

RECYCLING

Beginning the week of October 4th 2010, Reading residents will be required to:

- Limit their rubbish disposal to 120 gallons (4 bags or small barrels or 3 large barrels) per household per week.
- Weekly Recycling is mandatory for every household.

The goal is to reduce cost by decreasing the tonnage of rubbish that is incinerated and increasing recycling. We ask all residents to participate in working towards this goal.

DUAL STREAM RECYCLING

- Weekly **mandatory** unlimited recycling
- Prepare as you always have; separate paper and commingled containers. Place bundled paper on top of or beside bin.

Or

- **Put Paper/Cardboard in one container and Plastic/Glass/Cans in the other.**
- Use the red recycling bins distributed by the Town of Reading, AND/OR
- Use your own containers clearly marked with a recycling sticker.
- Recycling bins and stickers are available at no cost at the DPW Garage, 75 New Crossing Road, 1-781-942-9092, Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 3:00 pm, AND At the Reading Town Hall, DPW Office, 16 Lowell St 1-781-942-9077
Mon–Wed–Thurs 7:30 am – 5:30 pm Tues 7:30 am – 7:00 pm
Closed Fridays

What paper can I recycle?

Accepted Paper & Cardboard:

Newspapers/inserts Magazines
Catalogs Junk Mail
Envelopes Paper Bags
Phone Books Office Paper
Computer Paper File Folders
Fax paper
Stationery
All Books
Boxboard
Shredded paper
Cereal, cake and gift boxes
Notebooks (no metal rings/clips)
Milk - Juice Carton/Drink Boxes

All Cardboard is acceptable. Please breakdown, flatten and fold boxes, cartons & other cardboard into no larger than 4' x 4'

Unacceptable Paper:

- No napkins, tissues, toilet paper, or soiled paper wrappers.....
- No waxed cardboard.

What else can I recycle?

Accepted Commingled Materials:

PLASTIC

- Butter/margarine tubs
- Dessert/yogurt cups
- Plastic condiment containers
- Six and twelve pack rings
- Water bottles
- Non-returnable beverage bottles



Plastic Containers accepted
(excluding #6 Styrofoam)

Unacceptable Plastics:

- No plastic bags, Styrofoam, or packaging peanuts
- No plastic wrap, newspaper sleeves, or plastic film

GLASS

- Glass bottles, jars, food containers and beverage containers

Unacceptable Glass:

- No window glass or mirrors,
- no light-bulbs,
- no ceramics.

METAL CANS and FOIL

- Clean aluminum cans and foil
- Tin and steel cans
- Lids from jars
- Empty and non-hazardous aerosol cans

RIGID PLASTICS EVENT

- The Town will schedule 1 Rigid Plastics Event to be held annually – date TBD.
- Bring your rigid plastics (toys, plastic chairs, containers, etc).
- There is no charge for residents.

SCRAP METAL PICKUP

- The Town of Reading will schedule 1 scrap metal pickup annually - date TBD
- The contractor will pickup scrap metal curbside from residents.
- No charge.

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

- The Town will schedule 1 Paper Shredding Event to be held annually – date TBD.
- Residents may bring paper documents that they want to shred.
- Shredding takes place in front of residents.
- There is no charge for shredding.

LEAF COLLECTION

- The Town will schedule (5) weeks of curbside leaf collection per year
- The contractor will pick up Kraft paper bagged leaves, 3 fall and 2 spring collection dates to be announced.
- There is no charge for curbside leaf collection.