

PUBLIC NOTICE

Effective immediately – Due to the falling values of raw materials, the facility that accepts Belmont’s recyclables will no longer accept contaminated materials and are requiring strict conformance for the packaging of recyclables. If the Town and its contractor do not comply they will enforce violation charges.

Please see packaging instructions below.

According to Article 26 of the Town of Belmont’s By-Laws

26.1 All residents and occupants of buildings for which curbside collection of solid waste is provided by the Town shall separate all recyclables from other solid waste and shall place such recyclables at curbside for collection in a manner specified in rules and regulations adopted from time to time by the Board of Selectmen. Regarding Section 26.4: Fines: Any person who does not comply with Section 26.4 may be subject to a fine of fifty (\$50.00) dollars. Each day or part thereof if any violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Please be advised that the following regulations for recycling **MUST** be complied with for bi-weekly curbside pick-up of your recyclables:

Comingled Containers:

Clean & Rinsed: Food or beverage containers marked 1-7 plastics, tin cans, aluminum cans, glass (clear & colored) bottles and jars, aseptic packing containers (small lined juice containers), aluminum trays, and pie plates & foil.

Place all acceptable comingled materials in 14 gallon recycle bin(s) at the curb by 7am on your recycle day

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIAL: Hazardous waste, metal or glass other than food or beverage containers, unmarked plastic material, paper, Styrofoam/foam packaging or plastic bags, juice cans with plastic/paper parts, paint or aerosol cans or other metal materials.

Examples of unacceptable materials: Plastic chairs, beach chairs, lawn chairs, children toys & play equipment, laundry baskets, swimming pools, window glass, mirrors, Pyrex, ceramics, etc.

Paper & Corrugated Cardboard:

All office paper (colored paper, computer paper, fax paper, memo pads, Post-it-notes) file folders, catalogues, and all envelopes with or without windows, newspapers, magazines, telephone books, paperboard, junk mail, chip board (cereal/shoe boxes), poly-laminated beverage containers (aseptic containers), Kraft paper bags. Place all recyclable paper in brown bags next to your 14 gallon recycle bin(s) at the curb by 7am on your recycle day.

Corrugated containers free of moisture barrier and wax content. Should be flattened or cut into pieces no larger than 2 feet by 2 feet. These can be included with other paper recycling in brown paper bags or tied with string in stacks less than 9 inches high. Cardboard should be secured (such as placing it under your recycling bin) so it doesn't blow away.

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIAL: Hard covered books, contaminated paper, carbon paper, Mylar, wax paper, waxed corrugated, Tyvek envelopes, photographic paper, paper towels, hanging folders, wax corrugated, pizza boxes, foam packaging or plastic bags, household garbage or organic waste, refuse, and industrial and commercial waste, rubbish.

Yard Waste:

Leaves, twigs, grass, weeds, flowers, wood chips, plants, hedge and shrub prunings 1” or less in diameter and other easily raked yard waste. These items can be placed in 30 gallon biodegradable paper bags not weighing more than 50 pounds and tops folded over not stapled or taped closed or 32 gallon barrels marked with two yard waste stickers (stickers are provided by the town) not weighing more than 50 pounds bags at the curb by 7am on your recycle day when the yard waste program is available.

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIAL: Food scraps, animal waste, trash of any kind, soil, rocks, or plastic bags.

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING