

PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION

- The Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance originally passed in 2015 and an update passed in 2019 by Newton City Council.
- The updated ordinance bans all retail establishments in the city from issuing plastic bags at check-out and places a 10¢ fee on paper bags.
- This ban reduces the number of single-use bags used, discarded, and littered in Newton and encourages the use of reusable bags.

Effective January 8th, 2020 All establishments over 3,500ft² are required to comply with the updated ordinance. Businesses over 3,500ft² are required to charge no less than 10¢ for paper or other reusable bags. Customers are encouraged to bring their own reusable bags.

Effective July 8th, 2020 ALL retail businesses are required to adhere to the 2019 ordinance update All retail establishments includes: restaurants, food or ice cream trucks, convenience stores, retail pharmacies, all supermarkets, and all seasonal/temporary businesses.



NEVER BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES.

DON'T PUT PLASTIC BAGS, FILM, OR WRAP IN THE GREEN CART.

Reduce your use of plastic bags by using your own reusable bag when shopping.

Reuse plastic bags at home to pick up pet waste and line small waste baskets.

Recycle plastic bags at store drop off.

Contact Us

www.newtonma.gov/recycling

(617) 796-1000

recycling@newtonma.gov

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CITY OF NEWTON
SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS
MANAGEMENT DIVISION

MOST DESIRABLE

Reduce

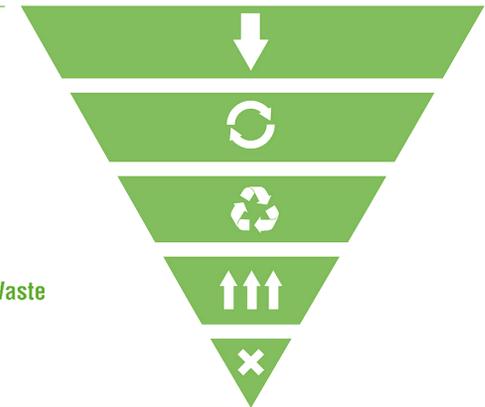
Reuse

Recycle/Compost

Recover/Energy-from-Waste

Dispose/Landfill

LEAST DESIRABLE



WASTE REDUCTION & REUSE



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REDUCE YOUR WASTE FOOTPRINT

1,939 lbs

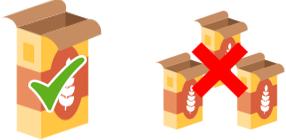


The amount of waste generated per household served in Newton in 2017— that's almost 1 ton!

Single stream recycling was roughly 37% of total waste collected per household served.



Choose products with minimal packaging and buy in bulk.
Avoid individually wrapped items



Shop for items with a lifetime warranty.

Donate, sell, or give away usable unwanted items.

Reduce food waste by meal planning and using fresh items first.



Buy items such as dish soap and laundry detergent in concentrated formulas. This uses less packaging.



Use the *Recycle Right Newton* app to find the best way to get rid of stuff.



Choose products that returnable, reusable, or refillable over single-use items.



Compost. Manage leaves, grass, food scraps and paper towels in your backyard.



Shop at second-hand stores for clothes and household goods before buying new.



Toxic home /garden products don't go in the trash. Responsibly manage your household hazardous waste and learn about non-toxic alternatives. Find specific dates and times for city wide HWW events at newtonma.gov/hhw.



Reduce your use of paper. Use e-mail, get bank statements and newsletters electronically, and use the library for books and magazines.



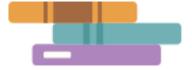
REUSE OPTIONS AT THE RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER



Monday-Saturday
7:15am-2:45pm
115 Rumford Ave.
Auburndale, MA 02466
Closed during holidays and extreme weather

BOOK REUSE SHED

Drop off books in good condition or take some home from the Book Shed. The book shed is kept orderly by volunteers.



LATEX PAINT EXCHANGE



Four 1-gallon cans (must be less than 3 years old and 3/4 full) per household per year are accepted for reuse. Also, take as much latex paint to use as you want at no cost!

Open Seasonally: Monday—Friday during May through October

FOR FREE

NEWTON RE-USE-IT (MAY - OCTOBER)

Clear out clutter without adding to the waste stream by visiting the Newton Re-Use-It swap shop. Drop off **USABLE** unwanted belongings or come take stuff for free. Think of it as a yard sale without the work. We need volunteers! Email us at recycling@newtonma.gov.

GOODWILL

The Goodwill trailer accepts donations of household goods, clothing, and working electronics. There is an onsite attendant to provide a tax-deduction slip.



SALVATION ARMY

Donation collection boxes for the Salvation Army accept clothing and textiles.

RED CROSS

Donation collection boxes for the Red Cross accept clothing and textiles.



MORE THAN WORDS

Donate books using the More Than Words collection container.

LET'S COMMIT TO REDUCE WASTE AND INCREASE WASTE DIVERSION