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TO: All Sullivan Building Residents

FR: Tracy M. Watson, Executive Director

RE: RECYCLING BINS & SHOPPING CARTS

Over the course of the next few days each floor of The Sullivan Building will be receiving new recycling bins.

These bins will be placed in the sun rooms on each floor for resident use.

It is IMPORTANT that all residents please review the attached do's and don'ts regarding recycling. The next few pages will give residents the information they need to know when using these bins – what CAN go in them and what CANNOT. Please use the trash rooms and the regular trash shoot for any and all other items! And....when in doubt – throw it out!!!



Each floor will also be receiving carts for resident use. These too will be stored in the sun rooms and should be brought back once a resident is done using them. We thought that providing these to residents would be helpful as we have returned all carts previously in the lobby to their proper owners (CVS, Market Basket, etc.).

Each floor will be provided with disinfectant wipes to wipe down carts after each use however it will be up to the resident who uses the cart to clean and sanitize it.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



Your How to Guide to Recycle Right in Newburyport

Recycling has gotten more complex and the Recycle Improve Quality (Recycle IQ) is here to help.

Our education campaign has many facets designed to help you recycle smart – and save Newburyport fines from processing facilities and thus tax dollars.

Recycling Smart means recycling EVERYTHING you should, in the correct way, and NOTHING that you shouldn't. "Contaminated recycling" means something is in a cart that is either not clean or shouldn't be there at all – and contaminated recycling costs the city money, both short term and long term.

Here are things that **DON'T** belong in the cart

BAGGED RECYCLABLES in plastic bags--take them out of the bags and either take the bag back to the super market to recycle or throw the bag away.

NO PLASTIC BAGS in the recycling cart, that includes supermarket bags, bread bags, chip bags, plastic film that comes wrapped around bottled water, six pack plastic rings. Either take the bags and wrappings back to the super market to recycle or throw them away.

YUCK Includes food, liquids, used paper towels and used paper plates and used utensils, bottoms of pizza boxes with cheese and grease, diapers. Recyclables need to be clean and dry. Rinse them out, don't leave food in them. This will make the cart less attractive to pests.

CLOTHES Any clothing, sheets, shoes and accessories like belts, hats etc. Ripped, stained or torn the textile recyclers want them--just make sure they are clean and dry. Keep them out of your recycling cart.

TANGLERS are things like hoses, wires, chains, electronics' wires and cords, plastic strapping, hangers. They are a real danger, getting caught in machinery. Throw them in the trash!

OTHER – too often we are seeing Styrofoam, to-go coffee cups, postage mailers, planters, straws, paper towels/tissues/paper napkins --things that fit in the cart but absolutely don't belong there.

Recycle Smart



Food and Beverage Cans
empty and rinse



Bottles, Jars, Jugs and Tubs
empty and replace cap



Bottles and Jars
empty and rinse



Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, Boxes
empty and flatten

NO!



Do Not Bag Recyclables
No Garbage



No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap
(return to retail)



No Food or Liquid
(empty all containers)



No Clothing or Linens
(use donation programs)



No Tangles
(no hoses, wires, chains or electronics)



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Need an easier way to remember?

The only materials that belong in the recycling carts are.. empty bottles, jars, and containers made of metal, plastic and glass from the kitchen, laundry and bath, and paper and flattened cardboard.



We believe deeply in diverting waste whenever possible to lessen our environmental footprint. But, unless you are absolutely certain that something is recyclable, put it in the trash instead. Think – “When in doubt, throw it out!”