

Belmont Now Recycles Cardboard!

Help Us Save Tens of Thousands of Dollars Per Year

Here's How....

Yes

No



No Trash in
the Cardboard

No Cardboard in the Trash

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Cardboard Can Now Be Recycled In Belmont

Cardboard is recyclable and valuable. The state has banned it from disposal. The Town of Belmont is now collecting it with other recyclables. Please prepare it so it will fit into the truck! Help us to let your neighbors know about the change.

\$700,000 in disposal fees per year. In fiscal year 2007, Belmont spent nearly \$700,000 to pay disposal fees on waste sent to the waste-to-energy plant in North Andover. Because there is no disposal fee on recycled materials, the town saves \$69.50 per ton of material that it can divert from waste to recycling.

Recycling corrugated saves money. Corrugated cardboard was the largest easily-recyclable material that Belmont was throwing away, with roughly 1,600 tons generated by Belmont residents and government buildings each year. Disposal fees on this cardboard costs the town more than \$110,000 per year. Additional cost savings will come through recycling milk cartons and juice boxes as well -- both materials that contain high grade paper fibers.

Boosting diversion of other paper will also save money. Many residents don't realize how many different types of paper products can be recycled in the town's curbside program. Only about 60% of the mixed paper historically allowed in the town's program has been captured, with more than 1,000 tons per year being sent for disposal at an additional cost to taxpayers of nearly \$70,000 per year.

Recycling cardboard also helps protect the environment. Were all of the town's corrugated cardboard to be recycled the energy savings would be equivalent to more than 200,000 gallons of gasoline per year.

How to recycle corrugated cardboard, milk and juice cartons

DO's:

- Flatten all boxes
- Cut pieces to no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet (3'x3')
- Tie or tape together several pieces to make a stack no more than 9" high.
- It is OK to flatten pieces and put them inside, under, or next to the recycling bin.
- Flatten and rinse milk and juice cartons; they are also recyclable! Put them in your blue or green bins.

DON'Ts

- Pizza boxes contaminated with food are *not* recyclable.
- Don't use cardboard boxes for trash receptacles.
- Don't fill cardboard boxes with pieces of cardboard; they won't fit into the truck opening!

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