

To Avoid Recycled Material Ending Up in the Landfill – Please Recycle Right

It is important to understand that each recycling program only collects certain things. The Town of Barrington participates in the **RIRRC Curbside Bin Program**. If you include in your bin items that are not recycled in that program (or items that are soaked by rain or snow) you contaminate the entire load. Rather than being processed, contaminated or excessively wet loads, may instead be sent to the landfill, which mitigates the attentive recycling of the many and also costs the Town money. The reason these loads may be rejected is because certain items, such as plastic bags and shredded paper, can cause the sorting equipment to jam; excessive moisture can cause mold issues; and buyers want loads with only certain items (i.e. the purity of the load matters).

RECYCLING IS IMPORTANT – and with a bit more effort we can **Recycle Right and Recycle More!** To aid the community's recycling efforts, BHS student Alex Caizzi, helped to create the following postcard, which the Town, in partnership with an RIRRC grant, will be sending to residents. Please consider keeping the Recycle Right Postcard on your refrigerator or in a kitchen drawer so you can refer to it if you have questions.

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Thank you!

for Recycling RIGHT



TOGETHER WE
CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

This recycling postcard was created as part of a BHS student internship with the Barrington DPW and in partnership with RIRRC.

Please do not put these items in your recycling

No

- plastic bags, bags of bags, recycling inside of bags
- shredded paper/tissues/napkins/paper towels

No

- any type of foam/Styrofoam
- cardboard restaurant take-out containers

No

- fiber such as clothing or wood
- items with more than a trace of food/liquid residue
- containers with flammable contents or oily chemicals

For a complete list of what to and not to recycle please go to:
www.rirrc.org/mixed-recycling

Please note:

Many items that are **NOT** allowed in the curbside bin program, can still be recycled through other programs.

Barrington has a Recycling Center (84 Upland Way) where you can **DROP OFF** a number of items NOT allowed in the bin program.
<https://www.barrington.ri.gov/public-works>

Working together we can increase our recycling rate and decrease the number of rejected loads sent to the landfill!

BARRINGTON:

Help us recycle RIGHT by **ONLY** recycling these **4 categories** in your mixed recycle bin.

If you do not have a recycling bin you may pick one up at the Barrington DPW (84 Upland Way). The DPW also has "recycling" stickers you can affix to your own container, up to 32-gallons.



1



Paper, cardboard (flattened) and cartons ONLY

2



Plastic containers ONLY

3



Glass bottles and jars ONLY

4



Metal cans, lids, and foil ONLY

All containers should be empty and if possible, rinsed.

NO PLASTIC BAGS!



Return plastic bags to STORES or Barrington's Recycling Center (next to DPW).
www.barrington.ri.gov/public-works