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**MAY 15- RECYCLING CART AND BROCHURE DELIVERY INFORMATION
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NEWBURYPORT. BEGINNING MAY 15, 64-GALLON RECYCLING CARTS WILL START TO BE DELIVERED TO ALL RESIDENTS IN NEWBURYPORT. THE CARTS ARE FOR RECYCLABLE MATERIAL ONLY, ARE FREE, AND WILL BE DELIVERED BY JUNE 15. THOSE WHO HAVE CALLED STATING THEY DO NOT WANT ONE WILL HAVE THEIR CARTS PICKED UP WITHIN A DAY OR TWO AFTER DELIVERY BY A SERVICE TRUCK. IF YOU DO NOT WANT ONE OF THESE CARTS PLEASE CALL 978-499-0413 AND LEAVE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER AND YOU WILL BE ADDED TO THE "DO NOT WANT" LIST.

CARTS SHOULD BE PLACED CURBSIDE, TO THE RIGHT OF THE DRIVEWAY IF APPLICABLE, WITH LID OPENING FACING THE STREET. CUSTOMERS MAY BEGIN USING THE CARTS IMMEDIATELY ONCE DELIVERED ON YOUR REGULAR RECYCLING DAY. EACH CART HAS ATTACHED WHEELS TO MAKE MOVING THEM EASIER AND AN ATTACHED LID TO CONTAIN RECYCLABLES AND PROVIDE FOR A CLEANER PROCESS. THE RECYCLING COLLECTION WORKERS WHEEL THE CARTS TO THE SIDE OF THE TRUCK AND USING AN AUTOMATED ARM, THE TRUCK WILL LIFT THE CART, DUMP ITS CONTENTS INTO THE HOPPER AND RETURN THE CART TO THE GROUND. THIS PROCESS HELPS REDUCE OVERALL COSTS BY REDUCING WORKER INJURY.

THE CARTS WILL BE MAINTAINED BY MELLO DISPOSAL AND WILL BE ASSIGNED TO A SPECIFIC ADDRESS USING A BAR CODE SYSTEM. USE OF CARTS FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLES IS PROHIBITED. CUSTOMERS MOVING FROM THE CITY MUST LEAVE THEM AT THAT ADDRESS FOR THE NEXT RESIDENT.

IN ADDITION TO THE CARTS, THE LATEST HEALTH DEPARTMENT BROCHURE WILL BE DELIVERED VIA THE POST OFFICE TO EVERY RESIDENT IN NEWBURYPORT AROUND MAY 15. PLEASE DISCARD/RECYCLE YOUR OLD BROCHURES. THE BROCHURE INCLUDES ALL HEALTH DEPARTMENT INFORMATION INCLUDING INFORMATION ON SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING, PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY. THESE BROCHURES ARE THE WORK OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND MELLO DISPOSAL, OUR SOLID WASTE PROVIDER. THE BROCHURES HAVE BEEN PRINTED ON PAPER PRODUCED BY A FORESTRY STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL CERTIFIED MILL. IN ADDITION, THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT HAS USED A LOCAL PRINT SHOP, MINUTEMAN PRESS FOR PRINTING AND OPPORTUNITY WORKS' PRODUCTION OUTSOURCE FACILITY, WHERE FULFILLMENT AND MAILING SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY A WORKFORCE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

PLEASE REMEMBER, THAT IT IS MANDATORY TO RECYCLE FOR ALL NEWBURYPORT RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES THAT RECEIVE MUNICIPAL TRASH AND RECYCLING SERVICES. PURSUANT TO LOCAL

ORDINANCE “HEALTH AND SANITATION, CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 1” IT IS MANDATORY TO RECYCLE PAPER, GLASS, METAL AND PLASTIC CONTAINERS.

ALSO, UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WASTE BAN REGULATION 310CMR19.017, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE TRASH:

- RECYCLABLE MATERIALS – GLASS, METAL, PLASTIC CONTAINERS, PAPER, CARDBOARD;
- LEAF AND YARD WASTE;
- ASPHALT, PAVEMENT, BRICK, CONCRETE, AND CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS;
- CAR BATTERIES;
- WHITE GOODS (LARGE APPLIANCES), AND METALS;
- CATHODE RAY TUBES (TVS AND COMPUTER MONITORS);
- TIRES.

LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF THESE REGULATIONS HAS BEEN INCREASED. IF THE ABOVE ITEMS ARE FOUND IN YOUR TRASH, THEY WILL BE TAGGED WITH A “REJECTION” STICKER AND LEFT AT YOUR CURB. CONTINUOUS VIOLATIONS OF THESE REGULATIONS WILL RESULT IN AN INITIAL FINE OF \$50.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME GENERAL GOOD PRACTICE RULES TO FOLLOW WHEN RECYCLING:

- ALL RECYCLABLE MATERIALS CAN BE PUT IN THE NEW RECYCLING CART YOU WILL BE RECEIVING. YOU CAN CONTINUE TO USE THE BLUE BINS AS WELL EITHER EXCLUSIVELY OR AS OVERFLOW. IF YOU NO LONGER WANT YOUR BLUE BIN, YOU CAN BRING IT TO THE RECYCLING CENTER FOR REUSE OR TO BE RECYCLED.
- CARDBOARD SHOULD BE FLATTENED, BUNDLED OR TIED AND PLACED NEXT TO YOUR RECYCLING BIN OR IT CAN BE PLACED IN THE CART. NO WAXED CARDBOARD IS ACCEPTED.
- ALL MATERIALS; CARDBOARD, PAPER, GLASS, METAL AND PLASTIC CONTAINERS MAY BE PUT TOGETHER IN THE CART. NEWBURYPORT IS NOW TAKING ALL PLASTIC CONTAINERS 1-7 FOR RECYCLING. ONLY PLASTIC BAGS AND STYROFOAM CANNOT BE RECYCLED.

ACCORDING TO MOLLY ETENBOROUGH, RECYCLING COORDINATOR FOR THE CITY, “NEWBURYPORT RECEIVES REBATE MONEY FOR ALL OF THE RECYCLABLE MATERIAL WE GENERATE. RECYCLING THESE ITEMS IS A GREAT WAY TO STRENGTHEN OUR TAX DOLLARS AND REDUCE OUR TRASH WHICH WE NOW PAY FOR THROUGH A SEPARATE DISPOSAL TIPPING FEE”.

FOR MORE RECYCLING INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MOLLY ETENBOROUGH AT 978-499-0413, VISIT OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN CITY HALL OPENED MON-WED 8:00-4:00, THURS. 8:00-8:00, OR FRI. 8:00-12:00; 978-465-4410 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.CITYOFNEWBURYPORT.COM OR WWW.MELLODISPOSAL.COM/NEWBURYPORT.