

# RECYCLING FAQS

## **Who do I call if my trash recycling or yard waste is missed?**

Call the Board of Health at (978) 630-4023 **by the next morning** to report a missed pickup.

## **When should I put out my trash and recycling?**

Trash may be placed out for collection after 5 pm on the night before your trash day and no later than 7 am on trash day. Late put-outs could result in your trash getting missed. Empty trash Toters or recycling Toters must be brought back from the curb within 24 hours of collection.

## **What is the Holiday Schedule for 2011 - 2012?**

Since we don't have any routes on Mondays, **Monday holidays no longer affect trash collection schedules**. The following holidays are the only ones that affect trash collection for the July 2011- June 2012 year:

Friday, November 11, 2011 (Veterans Day)  
Thursday, November 24, 2011(Thanksgiving)

When a collection day falls on a holiday, that day's collection and all remaining collections for the week will be delayed one day. Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

## **Do I have to sort all of my bottles and cans separate from paper and cardboard when I put it out at curbside?**

No, everything recycled at curbside can be put together in your City issued Recycling Toter.

## **What can be recycled at the curbside?**

All types of dry uncontaminated paper, cardboard, plastic **containers** numbered 1-7, rinsed bottles and cans. Labels on bottles & cans do not have to be removed; neck rings on bottles do not have to be removed. Food containers should be rinsed free of food residue, and aerosol cans should be completely empty of product. Windows on envelopes and food boxes (pasta boxes for example) do not have to be removed.

## **What is my curbside Recycling limit?**

New 64 gallon or 96 gallon Recycling Toters were delivered to each household in the City of Gardner. We encourage you to recycle everything you can. **ONLY RECYCLING TOTERS CAN BE USED FOR RECYCLING**. If an extra service is need you can call the Water Office to add an additional service at a minimal cost.

## **Where do I get a Recycle Toter?**

The City will deliver a recycling toter to your home once you are paying for the curbside trash program through your water, sewer and trash bill from the Water Dept.. Once notified by the Water Department, the Board of Health in the basement of City Hall at 95 Pleasant St will deliver the recycling toter. Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Friday 8:00 am -- 1:00 pm.

## **Can Pizza Boxes and other greasy or food contaminated items (including egg cartons) be put in the Recycle Toter?**

No. They are considered trash and must be placed in the trash. Clean, unsoiled food containers can be placed in recycling. Bottles & cans should be rinsed out of food residue.

## **Can Styrofoam go in the Recycle Toter? Can plastic bags go in the Recycle Toter?**

No, Styrofoam and plastic bags are not recycled at curbside. Plastic bag recycling collection bins are available at some grocery and retail outlets. You can obtain information on the Transfer Station hours location and rules at the Board of Health