

# RECYCLING FAQs

## **Who do I call if my trash or recycling is missed?**

Call the Board of Health at (978) 630-4023 by the next morning to report a missed pickup.

## **When should I put out my trash and recycling?**

Trash may be placed out for collection after 5 pm on the night before your trash day and no later than 7 am on trash day. Late put-outs could result in your trash getting missed. Empty trash barrels or recycling bins must be brought back from the curb within 24 hours of collection.

## **What is the Holiday Schedule for 2010 - 2011?**

Since we don't have any routes on Mondays, **Monday holidays no longer affect trash collection schedules**. The following holidays are the only ones that affect trash collection for the July 2010 - June 2011 year:

Thursday, November 11, 2010 (**Veterans Day**)

Thursday, November 25, 2010 (**Thanksgiving**)

When a collection day falls on a holiday, that day's collection and all remaining collections for the week will be delayed one day. Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

## **Do I have to sort all of my bottles and cans separate from paper and cardboard when I put it out at curbside?**

No, everything recycled at curbside can be put together in one container or bin.

## **What can be recycled at the curbside?**

All types of dry uncontaminated paper, cardboard, plastic **containers** numbered 1-7, rinsed bottles and cans. Labels on bottles & cans do not have to be removed; neck rings on bottles do not have to be removed. Food containers should be rinsed free of food residue, and aerosol cans should be completely empty of product. Windows on envelopes and food boxes (pasta boxes for example) do not have to be removed.

## **What is my curbside Recycling limit?**

Recycling containers must weigh less than 50 pounds each, but there is no limit to how many you may use. We encourage you to recycle everything you can. You can place your recyclables in a bin, container or barrel of your choice. If you use a barrel, place a recycling sticker on it to identify it as recycling. The Board of Health office offers free recycling stickers for your container. **Beginning sometime in the summer of 2010, new 64 gal Recycling Totters will be delivered to each household in the City of Gardner. This will be the only totter you may use when the new totter program is initiated. If you prefer a larger totter of 96 gallons for recycling, you will need to call 978 630-4023 to pick up the 64 gal totter and deliver a new 96 gal recycling totter.**

## **Where do I get a Recycle bin or a Recycle Sticker for a barrel?**

The Board of Health in the basement of City Hall at 95 Pleasant St.

Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm., Friday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm.

## **Can Pizza Boxes and other greasy or food contaminated items (including egg cartons) be put in the Recycle bin?**

No. They are considered trash and must be placed in the trash. Clean, unsoiled food containers can be placed in recycling. Bottles & cans should be rinsed out of food residue.

## **Can Styrofoam go in the Recycle bin? Can plastic bags go in the Recycle bin?**

No, Styrofoam and plastic bags are not recycled at curbside. These items as well as many other items that can not be recycled at curbside can be recycled at the Transfer Station. You can obtain information on the Transfer Station hours, location and rules at the Board of Health.