



# THE "YES AND NO" OF RECYCLING IN WESTERN MASS



YES - emptied, rinsed and unbagged:	NO - do not place in municipal recycling:			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Aluminum</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ cans</li> <li>➤ aluminum foil</li> <li>➤ pie pans, "disposable" aluminum trays</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>aerosol cans</li> <li>siding</li> <li>scrap metal</li> <li>foil-wrapped pouches (kids drinks, fruit, baby food)</li> <li>pots &amp; pans</li> <li>holiday lights</li> <li>utensils</li> <li>tools</li> <li>batteries</li> </ul>			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Steel (tin) cans</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Labels do not need to be removed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ food and beverage cans (metal lids OK)</li> <li>➤ pet food cans (metal lids OK)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>aerosol cans</li> <li>tanks of any kind</li> <li>hangers</li> <li>scrap metal</li> <li>paint cans</li> <li>pots &amp; pans</li> <li>utensils</li> <li>tools</li> <li>toys</li> <li>holiday lights</li> <li>appliances</li> <li>pipes</li> <li>fuel tanks</li> <li>car parts</li> <li>batteries</li> </ul>			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Glass</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Empty and rinse. Labels do not need to be removed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ food and beverage bottles and jars, any color</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>broken glass</li> <li>holiday lights</li> <li>wine corks</li> <li>dishes</li> <li>drinking glasses</li> <li>ceramics</li> <li>baking dishes</li> <li>cookware (Pyrex)</li> <li>canning jars</li> <li>fluorescent light bulbs</li> <li>incandescent light bulbs</li> <li>plate glass</li> <li>windows</li> <li>eye glasses</li> <li>vases</li> <li>mirrors</li> <li>syringes, sharps</li> </ul>			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Plastics</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Empty and rinse. Plastic caps may be left on. ONLY containers smaller than 2.5 gallons are recyclable.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ food bottles, tubs, jars: yogurt, cooking oil, condiments, peanut butter, margarine</li> <li>➤ beverage bottles and jugs: water, juice, soda, milk (empty, rinse if possible, put caps back ON)</li> <li>➤ soap bottles: dish soap, detergent, hand sanitizer</li> <li>➤ personal care bottles: hair products, soaps</li> <li>➤ clear plastic clamshells (no black or Styrofoam™)</li> <li>➤ clear plastic cups, clear plastic egg cartons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>plastic bags</li> <li>plastic wrap/cling wrap</li> <li>cellophane food bags (e.g., candy bars, cookies, pasta)</li> <li>frozen food bags/pouches</li> <li>liners from food packaging</li> <li>plastic plates</li> <li>cups: color or opaque</li> <li>Styrofoam™ (polystyrene):</li> <li>- cups/take-out containers</li> <li>- egg cartons</li> <li>- packaging, peanuts</li> <li>- meat trays</li> <li>small items: straws, loose lids, utensils</li> <li>black plastic</li> <li>compostable plastics</li> <li>cookie trays</li> <li>blister pack packaging</li> <li>tubes:</li> <li>toothpaste, hair care</li> <li>prescription pill bottles</li> <li>refillable water bottles</li> <li>toys</li> <li>flower pots</li> <li>holiday lights</li> <li>containers that held hazardous substances:</li> <li>automotive products, pool chemicals, pesticides, etc.</li> <li>containers over 2.5 gallons:</li> <li>5-gallon pails, buckets, recycling bins, laundry baskets</li> <li>lawn furniture, swimming pools</li> <li>tarps</li> <li>hoses; PVC piping or tubing</li> <li>CD, DVD, VCR tapes/cases</li> <li>syringes, sharps</li> <li>electronics</li> </ul>			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Cartons</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Recycle w/containers, not w/paper. Straws go in trash.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ milk and juice cartons (plastic spout OK)</li> <li>➤ soy milk, soup and drink boxes (remove straws)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>foil-wrapped pouches (kids drinks, fruit, baby food)</li> <li>frozen food boxes</li> <li>ice cream cartons</li> <li>frozen juice cartons</li> <li>plastic straws</li> </ul>			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Paper and Cardboard</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Clean paper only. Flatten boxes. "Windows" in envelopes, staples, paper clips, tape all OK</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ newspaper, inserts, magazines, junk mail</li> <li>➤ white, colored, glossy, and construction paper</li> <li>➤ corrugated cardboard</li> <li>➤ pizza boxes (empty; grease is OK)</li> <li>➤ boxboard (i.e. cereal, pasta, tissue: windows ok)</li> <li>➤ gift wrap, gift bags, gift tissue paper, cards (no metallic inks, foil, wire, glitter, batteries)</li> <li>➤ paperback books and phonebooks (covers OK)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>shredded paper</li> <li>soda, seltzer, beer cartons</li> <li>frozen food boxes</li> <li>ice cream cartons</li> <li>frozen juice cartons</li> <li>butter, margarine boxes</li> <li>paper cups</li> <li>paper plates</li> <li>paper egg cartons</li> <li>take-out containers</li> <li>paper towels, napkins</li> <li>tissues</li> <li>plastic bags, plastic packaging</li> <li>Tyvek/ bubble wrap envelopes</li> <li>stickers &amp; sticker sheeting</li> <li>copy paper wrappers</li> <li>blueprints</li> <li>hardcover books</li> <li>dirtied paper (pet waste, paint)</li> <li>wet paper, wet cardboard</li> <li>waxed paper or cardboard</li> <li>pizza boxes with food or anything inside</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">For more information: <a href="http://springfieldmrf.org">springfieldmrf.org</a></p>			