresses, sofas, etc. **Limit one per week.**
- **Awkward Items not in containers.** Must be cut into 3-foot lengths, tied or bundled at curb. Each bundle is considered one bulky item. No construction debris.
- **White Goods/Appliances:** Call JRM at 1-800-323-4285 to schedule a collection. A fee is charged for disposal, paid directly to JRM.
- **TV & Computer Monitors:** Call JRM at 1-800-323-4285 to schedule a collection. No fee charged.
- **Hazardous Waste/Special Collection:** North Reading holds its Special Collection (fluorescent lamps, car batteries, propane tanks, scrap metal, tires) in late Spring and its Household Hazardous Waste Day in early Fall. Call the DPW for details.
- **Oil Collection:** Last Saturday of the month at the Spindler DPW Complex. Closed end of November until April.
- **Scrap Metal and Yard Waste:** The Compost Center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Saturday in April until the last Saturday in November. Yard waste (grass, leaves; no brush) must be delivered loose or in biodegradable bags. No plastic bags. Scrap metal to be placed in the waste metal container at the DPW facility.
- **Christmas Trees:** Picked up curbside on a Saturday Special Collection in January. Call the DPW for details.
- **Reuse Options:** Available at [www.northreadingma.gov](http://www.northreadingma.gov) and click on Recycling Information.

**Missed Collection? Call JRM (1-800-323-4285) to report that your recycling bin or trash has not been picked up.**